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I. S. WOMENSPONSOR COLORFUL SUCCOS

Groups to hold Celebrations
In spacious Succos
All Welcome

As long as the I.S. has been in existence, it has always been the proud possessor of its own Succah. This year the combined membership of the Sisterhood and the Women's League of the West Side have undertaken to decorate Succoth at both the Main Building and the West Side Branch.

It is expected that the I.S. Succoth will again be as accommodating and as beautiful as they were in years heretofore. Those who visited the Succoth of the past years will pleasantly remember the work of art that was usually presented.

In the meantime, the women's organizations are gathering necessary fruit and vegetables which later will be used as embellishments. Donations of flowers, fruits, cakes and other dainties are invited.

Expect Many Visitors

It is expected that the same number of visitors as last year will again make use of the Succoth. Old folks, Talmud Torah pupils, and club and gym members will once more come to partake of the bounties afforded by those noble organizations of the Sisterhood and the Women's League.

YOUNG PEOPLES' CONFERENCE MEETS ON OCTOBER 8th

The Young Peoples' Conference of the Institutional Synagogue will hold its next year meeting on Tuesday, October 8th, 7 P.M. at the West Side Branch, 148 West 116th Street.

Extensive plans have been made for an extremely interesting cultural and social program for the coming season it was announced by Arthur D. Goldstein, President of the Conference. The exact nature of these contemplated plans will be explained in detail at this meeting.

The Conference was mainly responsible for the inauguration of a series of radio programs conducted by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and broadcast from the West Side Branch. Beginning with the new season, the organization invites young men and women to participate in their varied programs as active members. Detailed information may be secured by addressing Mr. Arthur D. Goldstein, in care of the Institutional Synagogue.

Rabbi Goldstein Proposes World Peace Council in New Years Day Sermon

Calendar of Yom Kippur Services

Sunday Afternoon	1:30 P.M.
Kol Nidre	5:15 P.M.
Monday Morning	7:30 A.M.
Yiskor Services	10:00 A.M.

TO SEATHOLDERS OF THE IN- STITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE ANNEX AT THE LORRAINE

May I extend the thanks of Congressman Isaac Siegel, the President, and other officers and directors of the Institutional Synagogue, to the ladies and gentlemen who worship at the 2307 Broadway Branch.

By your attendance and co-operation in maintaining order and decorum, you have helped us to make the services inspiring to young and old and to exemplify the beauty of the symbolism of Orthodox Judaism.

I sincerely hope that you continue to manifest your friendship to the Institutional Synagogue by participating in the Religious Education and Social Service work which we are doing at our Main Building.

A cordial invitation is extended to you to visit both of our buildings and acquaint yourself with our many and varied activities.

Please accept the best wishes of our officers and members for a Happy New Year.

MORRIS JABLOW

Urges Congress of all Religions to Sponsor United Peace Movement

"I propose a World Council of the representatives of all religions for the sole purpose of uniting for peace," Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein said in the keynote of his Rosh Hashonah message to a capacity congregation gathered at the West Side Branch of the Institutional Synagogue for the New Years Services. The Rabbi urged his fellow-clergymen to give this proposal the attention it deserved. "Let us hope," he continued, "that from the war clouds now hovering over the world's horizon, a 'gleam of light' for universal peace may appear."

Rabbis Philip Goodman and Robert Marcus preached sermons during the holidays at the various branches of the Institutional Synagogue. Cantors Zalmon Yavneh, Isidore Lauer, and Samuel Taitz officiated at the services at the West Side Branch, the Broadway Annex, and the Main Building, respectively.

Credit is due Executive Director Abraham Bernstein and the committee for the efficient manner in which they disposed of every available seat at the West Side and the Annex.

Rabbi Goldstein, delivering his sermon on Sunday morning said in part; "International affairs today are certainly thought-provoking, and challenging to the Church, the Temple, and the Synagogue. It is shocking to behold the spectacle of the nations, in this day and age, continually increasing their armaments.

"I propose a World Council of the representatives of the Church of Christianity, of the Temples of Islam, Buddhism, and Brahmanism, and of the Synagogues of Judaism for the sole purpose of uniting for peace. Our prayer throughout these High Holy Days is universal. We pray 'Now, therefore, O Lord our God, impose thine awe upon all thy creatures, that they may all form a single society to do Thy will with a heart for peace.' How timely is this prayer!

"My proposal is offered in the hope that his eminence the Pope, or the Federal Council of Churches, or the Synagogue Council of America, may initiate the movement for

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In Memoriam



We cherish the everlasting memory
of our esteemed benefactress
MRS. FANNY HENNING
whose Yahrzeit occurs on the Day of
Atonement.

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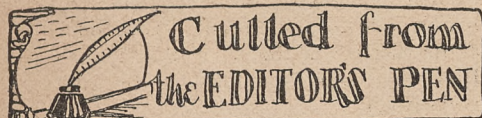
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ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

A story is told about the famous Rabbi Meir Simcha who occupied the Rabbinical position of Dvinsk for 39 years. During the World War, the inhabitants of this city fled for their lives. The only ones who remained were those unfortunates who were unable to leave. At this time of critical danger, the leading citizens came to the Rabbi and said "Hurry, master, and leave the city." Rabbi Meir answered: "As long as there are nine Jews in the city, I will be the tenth to the minyan."

This story illustrates conditions today. The state of the neighborhood of Harlem has changed, conditions have become worse. Those who could, have already left. Those that remain, must do so. At this critical period, just as Rabbi Meir was requested, so the Institutional Synagogue Main Building was requested to leave. But the Institution answered: "So long as there are Jews for services, so long as there are children to teach, so long as there are young people who seek inspiration and guidance and recreational facilities, so long will we bear the burden."

RABBI PLANS PEACE CRUSADE

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a universal religious conclave for world peace. Such a meeting, in my opinion, should be held in Jerusalem—the 'City of Peace'—where the prophet envisaged that 'swords shall be turned into plowshares and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'

"Let us hope that from the war clouds now hovering over the world's horizon, a 'gleam of light' for universal peace may appear. I trust that my fellow-clergymen will give this proposal the attention it deserves."

On the first day of Rosh Hashonah, Rabbi Goldstein preached on "The Call for a New Life." He said in part; "There is altogether too much easy preaching today. The spiritual message lacks the zeal of former times. Many a preacher is satisfying the listener, but not himself."

"We are mistaken if we think that Judaism is merely an intellectual ascent to the belief in the unity of God. It is much more than that. It is a way of life, directed by God to Israel through law and tradition."

"Many would have us distort God's word and degrade His commandments by making them conform to the times rather than making them conform to His revealed will."

"If we attend the synagogue, knowing that we are going to continue in the same religious rut as we have been in the past, our attendance at the synagogue will be a mere mockery. If we attend the Divine Services and ask God to give us a Happy New Year, to make us better men and women, and, at the same time, know that we shall make no improvement in the way we conduct our businesses ethically, in our moral practices, in our accustomed way of satisfying our passions, in retaining the same tempers, in transgressing the Sabbath, in failing to keep Kosher homes, in maintaining a double standard—one in the home and one outside the home—in failure to utter daily prayers to God Almighty, then we come, to put it as our Sages would, 'to take the bath of purity, clinging at the same time to the means of impurity.'"

A Speedy Recovery

May the Almighty grant a speedy recovery to Mrs. Max Stavish. May He who heals the sick and binds up their wounds, send to her a "refuah shele-mah" that she may speedily recover from the illness that has come upon her.

PILPUL THIS SATURDAY

Dr. Z. Katner will deliver his annual Pilpul this Saturday at 4:15 P.M. at the West Side Branch.

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 Sunday, October 6th.

"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.

"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 service, 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" prayer 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."

"Neilah"

After "Mincha" we have the concluding service, which is called "Neilah." The sun is declining, and the last rays of the sun are falling on the pale countenances of the worshippers weakened (by the fast), but 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 known; and the last effort to improve must be made before the sun sets. So the atmosphere in the synagogue, when concluding service, "Neilah," is held. There are tears and supplications in every heart; and the air is resounding with pleadings of the worshippers, "Open for us the heavenly gates, at the close of the year for the day is declining!"

Mrs. Morris Scha

JEWISH EDUCATION

An address delivered in behalf of the Jewish Education Association and broadcast over Station WMCA on Monday Evening, September 30th, 1935, at 9:15 P.M.

By HON. ISAAC SIEGEL

In these momentous days it is wise for us to recollect that at all times the Synagogue has been the headquarters wherein the Jews of the community gathered and where the functions of general assembly, prayer and learning were performed. To the synagogue the Jew, as has been repeatedly told, came for "spiritual sustenance, intellectual improvement, for salvation and advice."

It is only within the past two decades that it has been necessary to stress the fact that hand in hand with secular education, loving parents must give their child a real religious education. Every individual must, at some time or other, face life's problems. The way to prepare children to meet this unavoidable issue most successfully is to make certain that they have been properly educated in their Faith.

In the midst of the present depression, we have seen and learned that those who possessed a religious background may have been down but they were never out. The religious training which they had received in their childhood days stood them in great help during the present emergency.

When I was Chairman of the Overseas Commission during the World War, I observed with my own eyes, and that impression was confirmed by others, that the Doughboy who had received a religious education feared God and did his part most manfully. Written all over his face was the determination to win, and he placed his faith in the One above.

Do you know of any better advice that we can give to our youth than to tell them that the only way they can succeed and overcome the obstacles which are facing them at the present time is prayer, work and courage? Faith teaches us patience. Even at this hour we know that the Jew in Germany, a victim of indescribable oppression, intense suffering and continuous perse-

cution, living under the most fearful conditions, performs his religious duties and attends his synagogue. These give him renewed strength each day and the pluck to carry on, for he knows that the time will come when the wrong which is now being perpetrated will be righted. On the other hand, those who never received any religious instruction can find nothing to lean upon.

We are now informed that those who never saw the inside of a synagogue in a lifetime are now turning to it. They have realized that man's help alone, even with the best of intentions, cannot succor them. Coming nearer home, every city dweller must recognize that he has a real responsibility to his neighbors. The mere fact that he is endeavoring to safeguard the morals and the future of his own children, cannot be deemed a discharge of the debt which he owes to the children of his neighbors. This must be emphasized and more especially now when so many are suffering financially and are unable to give their children the care, attention, and religious instruction they would desire to give to their own children.

Now, what the Jews of New York City are to be in ten years from now is in your own hands. You can either elect to have an increase in young criminals and pay the ever-growing bill to take care of them in institutions, or on the other hand, you can volunteer to help the rising generation in your midst to be of lasting credit to this city of ours and to Jewry in particular. Furthermore, you will be upholding the highest ideals of American citizenship and adding to the lustre of the fair name of the American Jew. You must make your own choice. Either you want to pay increased taxes for the maintenance of institutions engaged in reforming the young criminal, or on the other hand, you must always keep in mind that character building institu-

tions giving religious instruction are the protection against increased crime amongst the young. We are not dealing with theories; we are dealing with cold facts. It is now admitted that every dollar paid out to maintain Talmud Torahs and religious schools must be considered the premiums paid by you each year for this purpose, the same as you pay premiums for fire, accident, burglary and automobile insurance. Again we know that every dollar so contributed brings its reward because we know that we are not merely doing what is best, but what is right in behalf of the whole community.

The Jewish Education Association has, up to now, provided more than 25,000 scholarships for children who would otherwise have been unable to obtain a religious education.

We have a precious heritage. If the present and future generations of Jewry are to come to that inheritance blinded by dense ignorance and lack of knowledge of what we have done in this world, the fall of Jewry as a powerful factor in upholding that which is the best in mankind, will be certain to happen.

Through us came the Ten Commandments. Through us came the best which we now have in civilization. Through us came the world's greatest prophets. Are we to do our duty and make it possible for those who cannot afford it, to obtain a religious education? I am confident that the answer will be to keep the doors open. At this hour, let the sweet memories of the past which have actuated the Jew in maintaining the Talmud Torah and religious schools again kindle within him the determination to carry on as in the past with the firm resolution to do his utmost to make certain that every child asking for religious instruction may be able to find a place wherein to be taught, under proper surroundings and in the proper environment.

Let the heart, the head and the conscience of Jewry in New York City answer.

ISRAEL'S LOYALTY

There was once a man who betrothed himself to a beautiful maiden and then went away, and the maiden waited and he came not. Friends and rivals mocked her and said, 'He will never come.' She went in to her room and took out the letters in which he had promised to be ever faithful. Weeping, she read them and was comforted. In time he returned, and inquiring how she had

kept her faith so long, she showed him his letters. Israel in misery and in captivity, was mocked by the nations for her hopes of redemption; but Israel went into her schools and synagogues and took out the letters, and was comforted. God would in time redeem her and say, 'How could you alone among all the mocking nations be faithful?' Then Israel would point to the Law and the Prophets and answer, 'Had I not your promise here?'

ACTIONS

The forest trees once asked the fruit trees: "Why is the rustling of your leaves not heard in the distance?" The fruit trees replied: "We can dispense with the rustling to manifest our presence, our fruits testify for us." The fruit trees then inquired of the forest trees: "Why do your leaves rustle almost continually?" "We are forced to call the attention of man to our existence."



Membership Drive

A membership drive for new members for the Department of Physical Education has begun, according to Herman Munitz, Director. The aim is for "each member to bring in a member." With this as their slogan, the members are now busily engaged in introducing their friends to the I.S. gym and pool. As an inducement to bring down new members, a reduction in the membership fee is being offered. An amount equal to 10% of the membership will be credited to the account of anyone introducing a new member.

Gym Opens for T. T. Girls

Gay shrieks of laughter floated across the gym floor last Wednesday afternoon as the first session of the Talmud Torah girl's gymnasium got under way. Under the direction of Yetta Margulies, the girls immediately participated in their first basketball game and expressed keen delight in this sport as well as a firm desire to continue with it.

After a good work-out in the gymnasium, the girls then made their first plunge into the pool and immediately began work on Red Cross Life Saving Service examinations. It is their hope to become proficient enough to pass these tests and receive their insignias.

Talmud Torah girls are invited to come down to the gym and pool every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 or from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. We can assure them of a real good time.

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Threat number one has been received by the unknown (supposedly) author of this column . . . it seems as tho the athletes of the I.S. don't like their names mentioned in this column . . . so . . . threats of physical violence are not unknown to yours truly . . . But, true to the promise made in the last issue . . . we'll print the what's what about the Who's Who in the I.S. . . . and snap our fingers at all threats.

The Celtics Club began activities with a BANG AND A CRASH . . . last Tuesday eve . . . BANG went the President's temporary gavel . . . but CRASH came the answering echo of members' voices . . . It's all right, boys . . . practice makes perfect side show barkers! . . . By the way, they'll sponsor the Succos Social for Clubs.

One of our newly returned staff-members . . . Al Wolken . . . spent all Wednesday night last week . . . showing off . . . all the cute tricks he learned up at the N.Y.U. camp Sebago.

Some thumbnail descriptions of people we know and like:

George Karp . . . actor, student, and basketball player . . . likes the lead in every play . . . or . . . for variety, the villain's part . . . in any event, he likes to act.

Yetta Margulies . . . blond . . . blue-eyed . . . popular . . . likes to be reminded of the fact that . . . she once enacted the role of "Buttercup."

Sigmund Meyers . . . local swimming prodigy . . . just invented a new fangled stop-watch . . . works on a different, more exclusive idea . . . it goes like this . . . you take a lock . . . add one measured piece of

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Wish a Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year to our children, grandson, relatives, and friends; Goldye Michel Family Circle, Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Hon. and Mrs. Isaac Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bernstein; officers, members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue; staff and agents of the Madison Square Branch; Policy holders, future prospects and officers of the New York Life Insurance Company; and all Israel.

May they be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

CRAFTSMEN FOLLOW HIGH HOLY DAYS PROGRAM

Because of its practical and profitable means of utilizing children's and adult's leisure time by correlating art with subjects of instruction such as history, geography and Bible, Arts and Crafts has been a popular activity for the past two seasons.

With the approach of Yom Kippur and Succos, there has been a noticeable amount of enthusiasm and interest displayed by the children in creating and constructing religious articles symbolic of these High Holy Days. These have taken the form of New Years greeting cards, Simchas Torah flags, miniature Succos, complete with furniture, and religious scrap books.

Boys and girls of thirteen years and older are invited to participate in a well diversified program of Arts and Crafts, including clay modeling, soap carving, chip carving, cartooning, show card and poster work, lettering, leather work, tin stippling, block printing, silhouettes, glass painting, and other crafts. Mr. David Martin is in charge of the Arts and Crafts groups.

Should these crafts appeal to you, we suggest that you register now as classes for the coming season will be limited.

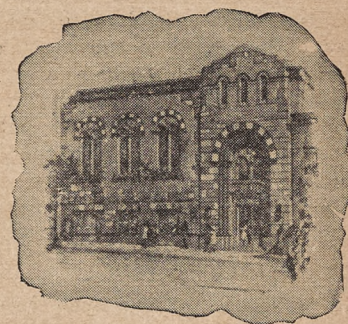
string (strong) . . . and swing pendulum fashion . . . while not the fourth dimension . . . its pretty close.

Don't bother me now . . . its time to go to bed!

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