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I. S. TALMUD TORAH ALWAYS ACTIVE

Junior Congregation Begins This Saturday; Prizes Awarded To Best Pupils

The Junior Congregation of the Main Building will resume its activities with services to be held this Saturday morning. This year Mr. Lester Rhine will be in charge of services, while Mr. Abraham Rhine will conduct the services at the West Side Branch which will commence the Saturday following.

In the afternoon a S'uda Sh'lishis will be held, in the beautiful and spacious Succah, for all the children of the Talmud Torah. Rabbi Philip Goodman will deliver a sermonette on Tabernacles of Children. Succos songs will be taught by Mr. Rhine, while Miss Ethel Grumer will present a special program of Succos Stories.

The Junior Congregation is one of the numerous extra-curricular activities of the Talmud Torah, the purpose of which is to cultivate the practice and desire for prayer and attendance in the synagogue.

Contest Winners

Recently, a Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur Question Contest was held for the pupils of the Talmud Torah. The gratifying number of participants made for keen competition. Judith Wald received the first prize.

Honor Cards were given to: Helene Cohen; Ida Finfang; Moses Finfang; Edward Geisenheimer; Marilyn Mirken; Ann Rafsky; Marcia Stebbins and Neil Wald.

The following received honorable mention: Miriam Burstein; Justin Cohen; Irwin Karp; Annette Moskowitz; Edith Rudow and Howard Rudow.

Registration for the Talmud Torah is now being conducted. Special arrangements are being made to accomodate all new pupils. For further information and details phone the office of the Talmud Torah, UNiversity 4-6729 any weekday between the hours of four and seven, and Sunday mornings between nine and one o'clock.

Calendar of Succoth Services

Friday Evening	5:15 P.M.
Saturday Morning	8:30 A.M.
Afternoon	4:45 P.M.
Sunday Morning	9:00 A.M.
Afternoon	5:00 P.M.

Remember Your Pledge

Members and seat-holders 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.

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 these pledges be mailed in as soon as possible.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN RESUMES THE BIBLE CLASS SESSIONS

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein announced that the Bible Classes will resume their sessions on Monday, October 21st, at the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street.

The Women's Class will meet at 2:30 P.M. and the Men's Class at 8:30 P.M. A most cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these classes. You can be assured of an interesting and enlightening discussion under the leadership of Rabbi Goldstein, who is the author of "Bible Comments for Home Reading."

SUCCAH COMM. FUNCTIONS

We want to take this means of publicly thanking our Succah Committee for the fine work they have done.

As usual, our indefatigable Mrs. Annie R. Morris was in charge. She was ably assisted by Mesdames H. S. Goldstein, Harold Kaplan, Jack Levine, David Messing, Harry Millstein, Harry Mirken, Joseph Sedwitz, Samuel Silver, and Benjamin Spanbock.

Mr. Joseph Sedwitz also lent a helping hand in the decoration of the Succah, and Messrs. Levine, Messing, Kaplan, and Blankfort encouraged the Succah Committee by their favorable comments.

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Lou G. Siegel for the bounteous supply of fruits and challoos he sent us, and to Mr. David L. Messing for his generous donation of cakes, as well as to all our good friends whose contributions made it possible for us to extend cordial hospitality to all who entered our succah.

RABBI PREACHES ON HOLY LAND

Importance of Palestine to Judaism is Subject of Special Sermon ON SUCCOS

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein in his Succos Sermon, preached on the first day of the holiday, said in part:

The return to Palestine must be accompanied by a return to Judaism. To the loyal Jew, chauvinistic Torah-less nationalism, is as beneficial as suicidal Torah-less universalism. Palestine without religion is like body without a soul. Jerusalem is not to be merely another city, but it must remain "The Holy City." Palestine is not to be merely another land, but it must ever be "The Holy Land."

I want to applaud the action taken by the last World Zionist Congress, which met recently in Lucerne. For the first time in its history, by virtue of the earnest plea of the Mizrachi, it went on record as recognizing the Sabbath as a Holy Day in Palestine. This is certainly a step in the right direction. Although I have vehemently opposed the Zionist's for their religious failures, I want at this time to congratulate them upon this historic move they have made in breathing the religious spirit into their nationalistic aspirations. I therefore pledge myself to give them my whole-hearted co-operation to help make Palestine holy in the deepest and truest sense of the word.

SIMCHAS TORAH HONORS

Many honors will be given at the Simchas Torah Services to be held this Saturday. At the West Side Branch Mr. Harry Roggen will be Chasan Torah, Mr. Mose Goodman, Chasan B'rashis, and Mr. Lester Udell, our First Vice-President, will be given Maftir.

At the over-flow services Mr. Oshinsky will be given Chasan Torah, Mr. Applebaum Chasan B'rashis, and Mr. Wexler will be given Maftir.

A Cordial Invitation

Rabbi and Mrs. H. S. Goldstein, in accordance with their annual custom, will be at home (225 West 86th Street) to the members and seatholders of the Institutional Synagogue at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 19th (Shemini Atzeres).

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:57



A TABERNACLE OF PEACE

"And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month shall ye have a Holy Convocation; no servile work shall ye do; and ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days." In the following sentences that are read from the Torah during the Holiday of Succos, we learn that during these seven days, seventy oxen were offered. These were brought as an atonement and as a good will offering for the welfare of the seventy nations, namely, the entire human race.

Israel, throughout its history, has offered its heartfelt prayers for the betterment of humanity. The Prophets' plea of universalism has incessantly resounded throughout the centuries. Would that the nations of the world take to heart Israel's message of good will and peace to all. Then, certainly, it would not have been necessary for those across the seas to resort to the use of instruments of bloodshed and destruction as they are doing at the present.

Israel's great emphasis upon peace for all is contained in the many prayers which end with words of peace. Let us pray that the "Tabernacles of Peace" shall be rebuilt ac-

A LETTER

The Following Letter has been received from the Office of the Counsellor to Jewish Students of Columbia University.

October 9, 1935.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein,
37 West 116th Street,
New York City.

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I want to acknowledge with thanks your kind offer of seats at the Institutional Synagogue for Columbia students.

I have called the attention of interested students to your generous and thoughtful provision and quite a number of them have availed themselves of the opportunity.

Reciprocating your good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ISIDOR B. HOFFMAN

Turning the Pages

THE MYSTICAL QUABALAH, by Dion Fortune.

The author of this very thorough treatise is himself a mystic, employing the wordy systems of the original Quabalah to explain all things on and above earth to his own satisfaction. He declares that the old sources are still being used to expound new forms of knowledge; in truth, he brings quabalistic doctrines to bear on Christianity as well. (This has been a frequent method of non-Jewish commentators).

In an early paragraph the writer depones: "The curious symbol-system known as the Tree of Life is an attempt to reduce to diagrammatic form every force and factor in the manifested universe and the soul of man; to correlate them one to another. . . . a compendium of science, psychology, philosophy, and theology."

He expatiates on the sexual implications of his system, and is not averse to accepting Blavatsky, astrology, numerology, the errors of ancient astronomy, card divination, and the many other esoteric doctrines grafted on the original speculations of Zoharists.

That the symbols and their relationships are all merely words is apparent to the clearheaded reader; but quabalists posit reality for every one of their "doctrines." The value of the book is in the completeness with which the medieval system is presented: one at least knows what the believer is apparently driving at.

Rabbi ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

cording to the words of the Prophet Zachariah, "And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem, shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

Succoth

(Continued from last week)

Hoshanah Rabah

The greatest number of these prayers are recited on the last day of "chol hamoed," which is known by the name of "Hoshanah Rabah." On that day the worshippers walk around the bima seven times instead of one, reciting hoshanah. Besides that, on this last day of "chol hamoed" a cluster made up of five willow twigs is used. These also go by the name of "hoshanah."

The "Hoshanah"

Having finished the special prayers for help and salvation, the "hoshanah" (the five willow twigs) are beaten on the benches or floor by the worshippers. This custom was instituted by the prophets. While the worshippers strike the willows and their leaves fall down, they repeat in a solemn and loud voice the following, "Kol M'vassar V'Omer"—"A voice brings tidings, and says." This sentence tradition connects with the hope for the tidings concerning the coming of Messiah, and it is here used in this sense.

"Shemini Atzereth" and "Simchath Torah"

"Shemini Atzereth" means the Eighth Day of Retention, and the nearest modern parallel to this festival is what is called a farewell party. The third pilgrimage holiday is over; the pilgrims are about to return to their homes and stay there the whole winter; and the Father in Heaven arranges a farewell party for them before their departure. This festival lasts two days—the first day is called "Shemini Atzereth" and the second "Simchath Torah."

"Simchath Torah"

"Simchath Torah" means rejoicing over the Torah. On the second of the two festival days under discussion we complete the reading of the Torah and begin it over again, and we rejoice on that account. The cold rainy days are close at hand; but we find solace and courage in the Torah and rejoice over it.

The Joyous Nature of Simchath Torah

It is customary for the two "bridegrooms" to serve as hosts for the entire congregation. At any rate, there is a great deal more of festivity singing and rejoicing in the synagogue on the evening of this joyful day as well as on the following morning. To the rejoicing and dancing come not only the grown up Jews, but also the children. It is enough to watch the sparkling eyes of the youngsters when they kiss the Torahs or carry them to realize what it all means to them.

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ

If you touch pitch, it will stick to your fingers; even so, if you associate with evil companions, you will acquire their vices.

Wit and Humor

A HEADACHE REMEDY

There came to Rabbi Schmelke Peterseil of Rozwadow (Galacia) a certain atheist, a young fellow named Nutke Ningam, who would ridicule and belittle the Talmud by picking out dubious sayings from it for discussion with the Rabbi.

"Now, Rabbi," he said, "I'll show you it's all nonsense; it says for instance in Erubin 54a, 'One who has a headache should study the Talmud.' Can you give me any reason for that?"

"If that's the point on which you want to disprove the Talmud, you have picked out a saying that exactly disproves your proposition," answered the Rabbi.

"How is that?" asked Nutke.

"Well, for example," answered the Rabbi, "If you had a headache and studied the Talmud, you would very soon find that you had no head at all when entered its mazes—and where then would your headache be?"

IT WAS THE CZAR

Two Israelites were discussing the deplorable situation of their people in Russia under the regime of Czar Nicholas "the Last."

"The Emperor," remarked one, "is nothing but an idiot."

"And a drunkard," added the other.

The last two remarks were overheard by a gendarme, who proceeded immediately to arrest the detractors of the "Little Father."

"You have no right to arrest us," protested the two Israelites, "we mean the German Emperor."

The Russian officer relaxed his grasp of the traitors and began to retreat, when suddenly he changed his mind.

"An idiot, a drunkard," reiterated the loyal officer, "I know whom you meant. Come on 'zhids' to the police station."

SIMCHAS BES HASHAVEH CELEBRATED AT W.S.

The ancient and traditional custom of "Simchas Bes Hashaveh," was celebrated at the West Side Branch of the Institutional Synagogue, last Monday evening.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein opened the program with a brief address explaining the significance of the occasion.

A varied musical program of appropriate Hebrew selections was rendered by Cantors Yavneh, Lauer, and Taitz.

Reverend Barnet Kramer delivered an interesting discourse.

The entire affair was arranged under the direction of Executive Director Abraham Bernstein.

A delicious variety of refreshments was served during the evening, greatly adding to the festivity of the occasion.

On Sabbath Employment

My dear Friends:

I want to take this means of urging our readers to telephone or write to our Employment Bureau at the Main Building, 37-43 West 116th Street (UNiversity 4-6729) when they are in need of help.

We have some of the finest and ablest young men and young women seeking positions which will not necessitate their transgressing the holy Sabbath.

I personally urge each and every one of you to advise me or our Employment Bureau whenever you hear of a position for a Sabbath observer.

I am vitally interested in this one of our many activities and you will hearten and gladden me in my work if you will give our Employment Bureau the opportunity of serving you and your friends as often as the occasion arises.

Faithfully yours,

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,
Rabbi

REJOICING OF THE LAW

This Feast of the Law all your gladness display,

To-day all your homages render.

What profit can lead one so pleasant a way,
What jewels can vie with its splendor?

Then exult in the law on its festival day,

The Law is our Light and Defender.

My God I will praise in a jubilant lay,

My hope in Him never surrender,

His glory proclaim where His chosen sons pray,

My Rock all my trust shall engender.

Then exult in the Law on its festival day,

The Law is our Light and Defender.

My heart of Thy goodness shall carol always,

Thy praises I ever will render;

While breath is, my lips all Thy wonders shall say,

Thy truth and Thy kindness so tender.

Then exult in the Law on its festival day,

The Law is our Light and Defender.

*Festival Prayer Book
(Trans. I. Zangwill)*

HEAVENLY TREASURES

King Monobaz, who in the days of the Second Temple, became a proselyte to Judaism, unlocked his ancestral treasures at a time of famine, and distributed them among the poor. His ministers rebuked him, saying, 'Thy fathers amassed, thou dost squander.' 'Nay,' said the benevolent king, 'They preserved earthly, but I heavenly, treasures; theirs could be stolen, mine are beyond mortal reach; theirs were barren, mine will bear the fruit of time without end; they preserved money, I have preserved lives. The treasures which my fathers laid by are for this world, mine are for eternity.'



OCTOBER 18th

Riot at Venice, 1571. News had just come through of the battle of Lepanto, in which the united Spanish and Venetian fleets under Don John of Austria had inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Turk. The Jews were suspected of having some sympathy with the enemy; for was not their co-religionist, Don Joseph Nasi, Duke of Noxos, a renegade Marrano, in high favour at the Turkish Court, and even rumored to be about to be created King of Cyprus, just wrested from Venice by the Grand Seigneur? The populace came together and celebrated its exultation by an attack upon the Ghetto. No great damage, indeed, was done; but the Senate, inspired by like sentiments, decreed that in gratitude to God for the signal victory conferred upon their arms, all the Jews should abandon the city for good on the expiration of their present 'condotta' in two years' time. This cruel order was, however, never carried into execution, for, in the meantime, Rabbi Solomon Ashkenazi, physician to the Grand Vizier, was sent on an official diplomatic mission to Venice from the Sublime Porte to negotiate an alliance against Spain. He was a person of too much importance to be offended; and, thanks to his efforts, the decree was rescinded.

OCTOBER 21st

Jewish Badge abrogated in Austria, 1781. It had been in this country that the Council of Vienna (May 12th 1267), more than six centuries earlier, had prescribed the details of the distinctive sign which was to be worn by the Jews; and the policy had been followed consistently ever since. Even so enlightened a monarch as Maria Theresa had enforced the wearing of a yellow badge on the left arm by all unbearded Jews (those who wore beards needed no other mark of distinction!) It was her son, Joseph II. (1780-1790), to whom the repeal of this degrading regulation was due. The first move in his policy of Enlightenment, or Aufklärung, was an edict of October 21st, 1780, by which he abrogated all laws requiring the Jews to wear any distinctive dress. This led up to his famous Toleranzpatent of January 2nd, 1782.

OCTOBER 23rd

Roman Jews forbidden gravestones, 1625. The repressive policy of the Popes towards the Jews of their dominions, which came to a head in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, was not restricted to the living. The dead, too, had to suffer; for even now they were not to be permitted any indulgence which might suggest their superiority to their Gentile neighbours. Hence nothing was allowed beyond the minimum requirements of burial.



One of the largest squads in the history of the I.S. turned out for the initial tryouts for berths on the basketball teams, Coach Hy Munitz reported last week.

The following men reported for the first practice; Sol Heller, Art Schulman, Seymour Greenman, Sol Golowesky, David Laubman, Irving Golowesky, Hy Jacobs, Henry Periman, Abe Silverberg, Manny Cohen, Jack Weiss, Gabriel Rubenstein, Max Koreman, Teddy Sottosant, Nat Litwack, Abe Moscowitz, Al Schulman, and Jack Altman.

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The Jewish Welfare Board is planning an inter-center Metropolitan Basketball League. Among the teams which they hope to include on the schedule will be several out of town quintettes. More detailed information will be announced in forthcoming issues of the "Institutional."

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The Swimming Team has closed arrangements to meet many of the leading Jewish Community Centers of the city. Among those the mermen are scheduled to show their prowess against are Schiff Center, the Yonkers Jewish Community Center, the Bronx Y.M.H.A., the Boro Park Y.M.H.A. and teams of like calibre.

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Schedules for club gymnasium and swimming periods have been prepared for the present year. The schedule will go into effect on Sunday, October 27th. All clubs, who have not already done so, are urged to see Mr. Urieff as soon as possible to secure their periods. Only a few periods are still open for clubs.

INVITE ALL TO PARTAKE IN SPECIAL HEALTH PROGRAM

An extensive program of activities has been planned for the week of October 26th to November 2nd, concerning health. Since this program is so varied and important, it is of interest to children, adolescents, and adults. An invitation is extended to everybody to attend these functions. There is no admission charge.

Exhibits and posters on the various phases of health will be on view at the Main Building during the entire week. Many health pamphlets will be available for free distribution to the general public.

Last year the Health Exhibition excited more than favorable comment from the many thousands of people who viewed it. It is expected that many more exhibits will be featured this year.

COMING EVENTS October

Mon. 21.	Opening sessions of Bible Classes.
Sat. 26.	8:30 P.M. C.W.A. Vaudeville Show. Health Exhibition starts.
Sun. 27	Jewish Education Association prize winners' festival.
Tues. 29.	Leaders' Council Symposium on Subversive Activities.
Wed. 30.	Oratorical Contest for Clubs.
Thurs. 31.	Coco-Cola Affair, sponsored by Club Carlo.

Begin C.W.A. Entertainments With Gala Vaudeville Show

A series of diversified entertainments, plays, operas, and concerts under the auspices of the Civil Works Administration will be presented at the Institutional Synagogue Auditorium beginning with October 26th and extending throughout the entire winter season.

Vaudeville will be the first type of entertainment to be shown. The C.W.A. announced that a complete variety show, resplendent with magicians, comics, exhibition acrobats, and dancers, will inaugurate the entertainment cycle.

On November 2nd, a Yiddish play, "Up-town and Downtown," with the original cast of "The Yiddish King Lear" is to be presented. This play will be enacted throughout by the popular cast.

A symphony concert by the fifteen piece Hudson Concert Orchestra, one of the most popular of the C.W.A. units, will present a diversified program of musical arrangements.

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As Dante said . . . "I've got a swell idea for a story" . . . in fact, I've got several . . . but that's all . . . The trouble is . . . I'm not trying to write a story . . . its a "Colyum". . . supposedly resplendent with choice tid-bits of gossip . . . ferinstance . . . a cutting remark would be appropriate for Rev. Samuel (Mohel) Taitz (paid advertisement) . . .

Did you ever go scouting for "nooze". . . we did . . . and we bumped right into Cantor Zalmon Yavneh . . . to find him recuperating from the strenuous High Holy Day routine . . . and we nearly tripped over Sophia Gerstein in our zeal for columnar bits . . . but not even a clam could be more silent concerning gossip . . .

A Scoop! . . . News at Last! . . . Mr. William Basser, our active Director . . . pleaded with Mr. Bernstein not to put in the "Institutional" . . . that he celebrated his birthday last Monday night . . . (we happened to be at the switchboard when the call came in . . . Ha . . . Ha . . .)

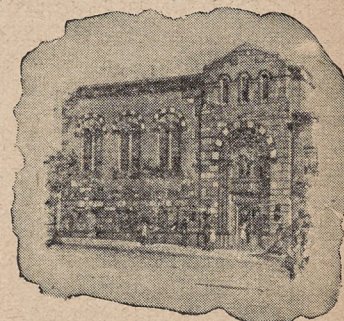
During our frantic search . . . (ye editor clamoring for copy!) . . . Hal Kaplan, one of our Directors, was sighted . . . but he wouldn't talk and refused to be quoted . . .

What to do, what to do? . . . Dear Seymour . . . Siegel, (we mean) . . . while a registrar in name is just a meanie to us . . . because no nooze is good nooze . . . and he just thumbed his nose up and left us cold and forlorn . . .

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