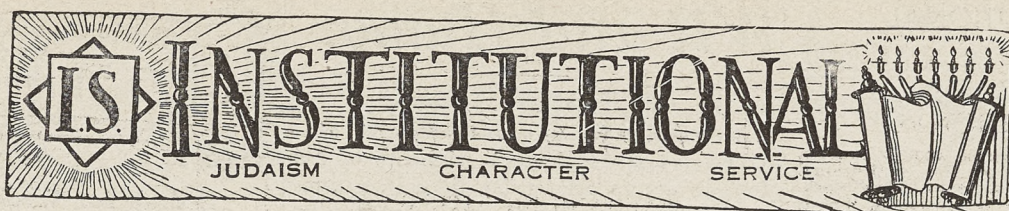


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## RABBI GOLDSTEIN ADDRESSES PARENTS

### Association Plans Luncheon at Trotzky's on Jan. 7

Many new members were welcomed to the Parents' Association at their last meeting by Mrs. P. Vogel, President. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein delivered an address in which he encouraged the Association to continue the fine work it was doing.

The Parents' Association is preparing for the forthcoming luncheon at Trotzky's on Tuesday, January 7th. Tickets will soon be available, and will be priced at the nominal sum of one dollar and ten cents. An elaborate program of entertainment is being arranged for this affair. We urge all members not to miss being present.

The next meeting of the Parents' Association will be held this Tuesday evening. At that time they will welcome back Mrs. Elgart, who has been ill for several months. Mrs. Elgart will resume her duties as secretary. The Parents' Association is glad to have her with them again.

Mrs. Levitt and Mrs. Perman, of the Association, are in charge of arranging the weekly Seuda Sh'lishis at the Main Building.

## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATED

Both branches of the Talmud Torah celebrated Thanksgiving last week by appropriate assemblies. A play called "The Magic Circle," presented by the children, depicting the Jewish background of Thanksgiving was received with wholehearted applause by the audience.

This marked the first occasion for the use of the new Talmud Torah Songster.

The entire program, planned by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal, gave the children an insight into the meaning of Thanksgiving.

## Ping Pong Team To Meet H. H. I.

The opening contest of the newly formed Intermediate Ping Pong Team will be held within two weeks, when they meet the Harlem Hebrew Institute.

Members of the team include, Henry Perman, Bernard Feinberg, Bernard Forman, and Ernie Koolkin.

Further information concerning the details of this meet will be announced in the next issue of the Institutional.

## Yiddish Comedy, Uptown and Downtown In Return Show This Saturday Night

### Gala Free Dance On December 1st

The newly organized Institutional Synagogue Basketball Team will exhibit their ability for the second time this year at the Basketball Game and Dance to be held this Sunday evening, December 1, at 8:15 P.M. in the Gymnasium at the Main Building.

Music for this affair will be supplied by the ten piece Fulton 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.

## DEBATING CONTEST BEGINS THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Annual Inter-Club Debating Tournament will begin this Sunday afternoon, December 1st, at 3:30 P.M., when the Pawnee and Carlo Clubs will discuss the various angles of the topics, "Resolved that the United States Should Enter the 1936 Olympics to be Held in Berlin." The Pawnee Club will uphold the affirmative, while the members of Club Carlo will defend the negative side of the question.

This will be the first of a series of debates in the tournament. Thirteen clubs have signified their intentions of entering the

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### Unveiling

The unveiling of the monument in memory of our loyal member and co-worker, Mrs. Harry Fischel, mother of our beloved Rebetzin, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 8th at 2:30, at Union Field Cemetery. Members and friends are urged to attend.

### 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 next 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.

### TO SHOW PALESTINE FILM

Once again, an all talking Hebrew-English motion picture will be shown at the Institutional Synagogue Auditorium. The presentation, entitled, "The Lost Boy," will take place on Saturday and Sunday evenings, December 7th and 8th.

The picture features the well known Habima Players in an interesting story of Palestinian life. Throughout the showing there will be heard well known popular Hebrew songs.

The story concerns a group of children from one of the colonies, who undertake a hiking trip to Tel Aviv in order to celebrate the Succoth (Thanksgiving) Festival.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:14

## Turning the Pages

AN ANTHOLOGY OF MEDIEVAL HEBREW LITERATURE, edited by Abraham E. Millgram. (The Associated Talmud Torahs of Philadelphia.)

There exists a grand ignorance, both among Jews and non-Jews, of the middle period in Jewish history and literature. Educated men know the Bible and something about the Talmud; then their interest in matters Judaic skips to contemporary literature. Hence the great value, in conception and execution, of Rabbi Milligram's compilation. It covers the secular and liturgical poetry, philosophical, ethical, and mystical works, codes, chronicles, travelers' stories, and folktales of a period ranging from the eighth to the eighteenth centuries. There are short introductions, biographies, bibliographies, notes, and suggestions to aid the student and chance reader; and even the physical form of the volume is enticing. Maimonides, Hallevi, ibn Gabirol, Joseph Caro, and the other great names in post-Talmudic Judaism here become living teachers of a deathless and exalted faith. Such a work has always been needed; it is already become indispensable.

Rabbi Abraham Burstein

## Wit and Humor

## EXCHANGING TITLES

A certain rabbi, who was stuttering badly, was requested by two members of his flock to act as arbiter for them in a commercial dispute. The loser, a butcher by trade, was a man of violent temper, who respected neither scholarship nor piety, and as soon as the rabbi-Magistrate pronounced his verdict, he opened fire on him.

"You are a thief and a robber," thundered the disgruntled litigant.

The venerable man listened calmly to the flattering epithets, scrutinizing his fuming adversary and stroking his long patriarchal beard. When the torrent of invectives subsided, the ecclesiastic Magistrate thought that it was time to make reply.

"And you are a s-s-t-tut-er-er," the saintly personage finally managed to declare.

"What, I a stuterer!" exclaimed the furious man. "The idea of such a good-for-nothing!"

"W-well," explained the divine, "s-since you c-called m-me b-b-by your names, it is not m-more t-than right t-that I c-call you b-by m-my name."

## SUICIDE WOULD MAKE HIM PERFECT

An atheist came to a rabbi with an urgent request. "Rabbi," he said, "I have made up my mind to violate every precept of the Torah. I have already broken every precept I can think of. But I'm afraid I missed some. So I'm going to enumerate all the commandments I have transgressed, and if you find that I left some out, please tell them to me, and I shall proceed to transgress them immediately." Whereupon the libertine recited a long list of the most shocking misdeeds he had perpetrated.

"There is just one more sin you will have to commit to make your record complete," said the minister.

"Fine!" ejaculated the profligate. "I shall be glad to commit it. Tell me what it is."

"It is suicide," responded the divine. "Go and hang yourself."

## Debating Contest

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tournament, and have been scheduled to debate during the month of December. The semi-finals of the tournament will be conducted during January and February. The schedule of debates follow:

- December 8 — Mortons vs. Spades  
"Resolved that the present system of public education has failed."  
December 15th — Celtics vs. Rayo  
"Resolved that the United States enact legislation for compulsory unemployment insurance."  
December 22nd — Spartans vs. Valspars  
"Resolved that the United States enter the League of Nations."  
December 29th — Tephra Phi vs. Elons  
January 6th — Barbors vs. Rialto



## Sedrah for Week, "Toldos"

Genesis XXV, Verse 23. "AND THE ONE PEOPLE SHALL BE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER PEOPLE AND THE OLDER SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGER." Rebecca is told that she will give birth to twins, of opposing and contending characters. They became afterwards the progenitors of two different peoples. Jacob and the Jewish people, "dwellers in tents," were custodians of the revealed word; Esau, on the other hand, who was not merely the ancestor of the known Edomites, a roving nomadic people having a small kingdom in the south of Palestine, but also the ancestor of the founders of the Roman Empire. According to a tradition permeating the Rabbinic literature, Zepho, the son of Elifaz and grandson of Esau, went, in the time of Joseph, and founded a colony on the banks of the Tiber, which, in the process of time, swallowed up other tribes and races, till it grew into a world power, destroying in its growth Greece, Carthage, and the Temple of Jerusalem, and bringing untold misery upon the Jewish people. This polity received the appellation of "the wicked kingdom," the "terrible beast," etc., mentioned in the prophetic and Rabbinic writings, and in our liturgy. We read in our prayers, "And the deliverers will ascend mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau." Thus it is predicted, "That one people will prevail over the other." Ultimately "the elder will serve the younger." Mind you, it is not hoped that the older shall be destroyed. Far be that from the Jewish spirit. We pray merely "that the sins (and not the sinners) shall be consumed out of the earth." See Psalm 104, verse 35.

We are praying for universal righteousness which is possible only under the belief in one God. Hence in our liturgy on the solemn High Holy Days we pray, "And then the righteous will see and rejoice and the upright will be glad, the pious will be merry with the song when iniquity shall close her mouth and all the wickedness shall vanish like smoke. When Thou wilt remove the dominion of arrogance from off the earth." This refers to the time when polytheism and all its forms and manifestations will be discredited and given up, and the people will be ashamed of their old cruel credulity, in behalf of which they murdered and instituted inquisitions, and when they will renounce all these merciless follies and will become converted to the notions and world conceptions of the younger, then "the older will serve the younger."



## DECEMBER 1st

**Deliverance at Jerusalem, 1626.** The community of the Holy City had increased in numbers by reason of the pious pilgrims who flowed thither from every corner of the Jewish world, and had become known once more as a centre of learning. In 1625, Mohammed ibn Farukh was created Governor. The taxes which he levied on the inhabitants were so onerous that all who could fled from the city, with hardly sufficient clothing left them to cover themselves. Ibn Farukh's replacement while he went on pilgrimage by his brother-in-law, Ottoman Agha, brought small relief, the latter being responsible for the imprisonment of the leaders of the community, including the famous scholars Isaiah Hurwitz and Moses Cordovero, the mystic. After a short time Ibn Farukh returned and conducted himself more mercilessly even than before. When complaint was made to the Vali of Damascus, it led to no immediate result beyond the imprisonment and torture of those responsible. The Cadi sent to Jerusalem to observe, ultimately joined in the persecution, extorting money by a threat to turn one of the synagogues into a mill. When, in 1626, Ibn Farukh was deposed, a sign of relief went up from the community of the Holy City, which observed that as a day of thanksgiving. The remaining Rabbis described their tribulations in an historical work, *Horbot Jerusalem*, which was distributed to invite the compassion and succor their brethren in other lands.

## DECEMBER 4th

**Whitehall Conference opens, 1655.** At last, Menasseh ben Israel's endeavors to procure the re-admission of the Jews to England had borne some tangible result, for the Council of State invited a certain number of well-known lawyers, statesmen, and divines to meet 'neare the Council Chambers in Whitehall' to discuss the question. Cromwell himself presided, and put forward two leading questions for decision—firstly, whether it was lawful to receive the Jews; and secondly, if it were lawful, upon what terms it was met to receive them. The Conference meet on four occasions—December 4th, 7th, 12th, and 18th, 1655. Legal opinion was unanimous in the opinion that 'there was no law which forbade the Jews' return into England.' Opposition, however, was still rife. The clerical members showed themselves fiercely intolerant; the merchants professed that they feared competition; and even the most favorable would only consent to re-admis-

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Nay, farther, multitudes of mankind have had a great inclination of a long time to follow our religious observances; for there is not any city of the Grecians, nor any of the barbarians, nor any nations whatsoever, whither our custom of resting on the seventh day hath not come, and by which our fast and lighting up lamps, and many of our prohibitions as to our food, are not observed; they also endeavor to imitate our mutual concord one another, and the charitable distribution of our goods, and our diligence in our trades, and our fortitude in undergoing distresses on account of our laws. And what is here matter of the greatest admiration, our Law hath no bait of pleasure to allure men to it, but it prevails by its own force; and as God himself pervades all the world, so hath our Law passed through all the world also.

As to the laws themselves, more words are unnecessary, for they are visible in their own nature, and appear to teach not impiety, but the truest piety in the world. They are enemies to injustice; they banish idleness and luxurious living; and they instruct men to be content with what they have, and to be laborious in their calling. They forbid men to make war from a desire of getting more, but make men courageous in defending the laws. On which account I am so bold as to say that we have become the teachers of other men in the greatest number of things, and those of the most excellent nature only; for what is more excellent than inviolable piety? What is more just than submission to laws, and more advantageous than mutual love and concord? And this so far that we are to be neither divided by calamities, nor to become injurious and seditious in prosperity; but to condemn death when we are in war, and in peace to apply ourselves to our handicrafts, or to our tillage of the ground; while we in all things and in all ways are satisfied that God is the Judge and Governor of our actions.

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sion under the severest restrictions. In despair, the liberal-minded Lord Protector broke up the Conference, after a fiery speech, on December 18th. It had not, however, been in vain, since it had decided that the re-admission of the Jews was fully legal; and Cromwell began to 'connive' at the re-settlement which he was unable to obtain by strictly constitutional methods. Thus it came about that the modern Jewish community in England grew up entirely free from such galling restrictions as obtained almost universally on the Continent.

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At the last meeting of the Women's League, the Rummage Sale Committee urgently appealed to all friends of the I.S. for contributions of new and old merchandise. It was announced that all packages would be cheerfully called for if word was sent to the Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Annie H. Morris, 203 West 81st Street (TRafalgar 7-7328).

A very delightful social hour followed the meeting. The hostesses, Mrs. Harry Millstein and Mrs. Abe Spiro, were very lavish with the generous supply of delicious cakes they provided.

## TICKETS FOR "THE ENEMY" NOW PLACED ON SALE

Final preparations are now under way for the production of Channing Pollock's four act drama "The Enemy," which will be produced on Saturday evening, December 14th, at the Main Building.

The production is under the professional direction of Mr. Judson Langill, who has long been connected with the theatre. The members of cast, well-known to I.S. members, include: George Karp, Isidore Margulies, Yetta Margulies, Bernard Feinberg, Morris Grumer, Mollie Gerstein, George M. Kline, Shirley Maer and Ernest Kohn.

Tickets for the play are priced at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents, and are now available in the office. The proceeds of the affair will be turned over to the Home Camp Scholarship Fund.

## SABBATH MINCHA SERVICES

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Hostess ..... Lucille Millstein

Simeon H. F. Goldstein will deliver an address on "Outstanding Events in Jewish History."

## Beg Pardon

Due to an error, the name of Mrs. Jacob Eisenberg, our loyal friend, whom we were delighted to welcome at our Women's League meeting recently, was incorrectly announced in our last issue.

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## ORGANIZE OPERA GROUP

The Institutional Operatic Guild, a newly organized group interested in the production of operettas, will make its initial bow to the I.S. audience when they produce Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" in the very near future.

This group is under the leadership of Miss Ann Parnes, who will direct them in the dramatic end of the production. Miss Parnes has had several years of professional stage work, and her experience will aid the group greatly. Bernard Feinberg, long known to I.S. members for his activities in dramatics, is the moving spirit of the group.

Boys and girls who are interested in participating in the production of this operetta are urged to attend the next meeting of the I.S. Operatic Guild, which will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Main Building.

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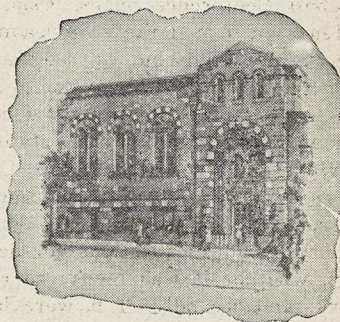
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