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TALMUD TORAH TO OBSERVE SUCCOTH

Announcement of J.E.A. Maimonides Medal Winners for Excellence in Studies to be Made

Both branches of the Talmud Torah will celebrate the holiday of Succos in a unique fashion, according to Rabbi Philip Goodman.

On Wednesday afternoon, October 16th, a celebration will take place at the West Side Branch for the children and their guests. On the following day, a similar program will be presented at the Main Building. Following the presentation of a puppet show entitled "Treasure Island" the children will gather in the Succah, where refreshments will be served. Several of the children will recite appropriate poems and orations.

Rabbi H. S. Goldstein will address the children on both occasions.

At these affairs, announcement will be made of the winners of the Jewish Educational Association Maimonides Medals for attendance and excellence in studies during the past year. They will receive the awards at a public festival to be held on Sunday afternoon, October 27th, at the Stuyvesant School.

Dainties to be Offered by I.S. Women in Succah

In answer to the requests of the Women's Organization for donations of flowers, fruits, and other dainties for Succos, there have been many generous responses. This insures the enjoyment of the first days of the holiday. However, the thoughtful ladies are now asking for further donations for the last two days of the holiday.

We ask your heartiest co-operation in having the Women's Organizations prepare an appropriate celebration of the holiday?

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of our beloved Directress and indefatigable co-worker, Mrs. Max Stavish who passed away on Friday, October 4th. Her unselfish devotion and tireless efforts in behalf of the Institutional Synagogue will keep her memory ever alive in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to work with her.

Many Fledge Much Needed Support In Response to Kol Nidre Appeal

Calendar of Succoth Services

Friday Evening	5:15 P.M.
Saturday Morning	9:00 A.M.
Afternoon	4:45 P.M.
Sunday Morning	9:00 A.M.
Afternoon	5:00 P.M.

Celtics to Sponsor The Succoth Social

The Celtic Club will sponsor the Succos Social for club and gym members on Wednesday evening, October 16th, in the spacious succoth of the Main Building.

An elaborate program of entertainment has been arranged for this affair, according to Milton T. Rosenberg, who will act as the Master of Ceremonies. Included on this program are a talk on the significance of Succos by Herman Jacobs, of the Celtics; an oration entitled "Booths" by H. Kalish; violin selections by Richard Einhorn; light entertaining skits by the Celtic Club and short speeches by staff members.

Following the gathering in the Succoh, light refreshments will be served and dancing will follow.

Every club and gym member is cordially invited, and urged to attend this affair. This gathering will be the first mass activity of the new year for clubs.

Until the night of the Succos Social, entries will be accepted for the Oratorical Contest, which will take place October 30th.

Members must decide definitely the topic and submit same to Mr. Urieff. Absolutely no entries will be received after that night. If in doubt as to any particulars, consult a member of the staff for full information.

DR. KAPNER DELIVERS PILPUL

Dr. Z. Kapner, our well known Maimonides, being both a Rabbi and a Doctor, delivered a remarkably learned address on Shabbos Shuva. It was full of halachic and pulpistic discussion on Repentance.

The Pilpul was delivered at the West Side Branch last Saturday afternoon. In the morning, Dr. Kapner delivered a sermon at the Main Building.

We are privileged to hear from Dr. Kapner as a rule, both on Shabbos Shuva and Shabbos Ha-godol.

Institutional Synagogue Honors the Revered Memories of Departed at Yiskor Services

Members and seatholders of the I.S. were deeply moved on the Holy Night of Kol Nidre when our forceful appeal in behalf of the work and emergency which now exists in regard to the continuance of our Institution, was made.

Many friends pledged their support, thereby enabling and encouraging us to proceed further in our worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell received solicitations through many of their friends who made donations in honor of their new born baby, Maxine.

With sincere affections the Institutional Synagogue honored the memories of Hon. Jacob Goldstein, Hon. Samuel Marx, Hon. Samson F. Friedlander, Hon. Samuel R. Morris, William Friedman, Mayer Mirken, Herman Sacks, Hon. Max S. Levine, Max Slomka, and Jacob Jacobson, our late Directors and Members.

With deep appreciation we revered the memory of those superb personalities, Mrs. Fanny Henning, Mr. Max Udell and other benefactors. Prayers were offered in memory of the brave boys of the Institutional Synagogue who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War, Harry Steinberg, Samuel L. Brody and Herman Kanowitz.

The Institutional Synagogue takes this means of extending its sincere thanks to the members of the Seat Committees for their excellent and efficient work. The members of the Committees included: A. Wartels, Morris Jablow, Harry Ward, Gustave Ratkowsky, Harold Kaplan, Moses Goodman, Irving Silverstein, Seymour Siegel, Morris

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Congratulations

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors, Staff, members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue, we hereby extend to Congressman and Mrs. Isaac Siegel our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary.

The I.S. is happy in their happiness and wishes them years of continued happiness.

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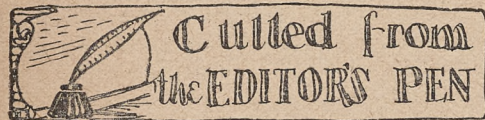
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Light Candles Friday Evening, 5:07.



THE CLUB PROGRAM

A group of boys and girls, of Jewish faith which meet in a Jewish Institution should not overlook the manifold opportunities offered to them to broaden their Jewish background.

There are many projects and programs available by which the members of a club can increase their Jewish knowledge through informal and pleasant media. The Jewish holidays offer ample opportunity to ambitious boys and girls for individual self-expression.

The Festival of Succos with its colorful symbolism presents an enticing atmosphere for appropriate celebration. Chanukah presents the opportunity for discussion of Jewish History and present day problems of Jewry. Chamisho Oser B'Shvat brings before the group the role of Palestine throughout the ages and its increasing importance. The Feast of Purim with its merriment and joy allows the actor full sway in the presentation of its picturesque story. Passover brings the thought of the liberation of a people from bondage; and so on through the other holidays.

Arts and Crafts as a Club project can be

Turning the Pages

BIBLE COMMENTS for HOME READING

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Hebrew Publishing Co.

The fifth and last volume of Bible Comments for Home Reading by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein has just been published by the Hebrew Publishing Company. Rabbi Goldstein, Minister of the Institutional Synagogue and Professor of Homiletics at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of America, dedicated this volume to his father-in-law, Mr. Harry Fischel, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

In addition to the comments, the volume contains the Hebrew and English text of the Book of Deuteronomy and the prayers for the Sabbath Morning.

In the preface to the new volume, Rabbi Goldstein states, "Anyone who wants a digest of the fundamental laws of the Bible, Judaism, and Civilization, must turn to the Book of Deuteronomy. The more we study this book, the more we find a religious interpretation of history. War and peace, wealth, and poverty, law and ceremony are dealt with not merely in platitudes, but in definite and clear commandments. The Book of Deuteronomy with its emphasis on minute details, makes religion a reality to be lived and enjoyed, and not a philosophical abstraction, about which to speculate and theorize. It emphasizes deed as the end of creed. What we need today, is understanding that our economic, social and political problems are basically personal religious ones, and that upon these, the ultimate settlement of our modern problems depends.

Man will be just, social and democratic, as he practises in his daily life the implications of the principle of the common fatherhood of God—"Hear oh, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one." (Deuteronomy, Chapter 6, verse 4), "Have we not all one Father, hath not one God created us, why then should one deal treacherously with his neighbor."

made a distinctly Jewish pursuit. The numberless ceremonial objects afford a wide choice to the handy craftsman. In the field of Dramatics material is available which provides for the potential thespian. The Debator and Orator finds limitless opportunity in the study of the current day problems. Club discussions on any phase of Jewish life, either of today or yesterday, will find interested participants.

Above all, do not be shy of introducing Jewish elements in your club program. Do not fret lest it is not "the proper thing to do." Attempt a Jewish content program for your club and you will find that it will bring you satisfaction and enjoyment.

Succoth

The Feast of Tabernacles will be ushered in this year at the setting of the sun on Friday, October the eleventh. This festival lasts seven days. The first two days are complete holidays, and correspond this year to Saturday and Sunday, October twelfth and thirteenth, while the following five days are semi-holidays and are called "chol hamoed." Succoth proper is immediately followed by another holiday, called "Shemini Atzereth," which lasts two days, corresponding this year to Saturday and Sunday, October the nineteenth and twentieth. Popularly, however, all the nine days are known as Succoth.

The main feature of Succoth as well as its explanation is found in Leviticus (XXIII, 42-43) where we read as follows: "Ye shall dwell in booths seven days . . . that your generation may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt."

The Succah

The holiday derives its name from the Hebrew word "succah" which means booth or tabernacles. The succah is a temporary structure built specially for the festival either in the yard or on the roof of the house. The roof of the succah is not covered in the usual rain-tight fashion; but with sticks, grass, or branches called in Hebrew "Schach." These are sparsely laid to allow the sun and stars to shine through them. It is necessary, however, that there be more shade than sunshine inside the booth. It is in this dwelling that we have to even sleep (if our health permits) during the seven days of Succoth proper. The succah is also to be decorated as elaborately as possible, receive guests and pass as much time in it as possible. The temporary nature of the succah is symbolic of our sufferings and hazards in the world while its unprotected nature is symbolic of peace—peace with nature and humanity. In the light of this description of the succah we can understand its meaning; as we know it symbolizes the life of the Jews throughout their long and variegated history.

The "Esrog" and "Lulab"

The "esrog" is what we call today citron while the "lulab" is a combination of palm, myrtle and two willows tied together. In obedience to a commandment found in Leviticus (XXIII, 40) we take the two—the esrog and the lulab—and recite an appropriate benediction on every one of the seven days of Succoth proper, except Saturday (On the first day of the using of the esrog and lulab the benediction of "Shehecheyonu" is recited after the regular blessing). This year since the first day is Saturday, the esrog and lulab will be used for the first time on day morning.

(Continued Next Week)

The Exodus, 1492

1. The Spanish noon is a blaze of azure fire, and the dusty pilgrims crawl like an endless serpent along treeless plains and bleached high-roads, through rock-split ravines and castellated, cathedral-shadowed towns.

2. The hoary patriarch, wrinkled as an almond shell, bows painfully upon his staff. The beautiful young mother, ivory-pale, wellnigh swoons beneath her burden; in her large enfolding arms, nestles her sleeping babe, round her knees flock her little ones with bruised and bleeding feet. 'Mother, shall we soon be there?'

3. The halt, the blind, are amid the train. Sturdy pack-horses laboriously drag the tented wagons wherein lie the sick athirst with fever.

4. The panting mules are urged forward by spur and goad; stuffed are the heavy saddle-bags with the wreckage of ruined homes.

5. Hark to the tinkling silver bells that adorn the tenderly carried silken scrolls.

6. Noble and abject, learned and simple, illustrious and obscure, plod side by side, all brothers now, all merged in one routed army of misfortune.

7. Woe to the straggler who falls by the wayside! No friend shall close his eyes.

8. They leave behind the grape, the olive, and the fig; the vines they planted, the corn sowed, the garden-cities of Andalusia, Aragon, Estremadura and La Mancha, Granada and Castile; the altar, the earth, and the grave of their fathers.

The townsman spits at their garments, the shepherd quits his flock, the peasant his plow, to pelt with curses and stones; the wanderer sets on their trail his yelping cur.

Oh, the weary march! Oh, the upturned faces of home! Oh, the blankness of the receding goal!

1. Listen to their lamentations. They that ate dainty food are desolate in the streets; they that were reared in scarlet embrace dunghills. They flee away and wander about. Men say among the nations, they shall no more sojourn there; our end is near, our days are full, our doom is come. (Lam. 4. 5, 15, 18).

2. Whither shall they turn? For the West hath cast them out, and the East refuseth to receive.

EMMA LAZARUS, 1883

He who is slow to anger and easily pacified, is truly pious and virtuous.

A man without a fitting companion is like the left hand without the right.

When the iron was created, the trees commenced to tremble. The iron, however, said to them: "What are you trembling at? If one of your wood will join me, I will remain harmless."

COLUMBUS DAY HAS A JEWISH SIGNIFICANCE

The year of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, as so vividly portrayed by Emma Lazarus in an article found in another part of this issue, also marked the discovery of a new refuge place for the Wandering Jew. The discovery of America by Columbus in 1492 opened a new gate for the ghetto-imprisoned Jew of Europe. It is interesting to note the nature and extension of the services rendered by Jewish contemporaries of Columbus in the discovery of America.

Authoritative statements on the technical and financial assistance given Columbus by Jewish astronomers and financiers and direct participation by Marrano Jews in the voyage of discovery are contained in a special program bulletin on the observance of Columbus Day, which has been placed at the disposal of its constituent societies by the Jewish Welfare Board.

THE MEANING OF TABERNACLES

The divine religion does not urge us to lead an ascetic life, but guides us in the middle path, equi-distant from the extremes of too much and too little; it allows free play to every God-given faculty of both body and soul, within the limits drawn by the Divine Hand itself. For certain it is that what we devote to one faculty in excessive measure we withdraw from another faculty, and thus lose harmony which should pervade our whole life. In general, let me impress this principle upon thy mind; the essence of our whole law is contained in these three things—reverence, love, joy. They are the way to bring us near to God. Thy contrition on the day of fasting is in no wise more pleasing to Him than thy joy on the Sabbath or the festival, if so be that thy delight comes from a devout and full heart. Just as prayer requires reflection and devotion, so does joy in God's commandments and the study of His revelation. Thou must rejoice in the love of Him who gave the Law, being persuaded that the giving thereof was an act of His love towards thee.

YEHUDAH HELEVI, 1141

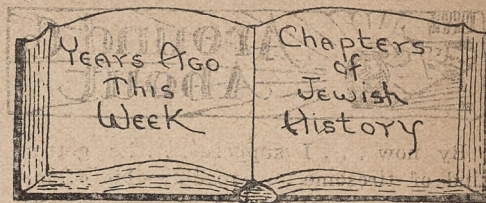
FRIENDS PLEDGE SUPPORT

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A. Urieff, A. Dunkelman and Gabriel Goldstein, Buddy Friedman, and Rev. B. Kramer

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. Messrs. Baron, Kessler, Applebaum and Ratkowsky acted as Baale Tephilloth.

We assure all those who responded to our appeal of our sincere appreciation for their recognition of the vital importance of the work we are doing. Executive Director, Abraham Bernstein, requests that these pledges be mailed in as soon as possible.



OCTOBER 12th

Massacre at Munich, 1285. From 1283 to 1287, Germany was seething with anti-Jewish feeling and a series of massacres took place in Franconia, Bavaria, and the Rhineland. One of the most terrible outrages was that which occurred in Munich. Here it was alleged that the Jews had purchased a little child from an old woman and slain it, using the blood for ritual purposes. Without waiting for any inquiry to be made, the mob surged against the Jewish quarter and put to death all who came in their way. The survivors fled to the synagogue. This was set on fire above their heads, and all that was left of the community, to the number of one hundred and eighty souls, perished in the flames.

OCTOBER 13th

Emancipation in Rome, 1870. On March 29th, 1848, Carlo Alberto had emancipated the Jews at Sardinia, and thus identified the Risorgimento with the policy of Jewish equality. By 1870 it was in Papal Rome alone, in the whole not only of Italy but of Europe, that the Ghetto system continued in all of its mediaeval cruelty. During the Franco-Prussian War, however, Victor Emanuel I, seized the opportunity to march upon the city. It was captured without much difficulty on September 20th. The Jews immediately became accepted as free men and equals, emancipation being extended to them formally by a decree of October 13th. Thus a slavery which lasted for 315 years came to an end, and the history of the Jews in Rome, which could date back for over twenty centuries, entered upon yet another phase.

OCTOBER 16th

Death of Joseph Solomon del Medigo, 1655. A descendant of the famous humanist and philosopher, Elijah del Medigo (1460-1497), the teacher of Pico della Mirandola, he was born in Crete in 1591, and studied medicine at the University of Padua, where his distinguished ancestor had lectured. An adventurous career was in store for him. At Cairo he disputed triumphantly on mathematical problems with a Moslem scholar; he studied and practised at Constantinople; he became physician to the Prince Radziwill at Vilna. Thereafter he acted for some time as Rabbi to the newly-established Portuguese community at Hamburg, and then at Amsterdam. Reverting from this point to his original profession, he became communal physician at Frankfort-on-Main, dying, however, at Prague on October 16th, 1655.



By now . . . I suppose . . . its getting kind of tiresome . . . reading this column . . . but . . . believe you me . . . it's harder writing it . . . with the chimes of midnight ringing in your ears . . . heigh, ho, and lack-a-day . . . a job's a job these days and must be done! . . . such is the life of a columnist(?) . . .

It did us good to notice . . . that another I.S. oldtimer . . . Mr. Isidore Brody . . . paid us a visit recently . . . call again . . .

Our West Side Stogie informs us that . . . the Rabbi has real 'nachas' from his bonim . . . Gabby made a hit with the way in which he read the Torah during the holidays . . . and Simeon . . . we hear . . . in the editorial sanctum . . . of the one of the large Eastern Universities . . .

Wedding bells are ringing out again at the I.S. . . . this time . . . one of our club leaders . . . charming Lena Saslowsky . . . will aisle it with Abe Roth . . . "Mazel Tov" . . . and plenty of it . . .

Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg . . . just plain "Milt" to you . . . has a special, special exercises for the "tired business man" . . . bend-down and touch your knees three times without bending the floor . . . (ed. Note . . . What?) . . . after that . . . artificial resuscitation is advised . . . further exercises for reducing will soon emanate from the . . . gymnastic expert of the I.S. . . . (not too soon, we hope) . . .

Executive Director Bernstein . . . since the success of the Broadway Annex . . . is looking at the world through rose colored glasses . . . (how about another check?) . . .

Mollie Gerstein, we learn . . . ate spinach, spinach and spinach on her vacation not so long ago . . . she now tears telephone books . . . (one page at a time) . . .

As Rip Van Winkle said . . . I think I'll lie down for a minute . . .

RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO ADDRESS LEADERS' COUNCIL

The Leaders' Council of the Institutional Synagogue will hold its Annual Succos Meeting in the spacious and beautiful succah located on the third floor roof of the Main Building. The meeting will take place Tuesday evening, October 15th, at 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein has been invited as the guest speaker of the evening. His topic will be "The Spiritual Lesson of Succos." Following his talk an open discussion will be held in which all those present will be invited to participate.

At the last meeting of the Leaders' Council a very heated and interesting discussion was held on the subject of Palestine. The leaders of the discussion were Bernard Bailey and Bernard H. Defrin.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 15th
Leaders' Council Succos Meeting
Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
Guest Speaker

Wednesday, October 16th—Succos Social for Clubs.

Saturday, October 26th—8:30 P.M.—P.W.A. presents a Vaudeville Entertainment. Health Exhibition Opens.

Tuesday, October 29th—Leaders' Council. Symposium on "Subversive Activities."

Wednesday, October 30th—Oratorical Contest for Clubmembers.

Thursday, October 31st—Coco Cola Affair.

HIGH SCHOOL BEGINS SESSION

During the Ten Days of Repentance, the opening session of the Hebrew High School of the Institutional Synagogue was held. The students began the new year with the keen expectation of making strides in their Jewish studies.

For the new season, the class will meet regularly on Wednesday evenings from seven to nine o'clock. A comprehensive program for this Course has been prepared by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah.

Although the registration of the class is limited, there are still several openings for students with a sufficient Hebrew background. All those interested in joining are urged to register during the coming week.

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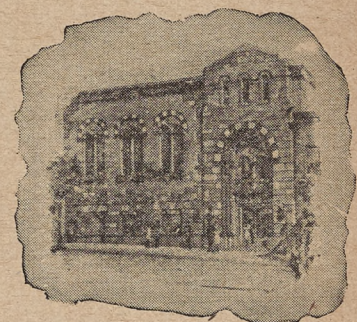
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