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## GALA FREE DANCE ON NOVEMBER 3rd

The newly organized Institutional Synagogue Basketball Team will exhibit their ability for the first time this year at the Basketball Game and Dance to be held this Sunday evening, November 3rd, at 8:15 P.M. in the Gymnasium at the Main Building.

Music for this affair will be supplied by the ten piece Gotham Dance Orchestra. The services of this professional band have been arranged for through the courtesy of the U. S. Works Progress Administration.

Members and friends of the I.S. are cordially invited to attend this affair, and enjoy a pleasant evening in a congenial atmosphere. There is no admission charge.

The Basketeers have been training assiduously for the forthcoming game, and we can assure all those who attend of an interesting and spirited basketball game, which will mark the opening of their season. Again, we urge you not to miss this function on Sunday night.

## VISITORS THROUGH THE I. S. ANNUAL HEALTH EXHIBIT

A constant stream of visitors are viewing the splendid health exhibition arranged at the Main Building. In addition to the members, friends, Talmud Torah pupils, the clubs of the I.S., all the students of the Cooper Junior High School visited the exhibition.

The health exhibition was acclaimed by all as most educational and interesting. The initial supply of literature was exhausted very soon and it was necessary to obtain an additional supply for this weekend.

The program during health week included the showing of moving pictures, slides, and many other interesting and educational features.

The exhibition will be open until this Sunday.

## Bible Class Convenes

A regular Bible Class and Business Meeting of the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue was held at our West Side Building last Monday.

The League reports the addition of two new members to its organization; Mrs. M. Horowitz and Mrs. R. Karp.

A very delightful social hour followed the regular meeting. Mrs. B. Spanbock acted as hostess for the afternoon.

## *Yiddish Comedy, "Uptown and Downtown"* *To be Presented This Saturday Night*

### *Popular First Vice-President*



### **MR. LESTER UDELL TO HEAD THEATRE PARTY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lester Udell, First Vice-President of the Institutional Synagogue, will again head the committee for the Nineteenth Annual Theatre Party. Mr. Udell has been outstandingly prominent in the activities of the I.S. and his name has become synonymous with success for any undertaking he heads.

The committee consists of Messrs. Max E. Sanders, Aaron Wartels, Maurice Greenstein, and Max Moskowitz.

As soon as the committee has decided upon the show and the date, it will be announced by Mr. Udell in the "Institutional."

### **PARENTS HOLD GATHERING**

On Tuesday evening, October 22nd, the Parents Association held their first meeting of the new season. Mrs. P. Vogel, President, announced a new program of activities for the forthcoming year.

The future events will include one or more luncheons, a Yiddish Theatre Party, several social and holiday meetings.

It was gratifying to note that there were many new members present at the last meeting. The Parents' Association is now open for members and all ladies interested are requested to inquire at the Main Building office for further information.

### **W. P. A. to Stage Play Written by Boris Thomashefsky**

"Uptown and Downtown," a Yiddish comedy written by Boris Thomashefsky and Kornblut, will be the second presentation of the Works Progress Administration to be presented at the I.S. to-morrow evening at 8:30 promptly.

The play has to do with an eccentric carpenter, Chaim Plotkin and his family, consisting of his wife, Bela, two daughters, Stella and Tillie, Bernard a lodger, Abe, the Peddler, Yuki, the Butler, Baron West and his son, West, Jr., a maid, factory workers, etc.

Chaim Plotkin invented a combination bed, which made him a wealthy man, enabling him to move his family to Riverside Drive. His wife, Bela, is not happy in her new environment and longs for a return to Downtown. Baron West and his father, two fake noblemen, try to get money out of Chaim Plotkin by having the young Baron propose marriage to Stella. Yuki, the butler, comes in, and in the nick of time exposes the fraud, telling every one that the Baron is a waiter. The scene ends amid turmoil.

The last act sees Chaim Plotkin a subdued person. He realizes he is out of his element, but more trouble piles upon him. His factory workers make demands on him, or else they will strike.

He averts this strike, only extracting the promise from them that they will not ostracise him, bringing the play to a happy conclusion.

This will be the second in the series of free entertainments to be shown at the I.S. Main Building Auditorium. A vaudeville show was the inaugural program presented last Saturday night, and enjoyed heartily by the large audience who witnessed it.

A musical concert by the fifteen piece Hudson Symphony Orchestra, will be heard on Saturday night, November 9th.

### **Junior Council Meets**

The first meeting of the Junior Council of the I.S. was held last Monday night under the leadership of Joshua Levine at the West Side Branch. At the next meeting, the election of officers will take place.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:37

## Turning the Pages

REBECCA GRATZ: a study in charm, by Rollin G. Osterweis. (G. P. Putnam's Sons).

The Jewess who, through her friendship with Washington Irving, became the Literary Rebecca of Scott's "Ivanhoe," was one of the most remarkable characters of a long line of extraordinary Jewish women. She added to graces of person, mind, and heart, social and philanthropic accomplishments that are unforgettable in American history. Never married because of her disinclination to violate her Judaic loyalty by wedding a non-Jew, she sublimated her affection by attracting to herself the brilliant and charitable personages of her home city, Philadelphia.

The author has placed her in her proper milieu of friends and family—the Gratzes took a large part in the country's development—and has quoted from many of the letters recently made public. In truth, his very style on occasion seems to take on the warm charm of Rebecca's letters. A Gratz biography of this kind has long been needed; it should attract many thousands of readers from among all classes of Americans.

There are 17 excellently chosen illustrations, and complete bibliography.

RABBI A. BURSTEIN



We feel flattered . . . to have discovered that our publication has at least ONE reader . . . our worthy Director . . . Morris Jablow . . . to verify this fact . . . he regularly calls attention to printers (?) errors . . . as a token of our appreciation . . . we here and now . . . offer him the position of proof-reader at the handsome salary of . . . one dollar a year. . . . We appreciate your interest. . . .

We've finally discovered the Celtic's motto . . . let slip at the Succos Social the other night. . . . "That's not business . . . let's eat" . . . and it seems that's all they live for!

*The I. S. Maestrogue (with apologies to W. W.) . . . is at it again. . . . Dick Einhorn's fiddle and Dick Einhorn make a combination that's hard to separate . . . even when we want to! . . .*

Congrats to the Leaders' Council . . . for successfully casting the four actor "The Enemy" . . . a good play . . . and timely . . . it's set for December production with an all star cast. . . .

We note that the "Sixth Avenue Stepper" is with us again . . . Shirley Maer is back . . . welcome and . . . how's the boy friend? . . .

*We've just received an invitation . . . from Abe Rhine . . . who is moving to the seaside soon . . . to "drop in, often" . . . and we're passing it on to you. . . .*

Some thumbnail descriptions of people we know and like:

George Karp . . . actor, student, and basketeer . . . likes the lead in every play . . . or the villain . . . at least a part!

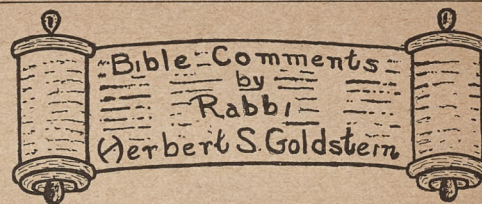
Hy Munitz . . . refutes the rule that "those that can do . . . those that can't teach" . . . Brooklyn's pride and joy, but still likes to swim . . .

Cantor Yavneh . . . favorite drink these days is Egg-Nogg . . . not very necessary for his voice . . .

*Oh, cruel, horrible world . . . a columnist's life is not a healthy one . . . so for our own sake . . . we'll hang our pen to dry . . . thank G-d we did finish this column . . .*

## LEAGUE INVITES MEMBERS

The Institutional Synagogue League held its first meeting last Sunday night at the West Side Branch. The League is composed of the younger element of the I.S. and conducts meetings regularly on Sunday evenings. With the advent of the new season, an invitation has been extended to all interested to join the organization. The officers of the League are: President, Noel Siegel; Vice-President, Ben Rosenfeld; Second Vice-President, Rita Nash; Secretary, Ada Bernstein and Sergeant-at-Arms, Jules Cohen.



## SEDRAH FOR WEEK: "NOAH"

Genesis, Chapter VI, Verse 9. "Noah so called because of his geniality, which was a good and a bad trait. Bad, in so far that he tolerated his contemporaries, and did not try to improve them, and good, because he was personally an upright man. The names of Noah's children ought to follow immediately, after the words, "These are the generations of Noah." From this we have, as Rashi says, our doctrine of "Zecher Zaddik Lebrachoh, the mentioning of the righteous shall be for a blessing." Therefore immediately after Noah's name his virtues are recorded, so that he may serve and be remembered as a blessing.

The Rabbis in the Talmud give two explanations of this verse. One explains it as derogatory and the other as laudatory. Rabbi Judah says that Noah was righteous only in comparison with those of his own generation. Rabbi Nehemiah says that if he was righteous amid the environment of the generation of the flood, how much more righteous would he have been, had he lived together with Moses and Samuel.

"NOAH WALKED WITH GOD." He went where God was already known but did not make an effort to illuminate the dark places with the idea of God, whilst as we read in Genesis, Chapter 17, verse 1, "Abraham went before God," illuminating the dark places by introducing the belief in one God.

## CHAPTER IX

19. "AND OF THEM WAS HE THE WHOLE EARTH OVERSPREAD." The world was then divided into Asia, Africa, and Europe. Shem was the progenitor of the Shemitic, or Semitic races, inhabiting Asia. Shem, in Hebrew, means "name," for he and his descendants were the promoters and disseminators of the knowledge of the divine name. In brief, everything that is understood by the term religion is, and has always been in the custody of that branch of the human family which is called "Shem" or Semites. Ham in Hebrew means "hot" and is the name of the progenitor of those living in the tropics of Africa. These people not being braced by the cold air of the north, are on the whole, lazy, inactive and unintelligent. They are also dark in color owing to the influence of the tropical climate. "Japheth" in Hebrew means "Beautiful." His descendants are the dwellers of Europe, of the temperate climate, and are therefore of lighter color. Owing to this climatic influence, they are generally active, diligent, and intelligent.

## WIT And HUMOR

### "IT IS A WONDERFUL CITY NOW"

When the famous Gaon, Rabbi David Solomon Eibshutz, of Saroki, left his town for Safed, Palestine, great honor was bestowed upon him by all the people of Saroki; the inhabitants of the town accompanied him a considerable distance out to bid him farewell. As the Rabbi turned and gave a last look at Saroki, he remarked to the dignitaries standing around him: "What a wonderful town Saroki is!"

"But, Rabbi," said they, "you used to complain that our city was deficient, full of evil, etc., etc." "Yes," answered the Rabbi, "but understand me, folks, as long as you were all there it was so; but now that you are all out here, Saroki is certainly a wonderful place!"

### "WHEN JEWS ARE FOND OF DANCING"

In the city of Prague, a new city mayor was elected mainly through Jewish votes, as they did not know that he was secretly an Anti-Semite. The Jewish community of Prague tendered a dance and banquet to the newly-elected official, one of the guests being the celebrated Rabbi, Ezekiel Landau.

The new mayor thought he saw an opportunity to give Rabbi Landau a dig, and remarked to him: "How fond you Jews are of dancing! It seems to be hereditary, for when their ancestors made the golden calf in the wilderness, they not only worshipped it, but danced before it."

The Rabbi was not very pleased at the mayor's recalled infelicitous Biblical incident, and answered dryly: "Yes, your honor; whenever the Jews elect an ox or a calf for a leader, they are fond of dancing."

### EARTHLY TREASURES

Alexander, the world conqueror, came across a simple people in Africa, who knew not war. He lingered to learn their ways.

Two citizens appeared before their chief with this point of dispute: One had bought a piece of land and discovered a treasure in it; he claimed that this belonged to the seller, and wished to return it. The seller, on the other hand, declared that he sold the land with all it might contain. So he refused to accept the treasure. The chief, turning to the buyer, said: "Thou hast a son?" "Yes!" And addressing the seller: "Thou hast a daughter?" "Yes." "Marry one to the other and make the treasure their marriage portion." They left content. "In my country," said the surprised Alexander, "The disputants would have been imprisoned, and the treasure confiscated for the king." "Is your country blessed by sun and rain?" asked the chief. "Yes" replied Alexander. "Does it contain cattle?" "Yes." "Then it must be for the sake of these innocent animals that the sun shines upon it; surely its people are unworthy of such blessing."

## Paths of Life

My son, give God all honor and the gratitude which is His due. Thou hast need of Him, but He needs thee not. Put no trust in thy mere corporeal well-being here below. Many a one has lain down to sleep at night-fall, but at morn has not risen again. Fear the Lord, the God of thy fathers; fail never at eventide to pronounce the great word wherein Israel is wont to proclaim that He is, and that He is One, and One only; at dawn fail never to read the appointed prayer. See that thou guard well thy soul's holiness; let the thought of thy heart be saintly, and profane not thy soul with words of impurity.

Visit the sick and suffering man, and let thy countenance be cheerful when he sees it, but not so that thou oppress the helpless one with gayety. Comfort those that are in grief; let piety where thou seest it affect thee even to tears; and then it may be that thou wilt be spared the grief of weeping over the death of thy children.

Respect the poor man by gifts whose hand he knows not of; be not deaf to his beseechings, deal not hard words out of him, and give him of thy richest food when he sits at meat with thee.

From a wicked neighbor, see that thou keep aloof and spend not much of thy time among the people who speak ill of their brother-man; be not as the fly that is always seeking sick and wounded places; and tell not of the faults and failings of those about thee.

Take no one to wife unworthy to be thy life's partner, and keep thy sons close to the study of Divine things. Dare not to rejoice when thine enemy comes to the ground; but give him food when he hungers. Be on thy guard lest thou give pain ever to the widow and the orphan; and beware lest thou ever set thyself up to be both witness and judge against another.

Never enter thy house with abrupt and startling step, and bear not thyself so that those who dwell under thy roof shall dread when in thy presence. Purge thy soul of angry passion, that inheritance of fools; love wise men, and strive to know more and more of the works and the ways of the Creator.

ELIEZER BEN ISAAC, 1050.

### THE ACORN

A Rabbi was once passing through a field where he saw a very old man planting an oak tree. "Why are you planting that tree?" said he. "You surely do not expect to live long enough to see the acorn growing up into an oak tree?"

"Ah," replied the old man, "My ancestors planted trees not for themselves, but for us, in order that we might enjoy their shade or their fruit. I am doing likewise for those who will come after me."



### NOVEMBER 1st

**Jews leave England, 1290.** After an unsuccessful attempt to regulate Jewish life immediately in precisely the direction which he desired, Edward I had issued, on July 18th, 1290 a decree of expulsion. All Jews were to leave the country by the Feast of All Souls (November 1st) the anniversary, as it happens, of the date when they had all been thrown into prison for the purpose of spoliation exactly seventy years previous by John. True to his upright, though narrow spirit, Edward extended to the Jews in the meantime, a certain degree of protection and security which was rare in such cases. His subjects, however, were not always so compassionate. One master-mariner, who had been hired to convey a large party overseas from London, invited them to disembark upon a sandbank at the mouth of the Thames at low water, and left them to their fate, recommending them to apply for succor to their teacher, Moses, who had proved himself equal to a similar emergency at the Red Sea. He, as well as others who had despoiled their charges, was hanged. Altogether, about 16,000 Jews are said to have left the country—the vast majority going to France. From this date to the middle of the seventeenth century, no authorized settlement was to be found in England. This was the first of the great general expulsions of the Middle Ages, setting the example for the banishment from France a few years later and for the crowning disaster of the exile from Spain in 1492.

### NOVEMBER 2nd

**Balfour Declaration, 1917.** 'His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by the Jews in any other country.'

### THE JEW AS A PATRIOT

Every student of the Hebrew language is aware that we have in the conjugation of its verbs, a mood known as the Intensive (Piel) Voice, which by means of an almost imperceptible modification of vowel points, intensifies the meaning of the primitive root. A similar significance seems to attach to the Jews themselves in connection with the people among whom they dwell. They are the intensive form of any nationality whose language and customs they adopt.

## I. S. Youth Participate in Saturday Afternoon Services

Many of the boys of the West Side will actively participate in the Saturday afternoon services. Rabbi Goldstein has already made arrangements with the boys to assume definite assignments. Every participant has been given a topic on which to speak as well as a list of references. In addition to the talks, the boys will act as Cantors and Readers of the Torah.

Last Saturday afternoon, Buddy Friedman spoke on "The Lesson of Jewish History"; Bernard Stein read the Torah and Charles Bendheim conducted the service. Next week Gabriel F. Goldstein will speak on "Science and Religion"; Harold Pearlman will read the Torah and Isadore Karpf will act as Cantor.

An added feature of the Saturday afternoon services will be a Seuda Shilishis to be given by the recently organized "Sabbath Afternoon Circle." This week Sylvia Weissman and Shirley Steinberg will be the hostesses.

Preceding the Mincha Services, Simeon H. F. Goldstein will present a series of talks on "Outstanding Events of Jewish History."

## REVISED GYM SCHEDULE

<b>Monday:</b>	Intermediates	6:45 to 8:00 P.M.
	Seniors	8:00 to 9:30 P.M.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Spartans	7:00 to 7:45 P.M.
	Celtics	8:30 to 9:15 P.M.
	Basketball	
	Team Practice	9:15 to 10:00 P.M.
<b>Wednesday and Thursday:</b>		
	Intermediates	6:45 to 8:00 P.M.
	Seniors	8:00 to 9:30 P.M.
<b>Sunday:</b>	Spades	10:15 to 11:00 A.M.
	Tephra Phi	11:00 to 11:30 A.M.
	Gym Members	11:30 to 12:30 A.M.
	Valspars	12:30 to 1:00 P.M.
	Pawnee	1:00 to 1:30 P.M.
	Morton	1:30 to 2:00 P.M.
	Rayo	2:00 to 2:30 P.M.

## I.S. GAMEROOM PROVES POPULAR MEETING PLACE

One of the most popular activities among all classes of membership, is the Game-room. Every afternoon and evening the sound of the ping-pong ball bouncing on the table, resounds through the lobby, and the cheers or groans of a well placed ball can be heard from a distance. Quite a number of private feuds have developed lately, as to who is supreme with the ping-pong racquet. Checkers and chess find their adherents, while a new game of miniature bowling threatens to eclipse all others, especially among the Talmud Torah students.

## COMING EVENTS

### November

Sat. 2	"Uptown and Downtown" by Boris Thomashefsky, Yiddish Show by P.W.A. at 8:30 P.M. promptly. Admission Free.
Sun. 3	Basketball Game and Dance, Music by Gotham Orchestra. Admission Free. 8:30 P.M.
Mon. 4	2:30 P.M. Bible Class for Women. 8:30 Bible Class for Men.
Tues. 4	Election returns by radio in Social Room.
Sat. 9	Hudson Symphony Orchestra Concert 8:30 P.M. Adm. Free.
Tues. 12	Leaders' Council Meeting.
Sat. 16	"Skinners' Dress Suit" by Drama Dep't. P.W.A. 8:30 P.M.

## Arts and Crafts Program Provides Diversified Activities

According to Dave Martin, in charge of Arts and Crafts work, a diversified program of arts and crafts including clay modeling, chip carving, tin stippling, block printing, leather work, show card and poster work, lettering, cartooning and various other crafts too numerable to mention has been arranged for the coming season.

Should these crafts appeal to you, it is suggested that you enroll for the classes. Enrollment in these classes will be limited, on account of the nature of the work and the individual attention it necessitates.

Clubs can make arrangements with Mr. Martin so that their entire club will have the use of the facilities one or more nights a week.

The only expense will be the cost of materials, which is very reasonable. Further information can be secured directly from Mr. Martin at the Main Building.

Do not worry thyself with the trouble of to-morrow; perhaps thou wilt have no to-morrow, and why shouldst thou trouble thyself about a world that is not thine?

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## Boy Scout Troop 699 Begins New Ambitious Program

After a summer replete with activities, the members of Boy Scout Troop 699, are in full swing, with an earnest endeavor to better the fine record they have established during the past two years.

During the summer, they participated in a number of outings including a three day over-night hike to Kane's Open. Special commendation, according to Scoutmaster Jack Greenfest, is due to Assistant Scoutmaster Edwin Hirschberg and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Ralph Cohen for the excellent work they have done. Both boys are now preparing for their Eagle Scout examinations, the highest rank in Scouting.

An active season, which includes several rallies, is before this active group. It is interesting to note that this will be the seventh year in scouting for one of its members, Jack Fessler.

## T. T. PLAN ASSEMBLIES

The Talmud Torah has instituted a new feature among its extra-curricular activities for the new year. This new activity will be in the form of monthly assemblies. This Sunday morning an assembly will be conducted at the West Side Branch and on Tuesday morning at the Main Building.

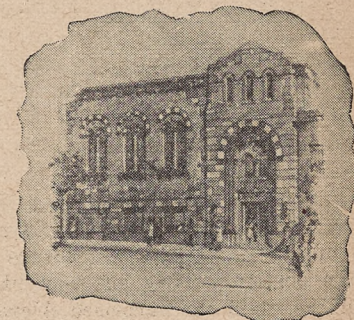
At the assemblies, election of officers for the newly re-organized Junior Congregations will take place.

Beautiful are the admonitions of those whose lives accord with their teachings.

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