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ARTICLES WANTED For RUMMAGE SALE

Mrs. A. R. Morris, Mrs. J. Levine
Head Bazaar Committee

At the meeting of the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue, held last Monday, Mrs. Joseph Anderson presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. David H. Ullman. Mrs. Jack Levine, Chairman of the Rummage Sale, made an ardent plea for workers and cars. Mrs. Kahane, whom we were happy to welcome into our midst, very graciously pledged her co-operation.

Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Honorary Chairman of the Rummage Sale, reminded the ladies to communicate with her at 203 West 81st Street (TRafalgar 7-7328) if they had rummage to be called for. The day for neighborhood pickups is Wednesday.

A special greeting was extended to Mrs. Harry Eisenberg and Mrs. Sigfried Bendheim.

Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Chairman of the Dutch Supper, who was unable to be present

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CELTIC CLUB DANCE & GAME FOLLOWS W. P. A. VAUDEVILLE SHOW SAT. NIGHT

A program of variety entertainment will be presented by the W.P.A. Vaudeville unit this Saturday evening, November 23rd, at the Main Building Auditorium. There is no admission charge.

This unit includes professional magicians, acrobats, song and dance teams, clown skits, and many other numbers.

Following the presentation of the show, the Celtic Club will inaugurate the opening of their social season by a basketball game and dance in the gymnasium. Arrangements have been made for a competent out-of-town team to provide the necessary competition; music will be supplied by a well known orchestra.

Last Saturday evening, a capacity audience attended the presentation of "Skinner's Dress Suit" by the drama department of the W.P.A. The swift succession of comical situations kept the audience amused until the final curtain dropped at the conclusion of this comedy of American business methods.

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PARENTS HOLD MEETING

At a meeting of the Parents' Association held last Tuesday evening, November 19th, Mrs. P. Vogel, president, outlined a program of activities for the season.

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.

MANY CLUBS TO PARTAKE IN DEBATING TOURNAMENT

Thirteen clubs have signified their intentions of entering the annual debating tournament, which will start in December.

On account of the number of clubs that have entered, the tournament will be an elimination one. Each team will consist of two speakers, with one or more alternates. The winner of the tournament will be awarded the Debating Plaque.

The tentative schedule of debates is as follows:

Carlo vs. Pawnee on December 1st.
Mortons vs. Spades on December 8th.
Celtics vs. Rayo on December 15th.
Tephra Phi vs. Elons on December 29th.
Spartans vs. Valspars on December 22nd.
Barbors vs. Rialto on December 29th.

The topics for the various debates and any further information concerning them may be secured in the office.

SAT. AFTERNOON SERVICES

Tomorrow, at the Saturday afternoon Services at the West Side Branch, Harold Wohl will be the speaker. Gabriel F. Goldstein will act as Cantor. The Reader will be Benjamin Newhouse.

Last week, Mr. Katz read the Torah. The host and hostess for the Seudah Shilishis will be Sylvan Markowitz and Dorothy Hardy. Preceding the Mincha Services, Simeon H. F. Goldstein will deliver the fourth in a series of lectures on Outstanding Events in Jewish History.

The services for the young folks are conducted every Saturday afternoon at the West Side Branch. Those officiating at the services are chosen each week from the boys and girls who attend regularly.

LEADERS' COUNCIL TO PRESENT 'THE ENEMY'

"The Enemy," the well known play by Channing Pollock, which will be produced by the Leaders' Council, and presented on December 14th, is now rapidly assuming its final rehearsal stage.

Under the capable direction of Mr. Judson Langill, a thespian for many years, this famous drama promises to surpass all past performances. Mr. Langill is of the opinion that with the capable cast at his command, a successful showing will be assured.

The play concerns itself with the life of a pacifist, a resident of Austria, during the World War. It portrays the various types of peoples affected by the horrors of war. It describes with candid thoroughness, the emotional factors, with which a war torn country is faced.

Tickets are now on sale in the office. Prices are thirty-five cents for reserved seats, and twenty-five cents for the unreserved section.

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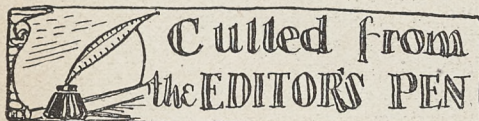
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Blessing of the New Month This Saturday.

Friday Evening, Light Candles, 4:18



GIVE THANKS

This Thursday the Jews of America together with their fellow-citizens will observe Thanksgiving Day. This holiday, inaugurated by the early puritans, grateful to God for having allowed them to survive the crucial period of colonization, bears a remarkable resemblance to Succoth.

We, too, just past through a critical period of economic stress. The wheel of destiny has played havoc with countless people. Looking backward we must realize that the situation could possibly have been worse.

Let us give thanks for what we now possess and, in the spirit of the Puritans, let us also give thanks to God for having aided us in our time of need. The Jew must thank God alike for evil and for good. Such should be the unwavering spirit of our people. As Disraeli said, "The vineyards of Israel have ceased to exist, but the eternal Law enjoins the Children of Israel still to celebrate their vintage, although they have no fruits to gather, will regain their vineyards."

Among The Clubs

The EAGLE CLUB recently held elections and Max Fried, Moses Finfang, and Ernest Ruhn were the successful candidates. These youngsters have undertaken a varied and ambitious program of activities. Some of their projects include model stage designing and building, stamp collecting, and an inter-member declamation contest. Athletics is not neglected; they are now interested in football. Mr. Abraham R. Rhines, their leader, will have his hands full keeping up with this active group.

The SPARTAN CLUB boasts an undefeated football team, and is looking for more competition. Their membership has recently increased, making them more formidable. Their interest now is turning toward basketball, and their practice sessions are steadily becoming more interesting. A social affair of some magnitude is also on their schedule for the very near future.

The HAWKS CLUB began its second season at the I.S. with an outdoor session of football practice. Their leader, Mr. Milton Rosenberg, had all he could do to satisfy the members and to convince them that they had enough.

We would like to welcome the following new clubs who have joined the I.S. within the past few weeks:

The ELONS CLUB, who formerly were members under the name of the Remlics Club. The officers of this group are Norman Winarsky, President; Mac Levine, Sec'y-Treasurer; and Kaplan and Alperin, Athletic Managers.

The NOHTARAM GIRLS have just been organized under the leadership of Bertha Greenstein, and will undertake an active program of athletics as their first project.

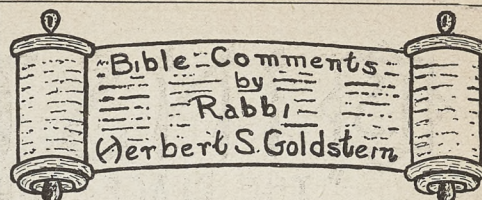
The BARBORS CLUB, who threaten to become "the dark horse" in the coming basketball tournament. They are officered by Sidney Markowitz and Jack Devorkin.

The ADELPHI CLUB, who were with us last season, are back again with even a more ambitious list of activities they plan to take part in.

We hope that they join in with our activities immediately and become better acquainted with the other members of the I.S.

With the spirit of gratitude and homage, let us thank the Almighty for His bounty and grace toward us. Let us realize that we are at times unworthy of the many good things which He in His Mercy grants unto us.

Let us celebrate Thanksgiving by devoting some time during the day for deep meditation and prayer in accordance with the Jewish tradition of celebrating a holiday.



Sedrah for Week "Chaye Sara"

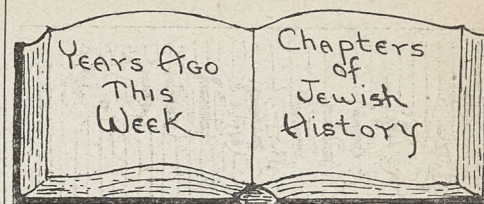
Genesis, Chapter XXIV, Verse 2. Here we have an example of how Abraham placed religious considerations above the mundane ones. Though he trusted his "Eldest servant with all things," yet when it came to Isaac's marriage, to the perpetuation of the religious traditions of the family, he took no chances. He made him swear by God so as to be doubly sure that this wishes would be carried out in this matter. This may serve as a rebuke to those who act in just the reverse manner. When approached by one for a loan they will exact all the assurances possible, such as endorsements, certification of character, etc., to make sure that their money will be safe. But when facing the question of Kashruth, or of ethical permissibility of things, then their analytical mind quickly deserts them. Their critical powers are gone and they become credulous to the extreme. Such an attitude betrays their underestimation of spiritual matters which they are willing to entrust to every pretender.

Verses 3, 4, 5, and 6. Why did Abraham oppose Isaac's marrying a daughter of Canaan? Because he wanted a woman who would cooperate and not oppose him in the training of their children and in the transmission of the divine truths. He also insisted that the married couple live near him so that his presence might be a guiding influence. What a marvelous lesson this is for us today, in regard to marriage. Would that the young and their parents recognize in this story the real safeguard of religion. Abraham and his seed were promised the land of Canaan. There are two ways of conquering a country, either by word or by matrimony. The state of Austria acquired its pre-war dimensions solely by matrimony. King Solomon likewise, wishing to strengthen his political status among the surrounding nations, resorted to political marriages. The end, however, was grievously disappointing. The house of Pharaoh supplied the chief queen to Solomon, and it was this queen who was the first to harbor the conspirators against the house of Solomon.

Abraham was apprehensive lest his trusty servant might attempt a matrimonial union between Isaac and a princess of Canaan in order to facilitate the acquisition of the land. Such a method of assisting providence was not to the liking of Abraham and he set his face against it.

As a garment is made up of single threads, so every single gift aids in building the great work of charity.

∴ Thanksgiving - Then and Now ∴



Three hundred and fourteen years ago, a rugged, God-fearing group of Puritans, after much suffering and privation, celebrated their first Thanksgiving Day. Those early colonists were grateful to God for His great bounty, and Governor Bradford, acting in accordance with the wishes of the people, set aside a day for feasting and giving thanks.

Then, in 1621, they rejoiced over a little corn and a few turkeys. Today, in 1935, we live in the midst of an abundance never dreamed of by the early Puritans.

Thanksgiving is a holiday modeled after our own Jewish festival of Succoth. The Succoth festival is celebrated as a mark of Thanksgiving for the great bounties of the soil. In Palestine, Succoth is the feast of Ingathering, for at that time of the year, the crops are taken in. In New England, the harvest season comes about two months after Succoth. Hence Thanksgiving in this country comes so much later than Succoth.

Thanksgiving Day is not the only illustration of the Jewish influence on the founders of this Republic. Many of the early customs and even laws were based on the Bible. It is interesting to note that the Plymouth colony code of laws of 1636, the New Haven code of 1639, were based directly, not on the English constitution of those days, but on the ancient biblical laws. The government offices were designed after the system

described in the Bible. Like the ancient government of Israel, elders and a council of citizens constituted the law making body of the Puritan settlements. Hebrew was studied by the educated men of the time, particularly by the ministers. At Harvard University, Hebrew occupied an important place in the course of study. Many of the Puritans bore biblical names such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the like. The Jewish ideas and ideals, taught in the Bible, found their way into the lives of the Pilgrims and through them were absorbed into the life of the country.

Take for example the idea of religious liberty. Many of the early American settlers knew what it meant to suffer for their religious beliefs. They came to this country because they sought a place where they might worship God in accordance with their own beliefs and ideas. The result was that when the American Republic was founded the Liberty Bell, symbol of America's freedom, bore a verse from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." To this day, this is one of the most cherished possession of the American people.

Thanksgiving Day affords us a splendid opportunity to think of all these things and to express our gratitude—even as the early Puritans did three hundred and fourteen years ago.

BODY AND SOUL

The Roman Emperor Antonius once said to Rabbi Judah the Prince, "On the great Day of Judgment, soul and body will each plead excuse for sin committed. The body will say to the Heavenly Judge, "It is the soul, and not I, that has sinned. Without it I am as lifeless as a stone." On the other hand, the soul will say, "How canst Thou impute sin to me? It is the body that has dragged me down."

"Let me tell you a parable," answered Rabbi Judah the Prince. "A king once had a beautiful garden stocked with the choicest fruits. He set two men to keep guard over it—a blind man and a lame man. "I see some fine fruit yonder," said the lame man one day. "Come up on my shoulder," said the blind man, "I will carry you to the spot, and we shall both enjoy the fruit." The owner, missing the fruit, haled both men before him for punishment. "How could I have been the thief?" queried the lame man, "seeing that I cannot walk?" "Could I have stolen the fruit?" retorted the blind man, "I am unable to see anything." What did the king? He placed the lame man on the shoulders of the blind man and sentenced them both as one."

HUMAN PLEASURE

A fox was eyeing longingly some luscious fruit in a very fine garden. But there was no way for him to enter. At last he espied an opening through which, he thought, he might possibly get in, but soon found the hole too small to admit his body. "True," he said, "the hole is small, but if I fast three days my body will become sufficiently reduced to admit me." He did so, and to his joy he now feasted to his hearts content upon the grapes and all the other good things in the orchard. But lo! when he desired to escape before the master of the garden came upon him he saw, to his great consternation, that the opening had again become too small for him. Poor animal! he had a second time to fast three days; and having made good his escape, he cast a farewell glance upon the scene of his late revels, saying: "O garden, charming art thou and exquisite are thy fruits! But of what avail has thou been unto me? What have I now for all my labor and cunning?"

It is even so with man. Naked he comes into the world, naked he must leave it. Of all his toil therein, he carries nothing away with him save the fruits of his good deeds.

NOVEMBER 23rd

Expulsion from Naples, 1510. The Jews had been settled in Southern Italy ever since the Roman times, and, despite a persecution under the Angevin sovereigns at the close of the thirteenth century, they enjoyed on the whole, peace and tranquility. As was the case in many other quarters of the globe, in the Old World and the New, this condition of affairs was ended by the Spanish conquest. A few Marranos from Peninsula had settled in the kingdom since the intensification of the persecution at home, and this afforded ample pretext for Naples to be rendered as clear from every taint of disbelief as the neighbouring island of Sicily and the rest of the Spanish dominions. On November 23rd, 1510, in spite of the opposition of the general population, edict was issued for the expulsion of the Jews from the kingdom, and it was immediately carried into effect. Only two hundred families were allowed to remain, these being chased out in their turn thirty years later. It was not until recent times that the Jews began to settle again in this regain in small numbers.

NOVEMBER 26th

Death of Hardenberg, 1842. It was to this statesman that Prussia largely owed that moral reiteration which raised the country from the ruin into which it had been thrown by Napoleon's overwhelming victories and paved the way for the War of Liberation of 1812. For this, he considered the co-operation of all classes essential, and it accordingly became part of his policy to secure the emancipation of the Jews. He was thus largely responsible for the edict of Frederick William III of March 11th, 1812, which granted them civil equality, within certain limits. After the completion of the task of liberating his own country, he endeavored to extend the same privileges to the other States, and at the Congress of Vienna, in framing the constitution of the Germanic Federation, he worked to obtain the inclusion of a clause which would put the Jews of all the German States on the same footing as those of Prussia. He met with a certain measure of success, but in the reaction which followed, the greater part of his work was nullified.

Congratulations

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Leah Perlstein upon the engagement of her daughter Dorothy, to Mr. Harold Zuckerman.

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Basketball

The second definite out-of-town game has been arranged for the coming season. On January 5th, the I.S. Quintette will travel to Schenectady, New York, to meet the "Y" of that city. On February 2, they will travel to Baltimore for their next game outside the confines of this city.

The opening of the Metropolitan League tournament is set for the early part of December. First string men on the team are: Abe Silverberg, Al Schuman, Hy Jacobs, Phil Donchik, Larry Schneider, Pete Smolian, Leo Finkelstein, Fred Krash, Teddy Sottosant, Manny Cohen, and Isadore Lebowitz.

Handball

There is still time to enter the new "ladder" handball tournament to be conducted within a week. This contest will prove a novel elimination method. An entry fee of ten cents is required for all contestants. Full information is available in the Gymnasium Office.

Swimming

Monday evening, November 25th, the I.S. Mermen will meet the Yonkers Jewish Center in a special aquatic contest at Yonkers.

The I.S. team will be composed of the following men: Art Trow, Bernard Miller, Sam Samuels, Siggy Meyers, Archie Robinson, and Jack Harris.

Events scheduled for the evening include, 40, 100, and 220 yard free style, 40 yard back stroke, 60 yard back stroke, and a special 160 yard relay race.

Boxing and Wrestling

Individual instruction is given to members of the gym who request tutoring in the art of self defense. The new equipment for the students of fisticuffs is now available for practice.

A gym club is contemplated for those interested in furthering their physical endeavors. Information is available in the Physical Training Office.

Basketball Tournament

An inter-club basketball tournament will be held within the next few weeks. Information will be published in the Institutional.

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sent in a report, which was presented by Mrs. David Weissberg. The date of the Dutch Supper has been set for January 26th.

Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and Mrs. Samuel Diamond, hostesses of the afternoon, provided a very delightful social hour.

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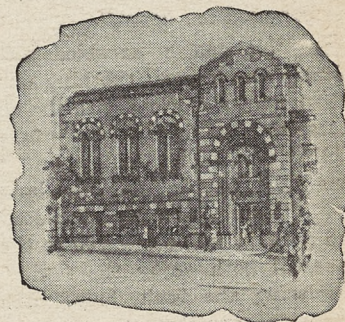
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