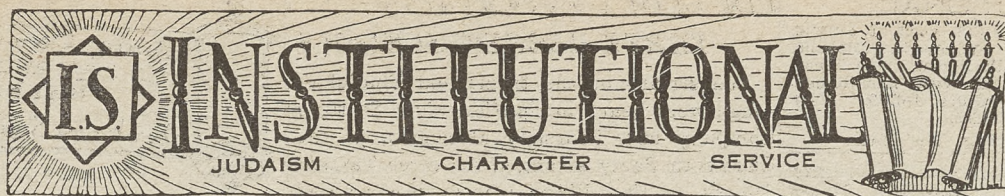


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CONFERENCE PLANS SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Gala Free Dance Scheduled for this Tuesday Night

The Young Peoples' Conference of the Institutional Synagogue will be the hosts at a free dance, to be held on Tuesday evening, January 7th, at 9 o'clock, at the West Side Building.

Dancing will be to the tuneful strains of the Gotham Dance Orchestra, a professional unit composed of ten musicians, secured through the courtesy of the W. P. A.

The Conference will hold their first major function this year when they congregate at the Hotel Lismore, 253 West 73rd Street, on the evening of January 18th, for a Winter Dance.

A popular orchestra will supply the music. An elaborate program of entertainment has been arranged for. Delicious refreshments will be served. Tickets for this affair are priced at the nominal sum of one dollar, and may be secured from any member of the Young Peoples' Conference or at the office of the Main Building.

The Conference holds regular meetings, usually on Tuesday evenings, at the West Side Building. A comprehensive program of activities is carried out. One of the features of their meetings is a lecture and open forum, usually conducted by some noted authority. At their last meeting, an eminent psychologist delivered the main address of the evening, on "Child Psychology."

W. P. A. VAUDEVILLE UNIT TO PERFORM SATURDAY NITE

A variety entertainment will be presented Saturday evening, January 4th, at 8:30 P.M. by the Drama Department of the Works Progress Administration in the Auditorium of the Main Building. There is no admission charge.

This program includes magicians, skits, song and dance numbers, and several novelty features.

Last Saturday evening, a juvenile cast presented the Yiddish operetta, "Joseph and His Brothers" to an enthusiastic audience. The gala costumes and oriental music lent color to the entire performance.

ATTENTION DIRECTORS!

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on Tuesday evening, January 7th, at the West Side Building, 148 West 86th Street, at 8:30 promptly.

Because important business will be transacted at this meeting, it is essential that all Directors be present. Please reserve this date for the Institutional Synagogue.

HON. ISAAC SIEGEL,
President.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON THIS TUESDAY

The Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue will tender a luncheon in honor of their President, Mrs. P. Vogel, on Tuesday afternoon, January 7th, at Troitzky's.

Mrs. Ida Bernstein, who has been active in the Association for many years and has been in charge of many successful affairs, is the Chairman of the Committee. Mrs. Elgart is the Secretary.

An elaborate program of entertainment is being prepared for this occasion. Prominent Rabbis of this city will address the assemblage. The musical program will be something really worthwhile.

Tickets are priced at the nominal sum of one dollar and ten cents and may be secured at the office of the Main Building or from any member of the Association.

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DEBATE TOURNEY IN SEMI-FINAL STAGE

Six Teams Survive Eliminations To Meet this Month

The Inter-Club Debating Tournament entered its semi-final stage last Sunday afternoon, when the Adelphi Club defeated the Barbers. The topic discussed was, Resolved: "That the Several States Ratify the Pending Twenty-Second Amendment (Child Labor)." The Barbers upheld the affirmative of the discussion while the Adelphi contended that such step was unnecessary, undesirable, and impracticable. The debate was marked by some heated argument, mostly of a personal nature.

The debating tournament is now in its semi-final stage, with but six clubs surviving from the original fourteen. These will all debate during the coming month; the finals will follow shortly thereafter. The schedule follows:

Spades vs. Rayo on January 15:

"Resolved that the U. S. Government Prohibit the Private Manufacture of Arms and Munitions."

Elons vs. Adelphi on January 12:

"Resolved that Jewish Athletes do not participate in the coming Olympic Games."

Numas vs. Vitas on January 19:

"Resolved that the pending 22nd Amendment be Ratified by the Several States."

The winners of the tournament will be awarded the debating placque.

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE PLAN ANNUAL BRIDGE AND TEA

The Annual Bridge and tea of the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, at the Hotel Victoria, 51st Street and Seventh Avenue, at the Associated Millinery Men's Club Rooms, at 2 P.M.

This annual affair of the Women's League is looked forward to by those who have attended past teas, with the anticipation of spending a most pleasurable afternoon.

Tickets to this function may be secured from Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Chairman of the Bridge and Tea Committee.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:22

On the Threshold of the Promised Land

Up, wanderers in the wild, and come away!
Long is the journey yet and long the fray.
Enough of roving now in desert places—
There lies a great, wide road before your
faces.

But forty years of wandering have sped,
And yet we leave six hundred thousand
dead.

Dishonored let them die, across the pack
They bore from out of Egypt on their back.
Sweet be their dreams of garlic and of leek,
Of fresh-pots wide, of fatty steam and reek.
Around the last dead slave, maybe to-night,
The desert wind with desert beast shall
fight,

And joyously to-morrow's dawning shine
Upon the firstlings of a mighty line,
And lest the sands with all their sleepers
start,

Let each man's footfall sound but in his
heart.

Let each man in his heart hear God's voice
say:

'A new land's border shalt thou cross to-
day!

'No more the quails from heav'n, no more
light bread—

The bread of toil, fruit of the hands, instead.
'No more wild tents pitched under heaven's
dome—

Another kind shall ye set up for home.

COCA-COLA ENTERTAINS THREE HEBREW SCHOOLS

The strains of the traditional Chanukah songs were heard in the Coco-Cola Bottling Company last Thursday afternoon, at the Chanukah Party arranged for three Talmud Torahs by Miss Wood, who is in charge of the Reception Rooms.

The Chanukah Program was conducted by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the I.S. Talmud Torah.

An elaborate program of solos and recitations were presented by the children. The program included the singing of Mo-oz Tzur, Chanukah, oh Chanukah, and Hear the Voice of Israel's Elders. Cantor Zalmon Yavneh rendered a beautiful Chanukah folk song.

The children of the I.S. Talmud Torah participated in a greater part of the program.

Preceding the entertainment, Coco-Cola was served to all the children and souvenirs were distributed. The program concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Leaders' Council Enjoys Latkes at Chanukah Feast

The Leaders' Council of the Institutional Synagogue bade farewell to the joyous festival of Chanukah last Saturday night at their first annual Chanukah Latke Party in the Main Building.

Dancing, singing, jokes and delicious refreshments were the outstanding features of this merry affair.

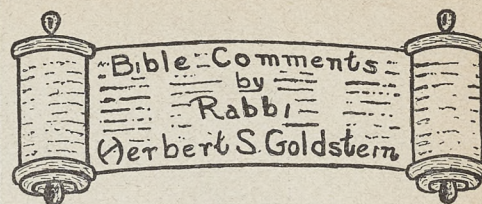
The Leaders' Council are now planning their next major activity, which will be a Bridge and Dance to be held on Wednesday evening, January 29th, at the Coco-Cola Reception Halls. Last year's affair was marked by a capacity audience and was a success in every sense of the word. This year, they hope to better their previous mark and make this one of the outstanding events on their year's program.

Tickets for the Bridge and Dance are priced at twenty-five cents and may be secured from any member of the council or from the office.

The question is asked, "Why is man born with hands clinched, but has his hands wide open in death?" And the answer is: On entering the world man desires to grasp everything, but when leaving it he takes nothing away.

'Beneath His sky, the wilderness outside,
God has another world that reaches wide,
'Beyond the howling desert with its sand,
There waits beneath His stars the Promised
Land.'

CH. N. BYALIK, 1897
Trans. Helena Frank



SEDRAH FOR WEEK: "VAYIGASH"

Genesis XLVI, Verse 6, "AND THEY TOOK THEIR CATTLE, AND THEIR GOODS, WHICH THEY HAD GOTTEN IN THE LAND OF CANAAN, AND CAME INTO EGYPT, JACOB, AND ALL HIS SEED WITH HIM." He brought with him just those valuables that he acquired in Canaan. The riches which he had acquired in Laban's house he left behind. Why? The Rabbis say that he had given away all that he had gotten in Laban's house to Esau for his supposed share in the cave of Machpelah. Jacob was anxious to prevent the possibility of Esau's being buried there. The law and custom of Israel is NOT to bury a wicked man near a righteous one. He, therefore, arranged to pay him off his supposed share, so that he should not be buried close to the holy Patriarchs. Esau who had despised the birthright and thereby demonstrated his low esteem for spiritual matters, readily assented. The bargain was struck, a contract was signed, and Jacob gave as its price all that he had brought from Laban, after he had exchanged it into silver and gold. He parted with that wealth because he did not cherish the method of its acquisition. Though his dealings with Laban were justifiable and defensible, by any code of ethics, yet he only employed them because Laban planned to rob and to defraud him. Will even the most rabid anti-Semite and higher critic blame King David for having waged war against the neighboring marauding nations? Yet when he contemplated building the Temple in Jerusalem, Nathan the Prophet quickly came and brought him a message from on High, as we read in the first Book of Chronicles, Chapter 28, verse 3, "But the Lord Said Unto Me, Thou Shalt Not Build a House For My Name, Because Thou Hast Been a Man of War, and Hast Shed Blood." Thus there are some acts which, from a legal and moral point of view, may be sanctioned or even obligatory, yet their taint cannot leave one immaculate. We cannot touch pitch and remain clean. Therefore Jacob discarded all the possessions which he had acquired in Laban's house and surrounded them to Esau.

Verse 15, "ALL THE SOULS OF HIS SONS AND OF HIS DAUGHTERS WERE THIRTY AND THREE." Were you to count all the persons enumerated here you would find only thirty-two. The Rabbis say that Jochebed, the mother of Moses, was born just as they were entering Egypt, and is therefore not mentioned by name.

∴ Wit and Humor ∴

ENJOYING THE BAIT

The season was over, and the inventory disclosed the fact that ten summer suits remained unsold. The suits were priced at \$10 each, and the proprietor would have been glad to sell them at \$9, but who was going to buy summer goods in the fall?

After a considerable amount of hard thinking, the clothier had an idea. He shipped the ten suits to an out-of-town customer, who was not noted for his integrity, and wrote him that he was sending him nine suits at \$10 each. The trader, he presumed, would not be able to resist the temptation of obtaining ten suits and having to pay for only nine. Naturally, he would retain the merchandise and send him a check for \$90, a sum which he considered satisfactory for the entire shipment.

The wholesaler, however, got the surprise of his life when he received the following communication:

"Dear Sir—I have examined the nine suits you have sent me and found them well worth the price. However, due to the fact that the season is over, I am compelled to return them to you."

In the package that came back, there were only nine suits.

WHY THEY REJECTED HER IDENTIFICATION

A prominent citizen of the City of Chelm disappeared. It was a matter of grave speculation whether he had met with a fatal accident or he had simply, for some inconceivable reason, fled from home. In accordance with the Hebrew law, his wife was forbidden to remarry until the death of her husband would be definitely established.

A few months later a local fisherman dragged the body of a dead person ashore. It was presumed to be the remains of the missing man, and the rabbi summoned the grass widow so she might offer proof that it was her husband, and thereby obtain a release to remarry.

"What distinguishing mark or marks did your husband have?" questioned the holy man. "You see, you must prove to everybody's satisfaction that this body is that of your husband, before you can be allowed to remarry."

"He was a stammerer," replied the bereft woman.

"Some mark!" chuckled the wise men of Chelm, who had gathered on the scene. "Some mark! There are thousands of men who stammer. 'One gray cat in the world. Foolish woman!'"



JANUARY 5th

Degradation of Dreyfus, 1895. Alfred Dreyfus was an Alsatian captain, attached to the French General Staff, who had been accused of furnishing the German Government with military secrets. From the beginning, the whole affair was patently the result of an intrigue between the French anti-Semites and the clerico-royalist faction. Nevertheless, their victim was tried before a courtmartial and found guilty. On January 5th, 1895, he was publicly degraded on the Champ de Mars in Paris, loudly proclaiming his innocence, and he was then sent to Devil's Island on the coast of Guiana to serve a sentence of life-long imprisonment. Subsequently, it was brought to light that the famous "borderau" in Dreyfus' writing upon which the case against him had depended was a forgery by a certain Esterhazy, a dissipated major in the French army who was himself actually in the pay of Germany. The popular clamor against the condemned increased, being guided by the novelist, Emile Zola in his famous appeal, "J'Accuse." The whole of France was divided into two camps, Dreyfusard and anti-Dreyfusard. Colonel Henry, of the General Staff, committed fresh forgeries to bolster up the accusation, and took his life when his action was discovered. Nevertheless, it was only in 1899, after a liberal ministry had entered into office, that Dreyfus was brought back to France for retrial. The council of War sitting at Rennes, condemned him once more, but so obviously unfairly that the President of the Republic granted a free pardon. A year later the Court of Appeals quashed the verdict, and the innocence of Dreyfus was at last proclaimed to the world. It was largely the anti-Semitic agitation consequent upon the Dreyfus Case which stirred Theodor Herzl to launch the Zionist movement.

JANUARY 6th

Death of Haym Salmon, 1785. A native of Poland, he had settled in New York, where on the outbreak of the War of Independence, he became identified with the Revolutionary cause. His linguistic qualifications led to his release from imprisonment at the hands of the British, and he ultimately succeeded in making his way to Philadelphia. There he set up in business as an exchange-broker, becoming a principal agent of Robert Morris, the Superintendent of Finance.

• Thoughts on Worship •

The Synagogue

A unique creation of Judaism is the Synagogue, which started it on its world-mission and made the Torah the common property of the entire people. Devised in the Exile as a substitute for the Temple, it soon eclipsed it as a religious force and a rallying point for the whole people, appealing through the prayers and Scriptural lessons to the congregation as a whole. The Synagogue was limited to no one locality, like the Temple, but raised its banner wherever Jews settled throughout the globe. It was thus able to spread the truths of Judaism to the remotest parts of the earth, and to invest the Sabbath and Festivals with deeper meaning by utilizing them for the instruction and elevation of the people. What did it matter, if the Temple fell a prey to the flames for a second time, or if the whole sacrificial cult of the priesthood with all its pomp were to cease forever? The soul of Judaism lived indestructibly in the House of Prayer and Learning.

K. KOHLER, 1917

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On Morning Service

Let man strengthen himself like a lion and arise in the early morn to render service to his Creator; as David said, 'I will awake the dawn' (Psalm 57:9).

COMMENTARY: Strengthen himself—The root-idea of such strengthening is to prepare himself to resist temptations and evil desires which during this day may assail him, as it is said, 'Who is strong? He that subdues his passions.' Like a lion—as a lion is the most fearless of animals, so shall he likewise, in the performance of his duties, fear nothing, but rely firmly on his God.

GLOSS: 'I have set the Lord always before me' (Psalm 16:8). This is a leading principle in Religion, and in the upward strivings of the righteous who walk ever in the presence of God. For a man's mode of life, his demeanor and his deeds, his speech and his movement, when alone in the house or in the intimate circle of his family and friends, are unlike those which he would exhibit when in the presence of a great king. And how much more considered will his demeanor be, if he reflect that there stands over him the King of kings, the Holy One, blessed be He, whose glory fills the whole earth, watching his conduct and surveying his deeds, even as it is written: 'Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him?' saith the Lord (Jeremiah 23:24).

SHULCHAN ARUCH, 1:1
Trans. A. Feldman

ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL RESULTS

The Basketball Tournament got under way last Sunday morning, when the first game was played between the Elons and the Valspars. The Elons emerged the victors, to the tune of 31-12. The second game of the tournament was also held on the 29th, between the Rayo Club and the Pawnee Club. The end of the game found the Pawnees at the better end of the 33-15 score.

Next Sunday the following clubs will play:

Mortons vs. Numas	10:30
Spades vs. Flashes	12:30
Valspars vs. Barbors	1:30
Pawnees vs. Elons	2:30

The winning team will be awarded suitable prizes.

NEW LIFE SAVING CLASSES BEGINS

January 12th will mark the start of a new course in Life Saving instruction, under the tutelage of Alfred Wolken and Milton Rosenberg. Members who are interested in improving their swimming and in qualifying for the Red Cross Life Saving examinations are urged to register in the Gym Office immediately.

I. S. DEFEATS C. J. I.

The I.S. Basketeers won their third Metropolitan League Basketball Tournament victory last Sunday evening, when they defeated the representatives of the Central Jewish Institute to the tune of 34-30. Throughout the entire game, the I.S. players maintained the lead they acquired in the first quarter.

JR. CONGREGATION HOLDS SATURDAY SERVICES

The Junior Congregation at the Main Building, composed of members of the Talmud Torah and their friends, hold regular services on Saturday morning and afternoon, under the supervision of Mr. Morris A. Urieff.

The children's services are conducted in the same manner as those of their parents'. Children act as cantors, and participate actively in the services.

While attendance at these services are voluntary, it is interesting to note that there is a group of children who consistently make it their business to attend.

A special treat is in store for those children who will attend the next four weeks, according to Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah.

Employment

The files of the Department of Center Activities Employment Bureau are full with applicants, experienced in stenography, bookkeeping, secretarial, and general office help, who are desirous of observing the Sabbath. Many of these persons are high school and college graduates. They have fine records, and will make capable employees.

The services of this bureau are free to employers and employees. If you know of any vacancy in your organization, phone UNiversity 4-6729 or write to the I.S. and we will be glad to send you capable applicants.

PING PONGERS ACTIVE

The Junior members of the Talmud Torah and the clubs are avid adherents to the popular game of Ping-Pong. At present they are engaged in a tournament to settle, once and for all, who the "Champ" is. The amount of interest displayed in this tournament can be gauged from the large number of entries. Every player is practicing religiously to perfect his game, in order to make a good showing at the tournament.

A Junior Ping-Pong Team has been organized, consisting of Isaac Botton, Seymour Kanner, Max Fried, Abe Matza, and Ernest Kohn. The team has already defeated the Central Jewish Institute Junior team, and is scheduled to meet the Educational Alliance representatives and the C. J. I., in a return game. More games are being arranged with other neighboring community centres.

JR. COUNCIL BUSY

The Junior Council, consisting of boys between the ages of thirteen and fifteen, under the leadership of Joshua Levine, meet regularly at the West Side Branch of Sunday evening. A regular feature of their meetings is a course in modern Jewish history, presented by their leader. Last week the club made a tour of inspection to the Ford plant in New Jersey. Other trips of a similar nature are being planned for the near future. In addition, members are engaged in various cultural and social activities. The club invites boys living in the neighborhood of the West Side to affiliate themselves with the Council.

QUESTION CONTEST TESTS PUPILS' KNOWLEDGE

During the week of Chanukah, a special contest was held for the pupils of the Talmud Torah. Although this contest was not designated as an examination, it was a fitting test of the student's knowledge concerning the festival.

The contestants were required to answer to the best of their knowledge a series of questions, based upon the festival of Chanukah. To make sure that every member of the Talmud Torah was equipped to take part in this event, the teachers covered in their classes the general information upon which the questions were based.

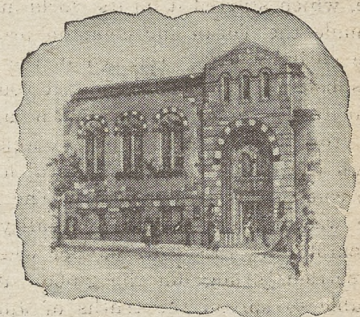
The winners of the contest follow: First place, Seymour Kanner; Second place, Priscilla Rosen, Ida Finfang, Moses Finfang, Louise Benyacar, and Ernest Kohn; Third place, Rebecca Gattegno, S. Kohn, and A. Halperan.

Rules and regulations governing the contest were formulated by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah.

HARLEM CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Tentative arrangements have been made with the Music Division of the W. P. A. to present in the Auditorium of the Main Building, a symphony concert by the Harlem Concert Orchestra, on Saturday evening, January 11, 1936, at 8:30 promptly.

This same orchestra played recently at the I.S. and received a most hearty ovation.



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