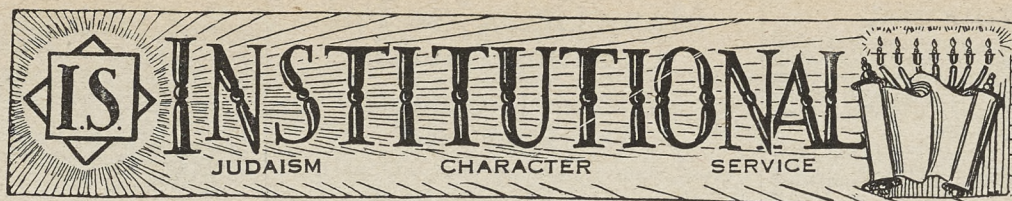


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Conference Dance At Hotel Lismore

Popular Orchestra to Play This Saturday Night

This Saturday evening, January 18th, the members of the Young Peoples' Conference and their friends, will gather at the Hotel Lismore, 253 West 73rd Street, at 9 o'clock, for their first major function this year, their Winter Dance.

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

On Tuesday evening, January 7th, the Conference were hosts to their friends at a free dance at the West Side Building. The tuneful strains of the Gotham Dance Orchestra, secured through the courtesy of the W. P. A., supplied the necessary popular music.

The Young Peoples' Conference holds regular meetings at the West Side Branch, usually on Tuesday evenings. They have undertaken to carry out an ambitious and comprehensive program of activities. One of the features of their meetings is a lecture and open forum, usually conducted by some noted authority.

LEADERS' COUNCIL PREPARE FOR COCA-COLA DANCE

The Leaders' Council of the Institutional Synagogue will hold their second annual Bridge and Dance at the Coca-Cola Reception Hall on Wednesday evening, January 29th, at 8 o'clock.

Their last year's affair showed how a very successful and entertaining affair could be run. This year they expect to surpass their previous efforts. The program includes dancing, and delightful refreshments.

The entire proceeds of the affair will be turned over to the Home Camp Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for the affair are priced at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents and may be secured from the office.

Women's Bridge and Tea Set for January 28th

In spite of the inclement weather, a fine gathering attended the meeting of the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue which was held on Monday afternoon.

The President, Mrs. David Ullman announced the appointment of Mrs. Isidor Lauer to succeed Mrs. Sam Siegel as Hospitality Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mrs. A. H. Cohen, as chairman of the Bridge and Tea Committee, reported on this activity which will be held on Tuesday, January 28th, at 2 P.M. at the Associated Millinery Men's Club Rooms in the Hotel Victoria, 51st Street and Seventh Avenue. The women discussed the arrangements of the many details in connection with this event, with their usual cooperative spirit. They pledged themselves to provide one of the most delicious and attractive surprises ever presented.

Hearty congratulations and good wishes were extended to Mrs. M. L. Pargament, on the occasion of her silver wedding anniversary this week.

A number of announcements were read from the national and local organizations with which the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue is affiliated. The affiliation with these groups helps the members to get a better understanding of the larger religious and communal problems.

A most beautiful welcome-home cake was presented to Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein by Mrs. David L. Messing who was co-hostess with Mrs. Isidor Lauer for the delightful social hour which followed the meeting.

Congratulations

Our sincere felicitations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament on the celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary which occurs this Sunday.

Our sincerest congratulations are extended to Mrs. Leah Pearlstein upon the marriage of her daughter Dorothy, to Mr. Harold Zuckerman.

WPA Presents "The Wicked World" Sat. Nite

Satire on World Theme of Show This Saturday

This Saturday evening, January 18th, the Dramatic Unit of the Works Progress Administration will present a three act satire of the evils of this world entitled, "The Wicked World." The performance will be held at the Main Building Auditorium.

A symphony orchestra of fifteen musicians gave a concert last Saturday evening at the Main Building. This was the second appearance of this group, known as The Harlem Symphony Orchestra. A large audience was enraptured by the strains of the delightful melodies of the 'old masters', as the orchestra rendered the various popular classics.

Arrangements for this presentation was made through the Music Division of the Works Progress Administration.

The Saturday following "The Wicked World", the famous play, "The Yiddish King Lear" will be shown at the Institutional Synagogue. This will mark the second Yiddish dramatic presentation of the W. P. A. for this season.

PARENTS' LUNCHEON PROVES TO BE A HUGE SUCCESS

The luncheon conducted by the Parents' Association on Tuesday afternoon, January 7th, 1936, at Trotzky's Restaurant was declared a huge success by all those who attended. The affair was held in honor of their President, Mrs. P. Vogel, who was the recipient of a beautiful gift presented by the members. Mrs. Ida Bernstein, Chairman of the Luncheon Committee, was responsible for the success of the affair. A telegram was read from Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein from Florida.

Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, delivered an address encouraging the women in the splendid work that they are doing.

The Honorary President, Mrs. I. Stein, also delivered a short address.

Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah, spoke on "The Importance of the Woman in Jewish Community Life."

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:36

Blessing of the New Month This Saturday.

Turning the Pages

THE JEW OF ROME, by Lion Feuchtwanger. (Viking Press).

Again does Josephus, the most controversial figure in Jewish history, live for us in a magnificent novel. Now the War against the Jews is over, and Josephus, living in honor in Rome and associated socially and matrimonially with his Roman and Hellenic neighbors, begins to learn what complacent German Jews have also learnt during the three years past. The Jew is despised; it is proper to belittle and deceive him; even his Greek son is not his own. And so he travels to Palestine and back; he comes under the varying control of Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian; he touches every phase of life in Rome and Jerusalem, and in the end he passes under the arch of Titus, knowing that he will thereby earn the everlasting contempt of the Jews, though that act will prevent new massacres of the obdurate people.

It is extraordinary to see how Feuchtwanger has made the hazy heroes of the period altogether real in character, how their frailties are explained and clarified, how the entire story seems that of a contemporary. Feuchtwanger is a viking of modern literature; the Josephus saga should prove a classic of the centuries.

RABBI ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

Many Clubs Vie For Debating Laurels

Six Clubs to Compete For Final Honors

Next Sunday, January 19th, will mark the final stage of the Inter-Club Debating tournament. Six clubs will participate in the semi-finals of the tournament, and within the next two weeks the final debate will be held.

This year, thirteen clubs were entered in the tournament, more than have participated in such an event during the past four or five years. On the whole, the debates showed that the members have done considerable research work, and have worked assiduously to prepare for the contest.

The clubs participating this Sunday are:

Adelphi vs. Elons:

"Resolved that Jewish Athletes do not Participate in the Coming Olympics."

Spades vs. Rayo:

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

Numas vs. Vitas:

"Resolved that the Several States Ratify the Pending 22nd Amendment to the Constitution."

The winning team will be awarded the debating plaque, while each member of the team will be awarded a suitable prize.

TALMUD TORAH TO HOLD OLD TIMERS' REUNION

The Talmud Torah is planning a reunion of former pupils who attended during the years of 1920 to 1930. All former pupils are requested to communicate at once with the Talmud Torah Office, submitting their name and address, and the names and addresses of as many of their classmates as possible.

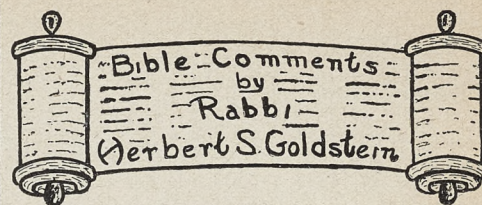
The reunion will be held most probably in the latter part of February or the early part of March. It is planned to have many novel features at this affair. The old Institutional Synagogue moving pictures will be shown and will serve to refresh many memories.

Further announcements concerning this affair will be made as soon as the mailing lists are complete. Therefore submit your names and addresses as soon as possible.

PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW

Last Monday afternoon, the pupils of the West Side Branch of the Talmud Torah were entertained by a hilarious Punch and Judy show, presented through the courtesy of the Drama Department of the W.P.A.

Preceding the Punch and Judy show, tricks and stunts were shown by a magician. A large gathering of children were kept laughing throughout the entire performance.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK: "SHEMOS"

Exodus, Chapter 1, verse 12, "AND HE DWELT IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN." The Midrash reads into the middle of this verse a hagada which fills a gap in the life of Moses and accounts for about sixty years. He was eighty years old when he demanded Israel's release from Pharaoh. He was about twenty when he fled from Pharaoh. Where did he spend his time in the interval? The Midrash accounts for this interval by the following story. Moses, who was at this time fleeing from Egypt, came into the king's camp. He was favorably received, became "persona grata" with the king and was made his advisor. After a short time the king died. The army thereupon crowned Moses as their king, swore allegiance to him and arranged that he marry the widow of the king. Moses was then about twenty-seven years old. The day after the coronation, his nobles came to Moses and asked him to consider ways and means for their return to their homes. A new idea struck Moses and he tried it out immediately. He ordered men to go into the forest and capture as many live storks as possible. Then he had these storks trained to hunt for their food. When the storks were perfectly trained he gave an order to starve them for two days. On the third day every man was told to mount his horse and to equip himself with his weapons, as well as with one of the famishing storks, and to attack the city on the side that was protected by the poisonous reptiles. When the army arrived on the battlefield, the hungry storks were immediately let loose and in a short time there was not a single reptile left. Thereupon a sudden attack was launched against the city, which was taken by surprise. The attacking army sustained practically no loss and its soldiers were all soon happily reunited with their families. The rebels lost eleven hundred men, a defeat which cowed them into submission and caused them to accept Moses as their king. Bilaam and his two sons mounted horses, escaped the avenging army, and rode back to Egypt.

After things became quiet, and peace reigned, the queen complained that Moses was her husband only in name, and he never worshipped the Gods of the country. She urged that he be deposed and that her son become king, arguing that it was better to serve a native than an alien. Her advice was taken and Moses was deposed. At this time he was sixty-seven years old, and, being afraid to return to Egypt, he journeyed to the land of Midian.

• Thoughts on Friendship •

For friendship maketh indeed a fair day in the affections, from storm and tempests, but it maketh day-light in the understanding out of darkness and confusion of thoughts; neither is this to be understood only of faithful counsel which a man receiveth from his friends; but before you come to that, certain it is, that whosoever hath his mind fraught with many thoughts, his wits and understanding do clarify and break up in the communicating and discoursing with another; he loseth his thoughts more easily; he marshalleth them more orderly; he seeth how they look when they are turned into words; finally, he waxeth wiser than himself; and that, more by an hour's discourse, than by a day's meditation.

BACON

*Ab, friend, let us be true
To one another! For the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help nor pain,
And we are here as a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night.*

MATTHEW ARNOLD

One step ascend,
And choose a friend!

TALMUD

Esteem of great powers or amiable qualities newly discovered, may embroider a day or week, but a friendship of twenty- years is interwoven with the texture of life. A friend may be found and lost, but an OLD FRIEND never can be found, and nature has provided that he cannot easily be lost.

JOHNSON

It takes us half our lives to learn who are our friends, and the other half to keep them.

UNKNOWN

The name of "Bravest of the Brave",

On whom shall we bestow?

On him who turns into a friend

His greatest mortal foe.

TALMUD

When from thy friend thou art about to part

Let some instructive word be spoken;

That word he'll ever cherish in his heart,

And thee remember by its token.

TALMUD

Friendship that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in water.

J. FENIMORE COOPER

An old friendship is like an old piece of China. It is precious only just so long as it is perfect. Once it is broken, no matter how cleverly you mend it, it is good for nothing but to put on a shelf in a corner where it won't be too closely looked at.

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NO MONEY AND NO JEWS

Rabbi David Hess, who lived in the 18th century, and is better known as Reb Tebele, was successively Rabbi of Manheim, London, and Berlin, and was a very eminent Talmudic scholar, and man of great piety.

He was dissatisfied with his position in Berlin, not only because he was underpaid, but chiefly because the community there was composed of people who did not interest themselves as he wished they would do in Jewish affairs.

His colleague, the famous Rabbi Itzekel of Hamburg, once visited him, and Reb Tebele unburdened his heart of his trials and tribulations to his distinguished visitor.

"Understand me, Rabbi Itzekel", said Reb Tebele, "a good position viewed from all sides I have never had, but the condition in Berlin is unbearable."

"How so?" inquired Rabbi Itzekel.

"Well, it is like this; in Mannheim the people were poor, but pious and God-fearing, so that I had Jews but no money. In London they were rich and generous, but too-worldly-minded, and there I had money but no Jews. Here in Berlin, the people are

neither pious nor generous, so that here I have no money and no Jews."

A GENERAL RULE

Reb Shlomka Goldes Yerusalimsky was famous not only as a rabbi and scholar, but especially as a great weltsmensch, (practical man of worldly affairs).

Whenever he was in company, he liked to discuss nothing but business. This did not suit the Parnass of Boiberick, where Reb Shlomka was rabbi.

This Parnass, Reb Velvel Meyuchas, although a layman, was always fond of discussing subjects from the Torah. He once remarked to Reb Shlomka: "Do you know, Rabbi, that people say it is a wonder to them that you, the Rabbi, discuss nothing but business, while I, a layman, discuss nothing but Biblical subjects?"

"By the general rule," answered the Rabbi, "it is proper that I should discuss business, and you the Torah."

"By what rule?" asked the Parnass.

"By the rule," answered the Rabbi, "that people are usually fond of discussing those subjects they know the least about."



JANUARY 17th

Ritual Murder Execution at Metz, 1670.

On Wednesday, September 25th, 1669 (the eve of the Jewish New Year) a peasant woman of the village of Glatigny, in Lorraine, went to the river with her little son to do some washing. The child lingered behind on the way, and was never seen again. But a certain person coming from Metz asserted that he had seen a Jew with a black beard riding on a horse with a little child. Afterwards he had been told that the man in question was Raphael Levy, a Jew of excellent reputation, living in the village of Boulay, who had gone into the city to buy provisions for the coming holiday. The burghers of Metz, whose religious enthusiasm was heightened by a good deal of commercial jealousy, seized upon the pretext to circulate the inevitable libel that a ritual murder had been committed. The leaders of the community accordingly asked Raphael Levy to come to exculpate himself. He was subject to the jurisdiction of the Duke of Lorraine, not of the city of Metz, and so had nothing to fear; but his conscience being absolutely clear, he obeyed the summons. He was immediately arrested, put to the torture, and ultimately sentenced to death by being burned alive. The calm demeanor of the victim and the devotion with which he prayed before meeting his fate, wrapped in his "Talith" and wearing the "Tephillin", created a deep impression. The main objects of his opponents were not, however, attained, as they were unable to procure the expulsion of the Jews from the city. Ultimately, after a full enquiry, it was officially declared by the Royal Council at Paris that a judicial murder had been committed. Raphael Levy was long remembered among his co-religionists as a martyr.

JANUARY 21st

Orders issued for the expulsion of the Jews from France, 1306. It was reported that Albert of Hapsburg, the Holy Roman Emperor, had laid a claim to the revenue derived from the Jews of that country as heir to Vespasian, the conqueror of Judea. Philip le Bel is represented as having had the genial idea of sending him his vassals across the frontier, naked and destitute, plundering them first. Ultimately, however, he determined to act more systematically. On January 21st, 1306, he issued secret instructions for the simultaneous arrest of all the Jews of his dominions on July 22nd, with a view to their spoliation and subsequent expulsion. It was this heartless edict which spelled the end of the ancient glories of French Jewry.



A capacity crowd witnessed a thrilling basketball contest between the I.S. quintette and a team representing the South Brooklyn Y.M.H.A. in a regular scheduled league game of the Metropolitan Jewish Community House Tourney last Sunday night.

Dancing followed the game, with music supplied by the Musical Ramblers.

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The schedule of the inter-club basketball contest for this Sunday, January 19th, is as follows:

Mortons vs. Elons at 10:30
 Rayo vs. Numas at 12:30
 Adelphi vs. Versatile at 1:30
 Spades vs. Pawnees at 2:30

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The I.S. Basketeers defeated the strong Elizabeth Y.M.H.A. squad on the latter's court by the score of 22 to 20 in a closely fought battle.

On January 26th, the team will meet the Williamsburg Y.M.H.A. in another league contest at our home court.

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Entries are now being accepted for the inter-club swimming tournament which will be held in the early part of March. Individual and club prizes will be awarded to winners and clubs securing the greatest amount of points.

The following events are scheduled: 50 yard free style, 100 yard free style, 50 yard breast stroke, 50 yard back stroke, 8 lap free style relay (four men), 6 lap medley relay (free style, back and breast stroke, for three men team), diving, (three compulsory dives, 2 optional), and a series of novelty aquatic events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

Sat. 18	8:30 P. M. Little Theatre Group presents "The Wicked World". Admission Free. 9:00 P. M. Young Peoples' Conference Winter Dance at Hotel Lismore. Admission one dollar.
Mon. 20	2:30 P. M. Bible Class for Women at West Side Branch. 8:30 P. M. Bible Class for Men.
Sat. 25	Drama Department presents "The Yiddish King Lear", directed by Boris Thomashofsky, courtesy of W.P.A. Admission Free.
Tues. 28	Annual Bridge and Tea of Women's League at the Hotel Victoria.

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I. S. Racqueteers Meet First Defeat of Season

The thus far unbeaten I.S. Ping Pong Teams met their first defeat last Sunday morning, January 12th, when the members of the Educational Alliance Ping Pong Teams rode roughshod over them.

Every game was marked by heated volleys as the celluloid sphere went winging back and forth over the net. It made one wonder how the tiny ball could stand such treatment. However, it was with some difficulty that the members of the I.S. team finally succeeded in winning one match.

This marked the third in a series of matches between neighboring institutions. More games have been arranged for by Mr. Richard Einhorn and Mr. Morris Grumer, who are coaching the Intermediate and Junior Teams.

TALMUD TORAH WINNERS

The following pupils of the West Side Talmud Torah were among the winners in the Chanukah Question Contest held recently: Abe Amchin, Annette Moskowitz, Marilyn Mirken, Irwin Karp, and Jeanne Rafsky.

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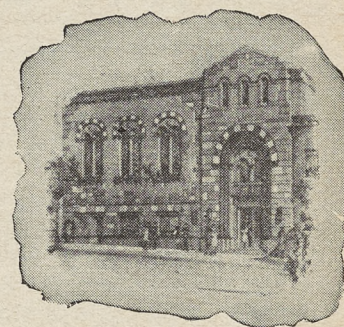
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