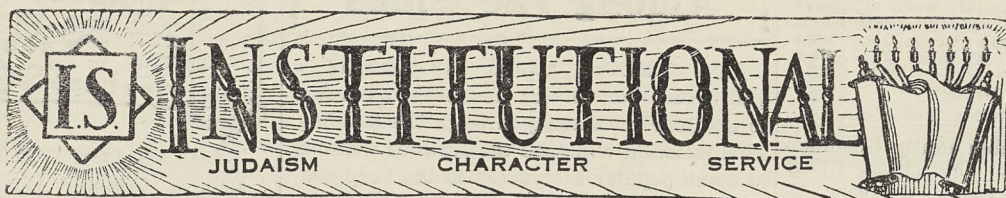


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**Don't Forget
The Women's
Bridge & Tea
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Chairman Tenders Rummage Committee Report

**THANKS ALL FOR ASSISTANCE
IN SUCCESSFUL VENTURE**

I hereby tender my report as chairman of Rummage Sale of the Institutional Synagogue for 1935-1936 and hope it will be accepted.

Firstly—Appreciation and many thanks to that gracious gentleman, Mr. Isaac Settel, who has made it possible for the 4th year, for the Women's League to run a Rummage Sale without cost and with comfort of heat and lights, and helped to make a financial success by supplying us also with merchandise.

Secondly—To the Ladies who were good enough to open our place of business in the morning, so as we would lose no trade.

Thirdly—Many, many thanks to our sales force who were the following: Mesdames J. Anderson, A. Bernstein, H. Cahane, A. H. Cohen, H. Davis, M. Frank, S. Goodman, H. S. Goldstein, C. Israel, M. Horowitz, A. Horowitz, M. Langer, I. Lauer, G. L. Livingston, M. Mirken, H. Mirken, D. L. Messing, H. Millstein, M. L. Pargament, I. Peles, C. Silberman, S. Silberman, I. Siegel, B. Spanbock, J. Sedwitz, A. Spero, and S. Silver. They helped to dispose of merchandise and took pride in handing over cash even if it were a one cent sale. May they all, Please God, be expert salesladies for the Rummage Sale next year.

Fourth—Many thanks to those who helped to bring our goods to us whether old or new; The Riverside, The Park West, the Midtown, and last but not least, Mr. Lester Udell, not forgetting Mrs. Cahane, Mr. David Ullman, and Mr. Francis R. Morris, all of whom have, or will receive letters of thanks. May I at this time lay stress on the wonderful co-operation of those who sent merchandise and which are too numerous to name individually. My many thanks and appreciation to all who gave me their co-operation which meant a lot in my first year as chairman and may the Almighty spare you all to do likewise for many years to come.

In concluding, I would like to personally extend my sincerest appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Annie R. Morris, my Honorary

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Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner Set For April 19th At Hotel Savoy-Plaza

"Yiddish King Lear" To Be Produced

**W. P. A. Production Directed by
Boris Thomashefsky**

"The Yiddish King Lear," a drama of Yiddish life, directed by Boris Thomashefsky, will be presented at the Institutional Synagogue on Saturday evening, January 25th, under the auspices of the W.P.A. Drama Department. There will be no admission charge.

The play deals with the life of a wealthy Jew, who decides to divide his wealth among his children while he is yet alive, and to journey to Palestine, there to end his days. He is hurriedly recalled when he hears that the son to whom he had entrusted his fortune, for the benefit of the other children, has assumed it for himself.

His return is dramatically portrayed. Cast out by his son, he becomes blind and is forced to take the beggars' staff in order to gain enough to live. After several years, he wanders into his youngest daughter's home upon the day of her wedding. He is, of course, recognized, and the play ends upon a happy note with the diagnosis of his doctor-son-in-law that his eyesight will be returned, by a minor operation.

Everybody will be at the
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First Vice-President Udell Heads Dinner Committee

The Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner and Dance of the Institutional Synagogue will be held this year at the Hotel Savoy-Plaza, 59th Street, East of Fifth Avenue, it was announced by First Vice-President Lester Udell. The affair will take place on Sunday evening, April 19th.

The Hotel Savoy-Plaza has promised to spare nothing to make this affair a huge success. Care will be taken to see that this will be the outstanding social event of the year. Delicious food, carefully chosen musicians, and a congenial atmosphere will go far towards assuring the guests of a never-to-be-forgotten evening.

Those who have attended past functions of the I.S., under the chairmanship of our ardent and devoted Mr. Lester Udell, know that his name spells success. Under Mr. Udell's leadership will be formed a group of hard working and co-operative committeemen who will leave no stone unturned towards making this a memorable affair.

Reserve Sunday evening, April 19th, for the Institutional Synagogue. Meet your friends at the Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner at the Hotel Savoy-Plaza on that night.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN SPEAKS AT PARENTS' MEETING

At the last meeting of the Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue, held on Tuesday evening, January 14th, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was the guest speaker. He congratulated the ladies on the very successful luncheon they recently held. As a result of the luncheon, the organization through Mrs. Ida Bernstein, Committee Chairman, turned over the sum of eighty dollars to the I.S.

The next meeting of the Parents' Association will take place this Tuesday evening, January 28th, at the Main Building. Mr. Albert Levine will entertain with several violin selections.

The next activity of the Association will be a Yiddish Theatre Party. Tickets for this affair will be available at the next meeting.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:44

Turning the Pages

A CHILD'S HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, by Dorothy F. Zeligs. (Bloch Publishing Co.).

Steadily do textbooks on Jewish history improve, until now they stand in the forefront of educational material. Miss Zeligs has divided her subject (extending through the Roman conquest) into large configurations; she has told stories in fictionized form; she has given the child a clear notion of how Jewish communities and social groups actually lived; and the result, with illustrations and pedagogic helps, is a book that will permanently delight and instruct the present generation of Jewish children.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE, by R. H. Malden. (Oxford University Press).

Dean Malden delivered this short series of lectures in Wells Cathedral early this year. They are the ideal presentation of a liberal Christian of the history, propheticism, philosophy, and difficulties of the Old Testament. He grants that our present conceptions of God are all developed directly from the teachings of the Hebrew Bible. Yet, with all his efforts toward intellectual liberalism, he persists in the unproved and unprovable dictum that the New Testament is the culmination of Hebrew doctrine. This is the blind spot in Christian apologetics,

Among The Clubs

THE CELTIC CLUB is planning a gala event for all its members, according to a rumor circulating through the building. This function will take the form of a dinner at some popular restaurant in the very near future. In addition to this, this group is co-operating with the Leaders' Council in running the Coca-Cola Bridge and Dance on January 29th.

THE INTER-COLLEGIATES have finally succeeded in gaining their goal of thirteen members. We understand that now, since their roster is filled, no members will be accepted.

THE ELONS CLUB is having phenomenal success thus far in their endeavors on the basketball court. We understand that they have been beaten but once, and that through a combination of unusual circumstances. A pretty good record for these boys.

THE MORTONS CLUB is now engaged in a membership drive. In addition to this, they will publish the second issue of their club paper, "The Galaxy" this coming week. A series of short debates has been instituted among the members of this active group. At present they are preparing for their next activity, the One Act Play contest. Their present problem is the choice of a play, suitable for their purpose.

THE NOHTARAM GIRLS have embarked upon an ambitious and varied program of activities. Several of their members are interested in Arts and Crafts, and they may be found under the tutelage of Dave Martin, working away at their hobby in the Arts and Crafts Room. The group has also started a Club Scrap Book, upon what subject, however, was not divulged. All the girls are participating in a series of one act plays, which they are now rehearsing in anticipation of early production.

THE RAYO CLUB boasts of a "harmonica quartet" which, we understand, participated in a recent amateur radio hour, taking eighth place. They may be included on the program of entertainment at the Leaders' Council Bridge and Dance.

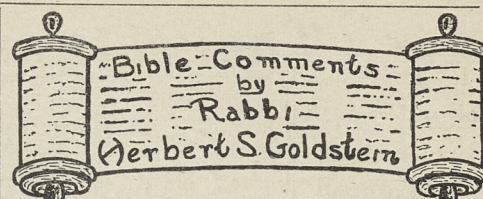
SABBATH MINCHA SERVICES

Speaker David Moskowitz
Reader Harold Pearlman
Cantor Benjamin Neuhaus
Host Buddy Udell
Hostess Shirley Steinberg

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

which must here be allowed for in an otherwise admirable treatise. The dean would be benefitted by a study of Jewish Biblical exegesis.

RABBI ABRAHAM BURSTEIN



SEDRAH FOR WEEK, "VA-ARAH"

Exodus, Chapter VI, Verse 5, "AND I HAVE ALSO HEARD THE GROANING OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, ETC." Two reasons are given in this verse for the redemption of the Israelites, the first is the Almighty's compassion for them, and the second is the inviolability of God's promise, even though they prove themselves unworthy of having this promise fulfilled.

Verse 7. "AND I WILL TAKE YOU TO ME FOR A PEOPLE AND I WILL BE TO YOU A GOD, ETC." These four expressions of redemption, "I will bring you out," "I will deliver," "I will redeem," and "I will take," refer to the four exiles mentioned in the Book of Daniel, namely, the Babylonian, the Persian, the Grecian, and, finally, the Roman from which exile we have not yet been redeemed. When we are redeemed from this exile, the messianic era will be at hand. Then there will be no idols or semi-idols, but the Oneness of God will be universally recognized. The Rabbis declared that even the poorest of the poor must not fail to drink four cups of wine on the Seder nights. An additional cup, called the cup of Elijah the prophet (but from which we do not drink) is also placed on the Seder table. This custom was instituted to correspond to the fifth expression of deliverance, "And I will be unto you for a God," and is symbolic of the fact that just as Elijah the zealot exterminated the prophets of Baal and restored Israel to the worship of God, so we are in hopes that He may soon herald, in our day, the coming of the Messiah.

Verse 13. "AND HE COMMANDED THEM ABOUT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND ABOUT PHARAOH, THE KING OF EGYPT." This translation is in line with the Rabbinic interpretation. The Rabbis remark that Moses and Aaron were exhorted by God to have patience with Israel. Though they might be troublesome and quarrelsome, yet Moses and Aaron should never lose their tempers nor give vent to their feelings in an abusive manner. Thus Moses was later punished for having said, "Hear, ye rebellious." Because Isaiah said, "And in the middle of a people of unclean lips I am dwelling," an angel flew to him with a burning coal symbolizing that he deserved to have his lips burnt for having slandered Israel. Elijah expressed himself harshly against Israel in the words, "Israel forsook thy covenant, thy Prophets they slew with the sword, etc.," he was dismantled and ordered to appoint Elisha in his stead.

• Thoughts on the Talmud •

The Talmud is the work which embodies the civil and canonical law of the Jewish people, forming a kind of supplement to the Pentateuch—a supplement such as took 1,000 years of a nation's life to produce. It is not merely a dull treatise, but it appeals to the imagination and the feelings, and to all that is noblest and purest. Between the rugged boulders of the law which bestrew the path of the Talmud there grow the blue flowers of romance—parable, tale, gnome, sage; its elements are taken from heaven and earth, but chiefly and most lovingly from the human heart and from Scripture, for every verse and every word in this latter became, as it were, a golden nail upon which it hung its gorgeous tapestries.

The fundamental law of all human and social economy in the Talmud was the absolute equality of men. It was pointed out that man was created alone—lest one should say to another, 'I am of the better or earlier stock.' In a discussion that arose among the Masters as to which was the most important passage in the whole Bible, one pointed to the verse, 'And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' The other contradicted him and pointed to the words 'This is the book of the generations of man.' (Gen. 5:1)—not black, not white, not great, not small, but man.

'The law given on Mount Sinai,' the Masters said, 'though emphatically addressed to one people, belongs to all humanity. It was not given in any king's land, not in any city or inhabited spot—it was given on God's own highway, in the desert—not in the darkness and stillness of night, but in plain day, amid thunder and lightning. And why was it given on Sinai? Because it is the lowliest of mountains—to show that God's spirit rests only upon them that are meek and lowly in their hearts.'

The Talmud taught that religion was not a thing of creed or dogma or faith merely, but of active goodness. Scripture said, 'Ye shall walk in the ways of the Lord.' 'But the Lord is a consuming fire; how can men

walk in His ways?' 'By being,' the rabbis answered, 'As He is—merciful, loving, long-suffering. Mark how on the first page of the Pentateuch God clothed the naked—Adam; and on the last he buried the dead—Moses. He heals the sick, frees the captives, does good to His enemies, and is merciful both to the living and to the dead.'

The most transcendental love of the rabbis was lavished on children. All the verses of Scripture that spoke of flowers and gardens, were applied to children and schools. The highest and most exalted title which they bestowed in their poetical flights upon God Himself was that of 'Pedagogue of Man.' Indeed, the relationship of man to God they could not express more pregnantly than by the most familiar words which occur from one end of the Talmud to the other, 'Our Father in Heaven.'

I have been able to bring before you what proves, as it were, but a drop in the vast ocean of Talmud—that strange, wild, weird ocean, with its leviathans, and its wrecks of golden argosies, and with its forlorn bells that send up their dream sounds ever and anon, while the fisherman bends upon his oar, and starts and listens, and perchance the tears may come into his eyes.

EMANUEL DEUTSCH, 1868.

∴ Wit and Humor ∴

"DOCTOR, WHAT'S THE USE?"

In a certain town in Austria, the Jewish community wished to become modern, so when the old Rabbi passed away, they engaged in his place a rabbi from the seminary, who was a university man, with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The community took great pride in the fact that they could call their rabbi by the fanciful title of "Doctor."

Once there came to the rabbi an old Jewish woman bringing with her a slaughtered chicken, to ask the rabbi a shaalah (a question concerning kashruth).

"Rabbi," said she, "I found a needle in the gizzard of this chicken; examine it and tell me whether it is kosher or not."

"Please call me 'doctor,' and not rabbi," said he.

The woman paused a while, and then said: "Good-bye, I'm sorry I troubled you," and prepared to depart hastily.

"Wait," said he, "let me examine the

chicken; don't you want me to answer your shaalah?"

"Well," said the old woman, "I think I'm in the wrong place, for if you are a 'doctor' I need not bother you about it, for what can a doctor do when the chicken is already dead?"

WHY NOT HIRE A HAZAN?

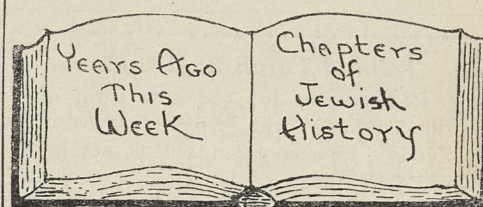
Zolel Hazan, the famous cantor, was a great composer, although he did not himself possess a beautiful voice; his art consisted in arranging and directing his choir.

Once he and his choir visited a city on the order of a great Zaddik. Zolel and the choir came and functioned in the services of the Sabbath, and after the services inquired of the Rabbi:

"How do you like my davenen, (rendition of the service)?"

"Of course, your davenen pleased me," replied the Zaddik, "but why are you so penurious?"

"What!" said the visiting Cantor, "am I



JANUARY 25th

Death of Anacletus II, 'the Jewish Pope,' 1138. His greatgrandfather, a Roman Jewish banker named Benedict, had waxed rich, apostasised, and contracted an aristocratic match. The family prospered. The convert's son and grandson, Leo and Piero Leoni, played an increasingly important part in civic politics, and the latter determined to devote his son, Piero Pierleoni, to a clerical career. Backed by the vast family influence (Roger of Sicily was his brother-in-law), he made his way rapidly. He was created Cardinal and appointed Papal legate in France, in which capacity he presided over two provincial councils. On the death of Gelasius II, he was elevated to the Papacy, under the name of Anacletus II, by one of the rival factions. His Jewish antecedents made him, not unnaturally, generally distasteful, and the majority of the sovereigns of Europe supported his rival, Innocent II. The devotion of the Roman populace enabled him, however, to maintain his authority at the center of the Christian world; and he thus continued to enjoy the dignity until his death. It is thought that this remarkable phenomenon of the elevation to the Papacy of a person the memory of whose Jewish descent was still fresh, may have been the source of the famous medieval legend of Andreas, the kidnapped Jewish boy who become Pope, but continued at heart to maintain fidelity to the faith of his fathers.

JANUARY 27th

Earthquake at Leghorn, 1742. A series of premonitory tremors, beginning ten days earlier, had caused the inception by the community of a period of prayer and contrition. For the past week there had been no recurrence, and it was thought that all danger was at an end. On Saturday, January 27th, however, just after the morning service, there was a terrible shock. Walls were thrown down, roofs caved in, and fissures opened in the ground. The whole of the population rushed for refuge outside the city, where they remained until all danger was at an end. To commemorate their escape from this peril the community established a congregational fast day, which is still observed locally on Shevat 22nd. The Order of Service for this occasion, entitled *Shibhe Todah*, was composed by the famous Rabbinical authority, Malahi Cohen.

not spending enormous amounts on my choir, which is the best any Hazan has?"

"If so," said the Zaddik, "why don't you hire a Hazan, (Cantor), too?"

Talmud Torah Registration

Registration for the new term of the Talmud Torah, which will begin Sunday, February 2nd, will be accepted daily during the coming week. Parents are urged to register their children before the new term begins, so that they may be placed in proper classes and not lose any of the initial work of the class. Registration will take place at the West Side Branch on Sunday morning between ten and one o'clock, and on the weekday afternoons between the hours of four and six. At the Main Building, registration will be held on Sunday morning between nine and one o'clock, and on the weekday afternoons from three to seven o'clock.

Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal, will be glad to meet parents at any other time, by appointment, to discuss the individual problems of their children.

DEBATING FINALS SOON

One of the finest debates in the Inter-Club Debating Tournament was held last Sunday afternoon, January 19th, when the Spades met the Rayo Club. The topic under discussion was "Resolved that the U. S. Prohibit the Private Manufacture of Arms and Munitions." Both clubs showed evidence of having spent considerable time in preparation of the topic; their logic was clear cut and their manner of delivery would have delighted their public speaking instructors. The Rayo Club, however, was awarded the decision by a two to one vote of the judges.

Earlier in the afternoon the Vita Club defeated the Numas A. C. on the topic "Resolved that the Several States Adopt the Pending 22nd Amendment."

SHOMRE HADATH MEETING

The organization meeting of the Shomre Hadath, an Orthodox Young People's group, will be held on Sunday, January 26th, at 8:45 P.M. promptly, in the Orach Chaim Community House.

SCOUTS SEEK MEMBERS

Both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops of the I.S. are now making an intensive drive for increase in membership. The Boy Scouts meet regularly on Thursday evenings with a complete program of exciting and thrilling activities. The Scouts will now have their own gym and swimming pool period on Thursday evenings between seven and eight o'clock.

The Girl Scouts are attempting a complete re-organization under the guidance of Miss Yetta Margulies. They will meet this Sunday afternoon at one o'clock to discuss ways and means of carrying out their organization plans.

CONFERENCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Young People's Conference, held Tuesday, January 14th, election of officers for the coming year were held.

The following persons were voted into office: Chairman, Mr. Ben Oremland; Vice-Chairman, Dr. Irving Silverstein; Treasurer, Dr. J. Selig Libin; Recording Secretary, Miss Leona Kessler; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Paula Weinstein.

RUMMAGE REPORT

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Chairman. She has been the guiding spirit of all the work we have accomplished.

Very much of our success may be attributed to the continued contribution on her part of her valuable time and indefatigable effort.

When I tell you that from the very beginning she has spent every day and every night in a valiant effort to put our Rummage Sale across, I am sure that every one of you will join in extending to her a hearty vote of thanks.

If I have omitted anything or anyone, I beg to be excused.

The net receipts were \$1,080.60. When the report was read, our President, Mrs. David Ullman, very generously volunteered to make up the difference so that the total may reach exactly \$1,100.00.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs. Jack) Lillian G. Levine
Chairman.

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.

There are three who are especially beloved by God: he who is forbearing, he who is temperate, and he who is courteous.

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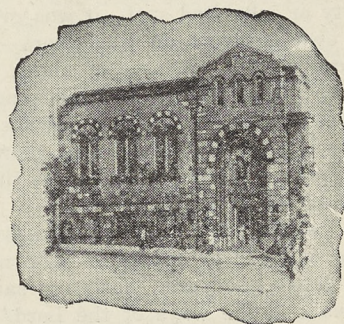
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sat. 25	8:30 P.M. "Yiddish King Lear" presented by Drama Department, W.P.A. at Main Building. Admission Free.
Mon. 27	2:30 P.M. Bible Class for Women. 8:30 P.M. Bible Class for Men. Both classes meet at the West Side Branch, under the leadership of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.
Tues. 28	2 P.M. Annual Bridge and Tea of Women's League, at the Hotel Victoria, 51st Street and Seventh Avenue. 8:30 P.M. Parents' Association meeting at Main Building.
Wed. 29	8 P.M. Leaders' Council Bridge and Dance at Coca-Cola Reception Rooms, 165th Street, East of Third Avenue.

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