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ORATORICAL CONTEST FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Clubs Are Urged to File Early Applications; Medals, Prizes to be Presented.

An oratorical contest, the first of a series of tournaments for club members, will be held on Wednesday evening, October 30th, at 8:30 P.M., the Department of Center Activities announced.

Each contestant is to prepare a talk, to take no longer than seven minutes, on any of the following topics:

1. Danger to World Peace.
2. The Economic Upheaval and Youth of Today.
3. Palestine—The Refuge of the Jew.
4. Hitlerism versus Civilization.
5. The League of Nations Today.

Upon approval by Mr. Urieff, a participant would be eligible to chose any other topic of general interest.

A medal will be awarded to the winner of the contest. It is planned to offer other prizes, as the entrants into the contest increase. A committee of outstanding personalities will serve as the Board of Judges for this contest. They will take into consideration the following factors: choice of topic, subject matter, and presentation.

All club members are urged to enter as early as possible. Assistance, to all those entered in the contest in preparing their talks, will be given by Mr. Morris A. Urieff, Director of Club Activities.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our beloved and esteemed First Vice-President, Mr. Lester Udell, on the occasion of his forty-first birthday. His unbounded generosity and multitude of noble deeds have endeared him to each and every one of us. May he be spared unto us, to his family, and to all Israel in health and happiness for scores of years to come.

Our Rabbi's Message

As we approach the New Year, and we scan the horizon of conditions in the United States and the rest of the world, excepting Palestine, we ought to be thankful that the dice of providence, as it were, have cast our lot in these United States of America.

Our task, as citizens, is a single one—namely, to help preserve this country as a democracy, in the spirit of the Founding Fathers of the Republic.

As Jews, and as human beings, each and every one of us can only free himself from his duty to his fellow-man and fellow-Jew by a direct gift, in money, for our suffering brethren abroad.

On the spiritual side we have a sacred responsibility to make Palestine the Holy Land. I propose, during the coming year, to speak of this responsibility and to enlist your aid.

I fervently trust that each and every one of us will not carry on, into the New Year, old foibles, prejudices and partial loyalty to God and His Holy Torah. Let us rather determine to make the New Year really new. This goal may be attained by moral strength and toleration for each other, and religious courage to become completely loyal to God and His word, our Holy Torah.

I want to take this means of extending my prayerful wishes to each and every one of my readers and to their families, that God may extend to them, in turn, a year of joy and gladness, a year of strength and service in the vineyard of the Lord, a year in which all the wishes of their hearts may be fulfilled for good.

Faithfully yours,

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

ROSH HASHONA ACTIVITIES LISTED FOR TALMUD TORAH

The teaching staff of both branches of the Talmud Torah have been engaged during the past two weeks in imparting to the pupils the laws, customs, and significance of Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur. In order to arouse a greater interest and enthusiasm among the pupils a Rosh Hashonah-Yom Kippur Question Contest has been inaugurated. Although this contest is not designed as an examination, it will be fitting test of the student's knowledge concerning these holidays.

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LEADERS' COUNCIL PLAN TO STAGE "THE ENEMY"

To Be Given Early In December; Chanukah Feast and Purim Carnival Discussed

A varied program of activities was adopted by the Leader's Council at their first meeting last weedy. Their first activity will be the presentation of "The Enemy," a gripping drama of war and peace which will be enacted by the members of the group. This production will be presented in the early part of December, and is already in rehearsal.

The Leaders' Council will quickly follow this production with an appropriate celebration of the Feast of Chanukah. Bearing in mind their successful tendering of a Bridge Party and Dance last season, they will again undertake such a function in the latter part of January. An extraordinary Chamisho Oser B'Shevat program is being contemplated. This will be in the nature of a surprise function.

Another Purim Carnival, in March, will find the Leaders' Council again at the helm to insure a successful venture. They will also sponsor a Maccabiah, Jewish Olympics, among the clubs and gym members. Their active year will terminate with a House Boat Cruise Dance during June.

In addition to these activities, they also plan to hold debates, discussions, forums, and speakers to address them on topics of current interest and on club leadership.

The officers of this group are: President, Abraham R. Rhine; Vice-President, Bernard B. Bailey; Secretary, Lena Saslavsky; Treasurer, Bernard Defrin.

Rosh Hashonah Services

Friday Evening	6:30 P.M.
Saturday Morning	7:15 A.M.
Reading of Tehillim (Psalms)	3:30 P.M.
Mincha	6:00 P.M.
Sunday Morning	7:15 A.M.
Reading of Tehillim (Psalms)	3:30 P.M.
Mincha	4:00 P.M.
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Light Candles Friday Evening, 6:30.

New Year Greetings

In behalf of the Officers and Directors, I extend sincere wishes for an active and prosperous New Year to all the members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue.

ISAAC SIEGEL
President

Best wishes for a Happy and Spiritual New Year to the Directors, Staff, members and friends of the I.S.

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Rabbi

In behalf of the Executive Office, I extend my sincere New Year Greetings to the Staff and Membership of the Institutional Synagogue.

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN
Executive Director

Sincere wishes for a Happy New Year to the teachers, parents and pupils of the Talmud Torah, and the staff and members of the Department of Center Activities.

RABBI PHILIP GOODMAN

Mrs. David H. Ullman, President of the Women's League; Mrs. Annie R. Morris, President of the Sisterhood; Mrs. P. Vogel, President of the Parents Association; Miss Esther Garfunkel, President of the Daughters of the I.S.; Mr. Arthur V. Goldstein,



With our hat off, a smirk on our lips, . . . but a malicious gleam in our one good eye . . . we make our bow and tender our bit of gossip of Who's Who, and What's What, round and about the I. S. . . . We have, however, taken out insurance . . . and sworn the editors to secrecy . . . but, we would welcome any and all contributions to this column at any time in the future . . . just whisper it to anyone in the I.S. and . . . sooner or later . . . it will appear on this page . . .

Among our strong he-men, the athletes, we notice that one of the staff . . . who sported a diving medal during the summer . . . suddenly has developed an interest in a less manly sport . . . he's now trying to take advantage of a tiny celluloid sphere . . . but the strength of a diver seems to be out of place on a ping-pong table . . . Another I. S. hercules anxiously awaits the mailman these days . . . especially when newspapers from the out-of-town centers are due . . . there seems to be a short-cut of writing letters by means of underlining words . . . Milt Rosenberg, we notice, has developed into a photography fiend . . . with the bargain camera he picked up at such a cheap (?) price . . . will it take a picture, Milt? By the way, what's the price of a letter to Yonkers?

Now that the first production is in rehearsal, the thespians are re-stocking their grease paints . . . who said persistence doesn't win . . . Izzy Margulies has been touting his play for three months now . . . and December 7th will see it on the I.S. stage . . .

Who's the I.S. ping-pong champ? . . . there's one trio of sportsmen, Berny Feinberg, Henry Perman, and Benj. Forman, who've been contending for this honor for three years . . . their private tournaments have boosted ping-pong in the I.S. from "just a game" to THE GAME of the hour . . . and kept the gameroom open far into the night . . .

The latest report from Arthur Goldstein, has it that The Young Peoples Conference will get under way again soon . . . over the radio or is it television this time?

Hope springs eternal in the human breast . . . and so . . . Dave Martin's Arts and Craftsmen are still at it . . . perhaps the next one will look like the model! . . .

President of the Young Peoples' Conference; Mr. S. Shiras Hauer, President of the Men's Club; and Mr. Joshua Levine, President of the Institutional League, join in wishing all their members and friends, a Happy and Successful New Year.

Laws Concerning
Rosh Hashonah

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

(Continued from last week)

Maimonides, in the "Laws of Repentance" has written as follows: "Although the blowing of the Shofar on Rosh Hashonah is decreed by the Torah, it is significant of a call to repentance, for it seems to say, 'Arise from your sleep, O sleepers, and ye that slumber arise from your slumber. Search well your ways, turn ye with repentance, and remember your Creator, O ye, who forget the truth because of the vanities of the time, O ye, whose years are but a repetition of vanity and emptiness, which can neither avail, nor save you. Have regard to your soul, improve your ways and deeds. Let each of you forsake his evil way, and his though which is not good.'"

When leaving the synagogue, it is proper to go home with a heart full of confidence that the Lord had mercifully heard the words of his or her prayers; and, one should eat and drink according to the bounty of the Lord which He had bestowed upon him. Yet it is proper for one to guard himself against eating in excess and the fear of the Lord should be upon his countenance. It is also proper to learn Torah at the table. After grace has been said, one should not go to sleep, but he should go to the synagogue and recite Psalms with the congregation until the afternoon service, and only one whose head feels heavy may sleep a little before going to the synagogue.

After the afternoon service, one goes to a stream in which fishes abound and says the Tashlich as it is written in the prayer-books. If the first day of Rosh Hashonah falls on the Sabbath, one should go on the second day.

It is a mooted question whether Sche-he-che-yaw-noo should be said at the Kiddush the second night, therefore a new fruit is put on the table in order that the blessing Sche-he-che-yaw-noo pronounced in the Kiddush should also apply to the new fruit, or should put on a new garment, yet if he has none of these, it does not bar the fulfillment of this obligation, and he pronounces blessing Sche-he-che-yaw-noo in Kiddush. Likewise, the woman, when lighting candles, on the second night, if possible should put on a new garment, or lay a new fruit on the table, in order that the blessing Sche-he-che-yaw-noo should apply also to these, yet if she have none of these, it does not bar the fulfillment of her obligation. Likewise the one who blows Shofar on the second day, if possible, should put on a new garment, however, if the first day falls on the Sabbath, this is not necessary, inasmuch as he did not, as yet, pronounce the blessing Sche-he-che-yaw-noo on the Shofar.

"IF NOT HIGHER"

by I. L. Peretz

(Translated by Helena Frank)



SEPTEMBER 27th

And the Rebbe of Nemirov, every Friday morning early at Sliches time, disappeared, melted into thin air! He was not to be found anywhere, either in the Synagogue or in the two Houses of study, or worshipping in some Minyan, and most certainly not at home.

Where can the Rebbe be?

Where should he be, with the Solemn Days so near, if not in heaven? Jews need a livelihood, peace, health; they wish to be good and pious, and their sins are great, and who shall help if not the Rebbe? So thought the people.

Once, however, there came a Lithuanian—and he laughed! And who, I ask you, is going to argue with a Litvack?

What becomes of the Rebbe?

'I don't know, and I don't care,' says he, shrugging his shoulders, and all the while (what it is to be a Lithuanian!) determined to find out!

The very same evening, soon after prayers, the Lithuanian steals into the Rebbe's room, lays himself down under the Rebbe's bed, and lies low. He intends to stay there all night, to find out where the Rebbe goes.

Day has not broken when he hears the call to prayer. The Rebbe has been awake some time. The Lithuanian has heard him sighing and groaning for a whole hour.

After that the Lithuanian hears the people rise and leave the house.

At last the Rebbe (Long life to him!) rises in his turn. He goes to the wardrobe, and takes out a packet which proves to be the dress of a peasant; linen trousers, high boots, a pelisse, a wide felt hat, and a long and broad leather belt studded with brass nails. The Rebbe puts them on.

Out of the pockets of the pelisse dangles the end of a thick cord, a peasants cord.

On his way out, the Rebbe steps aside into the kitchen, stoops, takes a hatchet from under the bed, puts it into his belt, and leaves the house. The Lithuanian trembles, but he persists.

Lithuanian Follows

A fearful Solemn Day hush broods over the dark streets, broken not infrequently by a cry of supplication from some little Minyan, or the moan of some sick person behind a window. The Rebbe keeps to the street side, and walks in the shadow of the houses. And the Lithuanian hears the sound of his own heart beats mingle with the heavy footfall of the Rebbe; but he follows on.

Behind the town stands a little wood. The Rebbe enters it. He walks on thirty or forty

paces, and then he stops beside a small tree. And the Lithuanian, with amazement, sees the Rebbe take his hatchet and strike the tree. He sees the Rebbe strike blow after blow, he hears the tree creak and snap. And the little tree falls, and the Rebbe splits it up into logs, and the logs into splinters. Then he makes a bundle, binds it round with the cord, throws it on his shoulder, replaces the hatchet in his belt, leaves the wood, and goes back into the town.

The Mystery Solved

In one of the back streets he stops beside a poor, tumble-down little house, and taps at the window.

'Who is there?' cries a frightened voice within.

The Lithuanian knows it to be the voice of a Jewess, a sick Jewess.

'Vassil.'

'Which Vassil? And what do you want, Vassil?'

'I have wood to sell,' says the sham peasant, 'very cheap, for next to nothing.' And without further ado he goes in. The Lithuanian steals in behind him, and sees, in the gray light of dawn, a poor room with poor, broken furniture. In the bed lies a sick Jewess huddled up in rags, who says bitterly:

'Wood to sell—and where am I, a poor widow, to get money to buy it?'

'I will give you a six-goshen worth on credit.'

'And how am I ever to repay you?' groaned the poor woman.

'Foolish creature!' The Rebbe upbraided her. 'See here: you are a poor sick Jewess, and I am willing to trust you with the little bundle of wood; I believe that in time you will repay me.'

'And who is to light the stove?' groaned the widow. 'Do I look like getting up to do it, and my son away at work?'

'I will also light the stove for you,' said the Rebbe. And the Rebbe, while he laid the wood in the stove, repeated, groaning, the first part of the Sliches. Then, when the stove was alight and the wood crackled cheerily, he repeated more gaily, the second part of the Sliches. He repeated the third part when the fire had burned itself out, and he shut the stove doors.

The Lithuanian, who saw all this, remained with the Rebbe as one of his followers.

And, later, when any one told how the Rebbe early every morning at Sliches time, raised himself and flew up into heaven, the Lithuanian, instead of laughing, added quietly:

'If not higher.'

Emancipation in France, 1791. The enjoyment of the Jews of the same privileges as other citizens was natural corollary of the Declaration of the Rights of Man. Nevertheless, so long as had they been downcast and oppressed and considered as a race apart, that it was a long time before this elementary piece of logic could obtain general support, in spite of the impassioned pleas of supporters like the Abbé Grégoire. The Portuguese Jews of Bayonne and Bordeaux and the old-established communities in the Papal States about Avignon made out for themselves a case as being the Jewish aristocracy, and secured emancipation on January 28, 1790. This did not however, affect the vast majority, the Ashkenazim of Alsace, who numbered at least four-fifths of the whole. Some young Parisian Jews, impassioned supporters of the principles of the Revolution, appealed to the Paris Commune for support in their claims; and fifty-three out of its sixty districts voted for the enfranchisement of all French Jews. The Abbé Merlot presented the address of the Commune before the National Assembly, but (largely on the grounds of the pressure of public business) the opposition again triumphed. At last, during one of the last sittings before the dissolution, the deputy Duport suddenly forced the question. His motion was carried almost without opposition. Thus, for the first time in the history of modern Europe, the Jews became equal citizens of the country of their birth.

OCTOBER 2nd

Foundation of the community of Amsterdam, 1596. According to legend, an illustrious family, tired of subterfuge, had left Portugal to find some haven where the religion of their fathers might be practiced openly. Their voyage was an eventful one. Their ship was captured in the Channel by the English and they were brought to London.

At length, they were permitted to resume their voyage; but they were shipwrecked on the coast of East Friesland. Here chance brought them into touch with Rabbi Moses Uri Levi, who instructed them in the tenets of their religion and came on with them to Amsterdam. In that city, they met for formal worship for the first time, apparently, on the Day of Atonement, 5357 (October 2nd, 1596). On the following New Year's Day, the first permanent synagogue was inaugurated.

TALMUD TORAH ACTIVE

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In order that every student be well equipped to take part in this event, and to enliven and make keen the competitive spirits, the teachers have covered in their classrooms the general information on which the contest is based. The list of winners will be mentioned in an early issue of the "Institutional."

A special Arts and Crafts bulletin containing cut-outs and coloring matter, has been prepared and distributed to every pupil. This will foster the creative ability of the children along Jewish lines.

A Hilltop Race Contest is being conducted to stimulate the increase of enrollment. Registration is going on daily. Information regarding the Talmud Torah can be obtained by phoning Rabbi Philip Goodman at UNIVERSITY 4-6729.

TOLERATION

An aged man, whom Abraham hospitably invited to his tent, refused to join him in prayer to the one spiritual God. Learning that he was a fire-worshipper, Abraham drove him from his door. That night God appeared to Abraham in a vision and said: 'I have borne with that ignorant man for seventy years; could you not have patiently suffered him one night?'

Sincerest wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Rabbi, officers and members of the Institutional Synagogue from
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ATHLETICS

Jim-Nastics

In response to numerous requests from gym members, Mr. Herman Munitz, Director of the Department of Physical Education, has announced that a gym team will be formed. A period has been set aside, on Thursdays from seven to eight o'clock, for practice. At this time the fundamental and advanced techniques of tumbling, heavy apparatus, light apparatus, fencing, and hand-to-hand balancing will be taught. All gym members are invited to join this group.

Basketball and Swimming Teams

These two active teams are holding practice sessions regularly under the tutelage of Hy Munitz, Milton Rosenberg and Dick Einhorn. With their aim, to enter into competition as soon as possible, they are taking every opportunity presented to them in order to become proficient in skill.

The swimming team holds practice on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. and the basketball squad has its session on Tuesdays at 8:30 P.M. New candidates are welcome to both squads.

What the Health!

(Ed. Note: A Gymnasts Idea of Humor)

It was a hard fought battle. Jack Hyman and Sam Klein were shellacking Jack Altman and Bob Grant 14 to 8. The game continued until the score was 18 to 8 and the time was 9:45. The boys were tired, and Hy, Milt, and Dick were frantic. Hy finally descended to induce the boys to vacate the premises. "What's the score?" He asked, "Two to one" said Hyman, "We just began!"—and so on into the night—Dick went down to test the new lines on the bottom of the pool. On his fourth lap under water he went astray and ended up against the wall, cranium foremost. He didn't hurt the wall, but—how's your head, Dick?

Deciding to enter the forthcoming elections, the gymnast has finally formulated his platform:

"An outboard motor for every kick-board, and a kick-board for every member."

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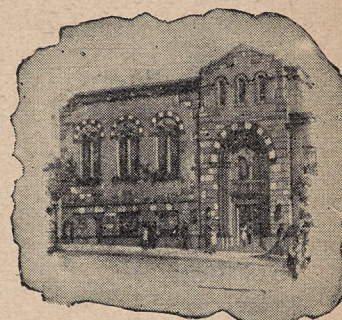
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