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HEALTH EXHIBITION TO OPEN SUNDAY

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.

BIBLE CLASS FOR WOMEN STARTS WITH LARGE GROUP

An unusually large gathering of women attended the opening meeting and the first Bible Class of the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue on Monday afternoon. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein began the study of the Book of Joshua.

A generous donation was received from Mrs. Eisenberg towards our Silver Fund. Plans were outlined for a season of worthwhile social and cultural activities by Mrs. David H. Ullman, President.

A delightful social hour followed the business part of the meeting.

RABBI ADDRESSES LEADERS

The need for contentment and peace, as symbolized by the Succah, was stressed by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, in his address to the members of the Leader's Council at their Succoth meeting held on Tuesday evening, October 15th. Following his address, Rabbi Goldstein lead an interesting discussion on religious questions in which many members participated.

The serving of refreshments climaxed a most pleasant evening.

At the coming meeting of the Leaders' Council, to be held this Tuesday evening, George Karp and Morris A. Urieff will lead a discussion on "Subversive Activities in the United States."

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.

Oratorical Contest to be Held Wednesday

An oratorical contest, the first of a series of tournaments for club members, will be held this 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: "Danger to World Peace," "The Economic Upheaval and Youth of Today," "Palestine—The Refuge of the Jew," "Hitlerism versus Civilization," "The League of Nations Today."

A medal will be awarded to the winner of the contest. The Board of Judges will take into consideration the following factors: choice of topic, subject matter, and presentation.

Rabbi and Rebetzen at Home

In accordance with their annual custom, the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein was the scene of a party in celebration of Shemini Atzereth, last Shabbos afternoon. The many who availed themselves of the opportunity of being present were pleasantly entertained in the form of speeches, singing, and the usual ready wit of our beloved Rabbi and Rebetzen.

Condolence

We announce with deep grief the death of our beloved director, Mr. B. Rothblatt, and extend our sincerest sympathies to the bereaved family.

VAUDEVILLE SHOW THIS SAT. NIGHT

The first of a series of diversified entertainments, plays, operas, and concerts under the auspices of the United States Works Progress Administration will be held at the Institutional Synagogue Auditorium this Saturday evening, October 26th, at 8:30 promptly.

Vaudeville will be the first type of entertainment to be shown. Included on the program are comedy musical acts, dancing, song and bird imitations, comedy, singing and talking acts, harmonica playing, skits, and a pianologue.

Future showings will include the popular Gilbert and Sullivan opereta, "Pirates of Penzance," "The Rivals," "The First Year," and "Turn to the Right." Detailed announcements of the presentation dates will be made in the "Institutional."

CHASANIM HOSTS TO MANY AT SIMCHAS TORAH FEAST

An unusually elaborate and delightful spread was served by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roggen and Mr. and Mrs. Mose Goodman, Chasan Torah and Chasan B'Reshis respectively, on Sunday afternoon. A galaxy of speeches and songs helped to make the afternoon a most enjoyable one for the large gathering that assembled to celebrate Simchas Torah in the traditional fashion.

At the morning service Mr. Lester Udell, Maftir, provided lavish refreshments for all those called up to the Torah.

MANY THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking Trotzky's and Steinberg's for their generous donations of challos and cake for the Succah. We also want to thank all those who made it possible for us to extend hospitality in our Succah during the latter part of the holiday. Harry Jacobs was good enough to give us a large supply of fruits.

MEN START BIBLE CLASS

The opening session of the Bible Class of the Men's Club was held last Monday night under the leadership of Rabbi Goldstein. The meeting was well attended and all enjoyed the first lesson in the Book of Joshua.

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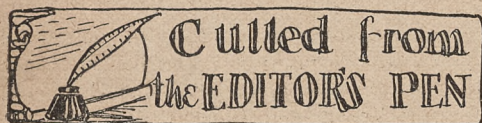
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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:47

BLESSING OF THE NEW MONTH
THIS SATURDAY



HEALTH

The Health Exhibition, which will be open during the coming week, brings to our mind the Jewish attitude of the preservation of our physical well-being. The attitude of the Rabbis towards the self-preservation of the body has been repeatedly stressed. The neglect of one's health was regarded as a sin. Care of the body is considered a duty of prime importance. "The handiwork of God, is worthy of all care and reverence. It is the temple, too, of the soul and some of the sanctity of the indwelling spirit is imparted and clings to the enclosing shrine. Thus, even man's physical frame deserves to be honored."

In the Bible, health is included among the blessings that reward the godly life. For the laws of health are Divine; they are part of the great revelation vouchsafed to us in Nature. To obey them is to secure the well-being that ever results from conformity to the divine will.

We urge you to visit the Health Exhibition, thus performing a moral duty to yourself.

Clubs Enjoy Huge Succos Festival

"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," said Rabbi Philip Goodman to the members of the clubs and organizations of the Department of Centre Activities at the Succos Social held on Wednesday evening, October 16th, in the Succah of the Main Building.

A capacity representation of every group in the Institution was present at the opening mass activity, which was sponsored by the Celtic Club. Included on the program were talks on Succoth by Herman Jacobs and Herbert Kalish, of the Celtics. Musical selections were rendered by Richard Einhorn. Short but interesting addresses on the activities for clubs during the coming season were made by Rabbi Goodman, Morris A. Urieff, Herman Munitz, David Martin and Bernard Schnitzer. Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Dancing and refreshments concluded an interesting and enjoyable evening.

J. E. A. AWARDS MEDALS

Several pupils of the Institutional Synagogue will be awarded medals for regular attendance during the past year. These awards will be presented at the Prize Winners' Festival to be held under the auspices of the Jewish Education Association this Sunday afternoon, October 27th, at Stuyvesant High School.

The following pupils will receive medals: Moses Finfang, gold medal; Judith Wald, silver medal; Herbert Meyer, Ernest Kohn, Jack Freides, Ann Rafsky, Stella Matza, and Clarence Kelsohn, bronze medals.

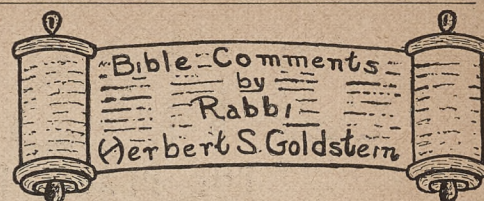
Arts and Crafts

Arts and Crafts, which was at one time an activity for the fortunate few who could create beautiful objects because of special talent, has now become a popular and satisfying interest of many children and adults. Not only has it been recognized as a useful leisure time activity, but as the medium of instruction in many progressive schools. It is recognized as a means of correlating art with subjects of instruction, such as history, geography, and Bible.

In short, Arts and Crafts is conducted somewhat as laboratory work, each individual experimenting in a medium of his own choice, learning a technique and satisfying a special interest.

Besides, there is for many people a special attraction, in Arts and Crafts, since they may immediately make use of the skills they acquire, in making useful or decorative objects for themselves or their friends.

DAVID MARTIN.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK "B'RASHIS"

Chapter 1, Verse 1. "GOD CREATED."

This fact science does not and cannot dispute. Much ink is wasted in the attempt to reconcile science with the Bible. Our Rabbis in their wisdom said in the Talmud Hagiga 11b, "We should not expound the story of Creation." I interpret this to mean that it is impossible to give any one interpretation which will reconcile science with the Bible, because the science of yesterday is different from the science of today. Let me illustrate what I mean. Before Copernicus and Galileo, the Bible had to be squared with the scientific theories of that time. After the discoveries of Copernicus and Galileo all the former reconciliations were shown to be wrong and a different set of harmonizations had to be and are still continually being made. Recently Einstein came forward with the theory of Relativity and who knows but that in view of this theory all our notions of time may have to be changed and we shall again have to give a new set of explanations with regard to science and the Bible. Perhaps, my children, at some later day, shall be called upon to square a new scientific theory concerning space, time, and creation with the Bible. The textbooks of ten years ago are obsolete today. Every decade brings with it many changes and new theories arise like grass after a rain. Well has the prophet Isaiah summed up this whole matter when he said in Chapter 40, verse 9, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." Let me quote here something I read recently: "It would be an exceedingly wise procedure if those who frequently quote Charles Darwin, the eminent English scientist, beyond the bounds of the theories he proposed, and do so in a dogmatic spirit, would carefully consider the following words of Darwin: 'I feel most deeply that this whole question of creation is too profound for the human intellect. A dog might as well speculate on the mind of Newton! Let each man hope and believe what he can! How different is the tenor of these words from the spirit which is so frequently manifested by many who claim discipleship with this great mind. These folks do Darwin spare honor who are given to hobbyizing on just part of the theories advanced by him. Nothing is so dangerous as just half of the truth about anybody or anything. The foregoing quotation from Darwin clearly indicates that he himself had some appreciation of those words we find in Isaiah, 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are

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WIT And HUMOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT

A GIFT WITH STRINGS

Away from home, in a far, far land the great merchant lay dangerously sick. His slave that accompanied him was the only man whom he knew.

What was he to do with rare jewels and precious ornaments he had with him, and which represented the greater part of his fortune?

To send them to his son through the slave would be unwise. For the bondman would surely take the treasure for himself and run away.

So he made a written testament, in which he bequeathed all his possessions to the slave, inserting a clause, however, that his son was to have the privilege of retaining for himself any one article he desired.

Upon the death of his master, the serf returned home and proudly exhibited the document, demanding his liberty and the mastery of the estate.

"But have I not the right to select for myself any object I prefer?" asked the disinherited youth.

"Yes, this you may do," admitted the serf.

"Then," said the youth, "I retain you to be my slave."

Now, since according to the Hebrew law, whatever a slave possesses belongs to his master, all the property and valuables naturally reverted to the heir of the deceased man.

FOUND AT LAST

The military authorities of Camp Dix, during the World War, noticed that a Jewish recruit was constantly searching for something, and whenever he found a slip of paper, he picked it up, scrutinized it, and exclaimed, "Dat ain't it!"

Seeing that he was persistent in this queer conduct, the army dignitaries decided that he was mentally unbalanced, and gave him a discharge.

"Dat's it!" jubilantly exclaimed the eccentric trooper, as he beheld the discharge papers. "Dat's it!"

How To Become A Club President

1. Don't come to meetings.
2. But if you do come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't come at all.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.

Of the many types of American citizenship at the turn of the century perhaps the most picturesque is seen in Theodore Roosevelt. He exhibits a rare combination of many elements of the national character.

Perhaps the outstanding of these are Perseverance and Clarity of Purpose. Both of these can be seen throughout his entire life. His perseverance showed early, when, as a sickly lad he determined that he would improve his health. He succeeded in building himself from a "sickly and pigeon-breasted youth into the robust and healthy individual he was in his manhood." Insisting that the country, state, and city had need of the best energies of their best men, he took both defeat and victory with the same spirit to achieve his aim—better government.

Theodore Roosevelt had the divine gift that so few men possess, that of a winning and driving personality. One of his contemporaries, when enlisting in the Rough Riders, speaks of his "piercing gaze that seemed to look right through me, searching for the minutest flaw" and the enthusiasm with which those present, even after hearing of the hardship they would have to undergo, cheered him and welcomed the chance to serve under him, wherever he might lead.

His ability to arouse other people to work, to plan in advance, and to treat all men with equality and fairness lead to his exceeding popularity. In his last public statement, he said: "There must be no sagging back in the fight for Americanism. If an immigrant comes here he shall be treated on an equal basis with everyone else regardless of his creed or birthplace or origin. This is predicated upon the man being in very fact an American and nothing but an American. There cannot be divided allegiance at all."

Throughout the entire nation the anniversary of his birth will be commemorated on October 27th. Everywhere throughout the country his memory, like an eternal light, is shining with increased vigor and daily his achievements take on added importance, and significance.



October 30th

Banking forbidden in Rome, 1682. This was a branch of economic activity which had been left unrestricted even by the oppressive legislation of the Popes at the close of the sixteenth century. The decree of Innocent XI now in question was accordingly among the harshest experienced, even in these reactionary days: so much so that its operation was twice postponed. By it the Jews of Rome became restricted in their activity to little more than dealing in old clothing. The days of the glory of the community were now over, and within a few years its health was reduced by four-fifths.

October 31st

Banishment from Portugal, 1497. The deadly decree of expulsion had been signed on December 5th, 1496. The Jews were, however, given eleven months to settle up their affairs and leave the country. As the time-limit approached, King Emmanuel became more and more unwilling to see his erstwhile subjects depart, imperilling their souls and impoverishing his realm at the same time. He determined accordingly to bring as many of them as he could over to what he considered the true faith, by fair means or by foul. The first day of Pass-over (March 19th, 1497) saw the infamous seizure of all young Jews up to the age of twenty-five and their forced baptism. The rest, to the number of some twenty thousand, were ordered to assemble in Lisbon, from which port they were to embark. Arrived here, they were herded together and kept under guard until the time designated for their departure had elapsed. They were then informed that by their insubordination they had forfeited their liberty and become the king's slaves, to be dealt with at his pleasure. There followed a strenuous attempt to make them change their religion as the price of their ransom. When all other means had failed, recourse was made to force. They were dragged to the baptismal font wholesale, or else baptised where they were with the merest travesty of a religion ceremony. Only half a dozen, headed by the Chief Rabbi, Simon Maimi, continued to maintain an open opposition. Buried up to the neck in order to induce him to set an example for his flock to follow, their leader died seven days after, still refusing to yield. His few remaining companions were then permitted to go to Africa—all that was left of the once-famous Portuguese Jewry.

There are three crowns: that of the Law, the priesthood, and royalty; but the crown of a good name is loftier than all these.



A meeting of the Athletic Council, the representative group of the gym members, will be called in the near future. The proceeds of the affairs sponsored by this group will go towards the improvement of the Department. Last year this group was active in an advisory capacity, and will again assume the same duty this year.

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Within the space of two short weeks, the Annual Basketball Tournament for clubs will again take its place among the chief activities of the members. Last year, the competition in this tournament was very keen, this season with the addition of new clubs it is expected that the same rank of good, clean sportsmanship and interesting competition will again manifest itself.

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The I. S. natators will have their first opportunity to test their skill on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, when they will meet the mermen of Schiff Centre in our pool. The events in the meet include swimming, plunging, and a relay. Practice makes perfect, boys, so let's go for a practice swim.

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December 1st will mark the beginning of Inter-Institutional Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centres. With regular practice, the I. S. Basketball Team is shaping up well, according to Hy Munitz, and will be in fine condition to participate. Lots of luck, boys!

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Sunday, October 27th, will mark the beginning of active participation by the club members in the gym and pool schedule. Arrangements have been perfected whereby each group has the use of the gym during some period either on Sunday or during the week.

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COMING EVENTS

October

Sat. 26.	8:30 P.M. C.W.A. Vaudeville Show. Health Exhibition starts.
Sun. 27	Jewish Education Association prize winners' festival.
Mon. 28	2:30 P.M. Bible Class for Women 8:30 P.M. Bible Class for Men
Tues. 29.	Leaders' Council Symposium on Subversive Activities.
Wed. 30.	Oratorical Contest for Clubs.
Thurs. 31.	Coco-Cola Affair, sponsored by Club Carlo.

BIBLE COMMENTS

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higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Darwin, this great man of science, is not alone in bowing to the great fact that—after man has exercised his God-given powers of reason to the very best of his ability in his endeavor to reason out life, and account for all that is apparently natural, all that is mysterious and supernatural—there still are great depths unfathomed, great heights unreachd, and horizons so broad that man's best mental capacities are too limited to embrace them. To scientist and all the rest of us alike there is an overwhelming sense of the fact that there is something that is greater than the measure of man's mind. That something to me is God."

Let not your heart with cares be filled,
for care has many a victim killed.

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TALMUD TORAH PUPILS HOLD SUCCAS PARTIES

Both branches of the Talmud Torah appropriately celebrated the festival of Succos last week.

The feature of each program was the puppet show, "Treasure Island," presented by the Drama Department.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein addressed the children with a most timely message. He stressed the many lessons that the Succah teaches us.

The following pupils participated in the program with recitations: Anne Halperin, Rudolph Jones, Clara Levy, Leon Leibowitz, David Goldberg, Marilyn Mirken, Annette Moskowitz, and Judith Wald.

A most impressive sight was the children's parade. Each child bore aloft a Simchas Torah flag with a lighted candle on top. The parade, in total darkness except for the candles, left a strong impression upon those who witnessed it. The serving of refreshments in the Succah climaxed the celebrations.

Rabbi Philip Goodman greeted the children and extended an invitation to the guests to become pupils of the Talmud Torah. Many responded and have already registered for classes.

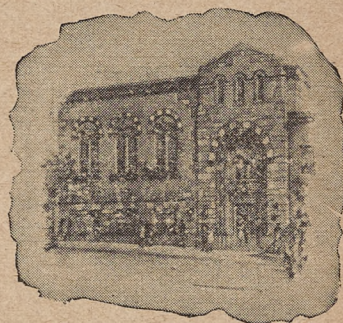
An exceptionally fine edition of the Talmud Torah newspaper was issued during the week of Succoth. Many pupils contributed articles concerning the Talmud Torah and of general interest.

The feature article was a message from Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

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