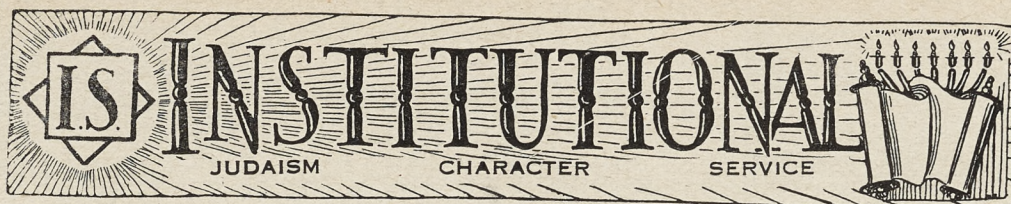


**"She Stoops
To Conquer"
To Be Shown
Saturday Nite**



**Talmud Torah
Registration
To Continue
Another Week**

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FAMOUS COMEDY TO BE STAGED

Goldsmith's "She Stoops To Conquer" Set for Saturday Night

Oliver Goldsmith's famous comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer, or the Mistakes of a Night" will be presented by the Drama Department of the W.P.A. next Saturday evening, February 1st, at 8:30 P.M. in the Main Building Auditorium.

The comedy deals with the trials and tribulations of the Hardcastle family. With the aid of a juggler, a musician and a horse doctor, real humor is portrayed delightfully.

This four-act comedy has long been acclaimed a masterpiece of English play-writing.

Last Saturday evening an enthusiastic audience witnessed the showing of "The Yiddish King Lear," a drama of Yiddish life, directed by Boris Thomashefsky.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO INDUCT CONFERENCE OFFICERS

The Young People's Conference of the I.S. will hold the installation ceremony of their newly elected officers on Tuesday evening, February 4th, at 8:30 o'clock at the West Side Building.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will be the guest of honor, and will induct the officers. The following officers will be installed: Chairman, Mr. Ben Oremland; Vice-Chairman, Dr. Irving Silverstein; Treasurer, Dr. J. Selig Libin; Recording Secretary, Miss Leona Kessler; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Paula Weinstein.

As a result of their Winter Dance held recently at the Hotel Lismore, they turned over the sum of seventy dollars to the Institutional Synagogue.

Condolence

We announce with deep regret the death of Henry N. Bonis, a good friend of the I.S. To the bereaved family we extend our sincerest sympathies.

We mourn the loss of our former director, the late Solomon Lamport. Our heartfelt condolences are offered to the bereaved family.

I. S. Basketball Team Travels South To Meet Baltimore Y.M.H.A. Sunday

Congratulations

On behalf of the Board of Directors, members and friends of the I.S., we wish to congratulate Executive Director Abraham Bernstein upon the occasion of the celebration of his recent birthday.

19th ANNIVERSARY DINNER PLANNED

Sunday, April 19th, will be remembered as the outstanding social event of the year in the annals of the I.S. On that evening at the Hotel Savoy-Plaza, 59th Street, East of Fifth Avenue, the Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner and Dance of the Institutional Synagogue will take place.

Preparations are already under way to assure those attending this function that every care will be taken for their enjoyment of a splendid evening. Delicious food, carefully chosen musicians, novelty entertainment, and a congenial atmosphere will go far towards assuring the guests of a never-to-be-forgotten evening.

The Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner Committee will be headed by the indefatigable First Vice-President Lester Udell. Under his leadership will be formed a group of competent and cooperative workers, whose efforts will be indispensable towards making this function a success.

According to Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, reservations for the night of April 19th will be at a premium. We suggest that you reserve this date immediately.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BRIDGE PROVES HUGE SUCCESS

The Bridge conducted by the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue on Tuesday afternoon was a social and financial success. We are particularly indebted to Mrs. David Weisberg, through whose efforts we secured the use of the Associated Millinery Men's Club Rooms. Among those who were largely responsible for the suc-

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The Baltimore Y.M.H.A. will be the scene of the I.S. Basketball Team's next match, according to Hy Munitz, coach of the basketball team. On February 2nd, the members of the I.S. Quintet will journey to Baltimore, Maryland, to meet the representatives of the Y.M.H.A. at their court. This will mark the first occasion in the history of the I.S. that a representation of our members will make such a journey.

Mr. Munitz and the entire squad feel confident that, as a result of their diligent practice, a good showing will be made on February 2nd. The squad that will make the trip will be composed of eight players, the manager and the coach. They will probably leave on Saturday night and return on Monday.

Although this is their first year, the present team has enjoyed a most successful season. Time after time they have utilized the last minute of play in which to score winning points. Consistent practice, and competent coaching, have brought excellent results, as is evident by the fact that the victories outnumber the losses.

MISS WEISMAN TO ADDRESS LEADERS' COUNCIL

The Leaders' Council of the Institutional Synagogue is planning a series of lectures on centre work for their coming meetings. Starting this series of talks, will be an address by Miss Janet Weisman of the Jewish Welfare Board, on the subject of "The Importance of Trained Leadership in the Jewish Community Centre." She is scheduled to speak on Tuesday evening, February 4th.

In addition to the lectures, the Council will shortly publish a new periodical concerned with the theory and practice of club leadership.

Memorial Meeting

A memorial meeting will be held for the late Mrs. Jane Fischel, at the Home of the Daughters of Jacob, 167th Street and Teller Avenue, the Bronx, on Sunday afternoon, February 2nd, at 2:30 o'clock. All our members are invited to attend.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:52

OLD TIMERS' REUNION SET FOR FEBRUARY 9th

On Sunday afternoon, February 9th, the former pupils of the I.S. Talmud Torah, who attended during the years 1920 to 1930, will gather together for their first reunion. A large list of former pupils has been compiled by the Talmud Torah office, and invitations have been sent out for this function.

The program for the afternoon will include music, novelty features, the showing of the I.S. films, "We're in the Movies Now," discussions, and refreshments.

All former pupils are requested to communicate with the office, submitting their names and addresses, and the names and addresses of as many of their classmates as possible.

Further information concerning this function can be secured from Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER TO MEET

A meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations will be held in the Vestry Room of the Congregation Ohab Zedek, 118 West 95th Street, on February 11th, at 2:30 P.M.

Mrs. Harrison I. Rothfield will continue her series of lectures entitled "Only A Remnant."

EXCITING GAMES ATTRACT MANY

Novelty Ping Pong Tourney
Creates Interest

Now watch that forehand drive. Wasn't that a wow! What's the score now? Ten-nothing. No, this is not a report of Bill Tilden or Helen Wills in a tennis match, but it is some of the remarks that you will hear if you walk by the Game Room of the I.S. any evening of the week.

Just step into the game room, and the smiling faces and cheery voices of the children and adolescents are sure to greet you. There you can see as exciting a Ping Pong game, or even a Gridiron Match (that is within the limits of a cardboard box) as those for which 80,000 people sometimes crowd a stadium.

In response to the tremendous amount of interest exhibited in the game of Ping Pong, a novelty tournament began on Wednesday evening, January 29th, and will continue for a period of four Wednesdays. At the end of that period, the player having the highest score will be awarded a prize. Handicaps will be given to weaker players, thus making the contest an equal one. For further information concerning the tournament, we suggest that you speak to Mr. Einhorn.

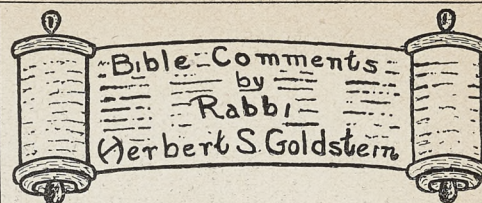
Both the Junior and Senior Ping Pong Teams are now practicing diligently, in preparation for their forthcoming matches with other Community Centers. For a newly formed organization, the I.S. Racquetees have an enviable record, having been defeated but once in the four matches they have participated in.

DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS STARTED BY I. S. CLUBS

An intensive membership drive has been organized by the various clubs in the I.S., a survey by the Department of Center Activities showed. The campaign to secure additional members into the groups has the cooperation of the Department.

Part of the plan is the inauguration of a guest membership week, which will be held in the near future. With this method, a prospective member into any club receives a guest membership for one week. During this trial period he will have the opportunity to secure an active interest in the I.S. and its recreational and educational facilities, as well as become better acquainted with his new club brothers.

The Intermediate Clubs are particularly enthused at this campaign and plan an intensive drive among their groups. It is planned to offer premiums to those I.S. organizations that succeed in doubling their membership roster.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK, "BO"

Exodus, Chapter XI, Verse 2, "SPEAK, I PRAY THEE, IN THE EARS OF THE PEOPLE, AND LET EVERY MAN BORROW OF HIS NEIGHBOR, AND EVERY WOMAN OF HER NEIGHBOR, JEWELS OF SILVER, AND JEWELS OF GOLD." The word "I pray thee" implies urging. According to the Rabbis, the children of Israel were quite satisfied with the idea of being redeemed, and being given an opportunity for rest, without taking with them any form of payment for their servitude. Lest it might be said that only the first part of the message, "and they will make them serve and afflict them," was fulfilled, and not the latter part which said, "And after that they will leave with great possessions," the Israelites had to be urged to take with them whatever possessions they could get.

Verse 5. "AND ALL THE FIRSTBORN IN THE LAND OF EGYPT SHALL DIE, FROM THE FIRSTBORN OF PHARAOH THAT SITTETH UPON HIS THRONE, EVEN UNTO THE FIRSTBORN OF BEASTS." Why were the firstborn of beasts smitten? Because the animals were worshipped as gods. If they had been spared the Egyptians might have imagined that the plagues came about because of the displeasure of these, their own gods. The plagues would not have been deemed as corrective, but as mere acts of vengeance, and their real purpose, namely, that the name of God be sanctified and universally known, would not have been accomplished.

Our Rabbis point out that there was order and method in the sequence of the ten plagues. They say that when God wants to bring individuals to repentance, He starts first with their possessions and as a last resort He threatens their very lives. We have another example of this method in the case of Job. First he was robbed of his camels and cattle, then he was deprived of his children, and finally his own body was smitten. So it was with the Egyptians. First their belongings were endangered and they were deprived of them. Then their firstborn were taken from them. Finally, they themselves were drowned. Hence, if one is deprived of something he should carefully scrutinize his conduct, try to make amends, and thus rescue himself from severer misfortunes.

Verse 8. "AND ALL THESE THY SERVANTS SHALL COME DOWN UNTO ME, ETC." Moses knew that Pharaoh himself would come to speak to him yet he refrained from saying this in order to show deference to a crowned head.

• Thoughts on Talmud Torah •

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It seems to me that if the development of the religious sense is omitted from education, the most exalted idea of goodness is left out. Life is so much the poorer for being shorn of the halo of high spiritual aspiration. Instead of a fixed and lofty ideal of life and conduct, based on the highest conception of Divine Perfection of which the human mind is capable, there prevails a limited and fluctuating ideal, subject to the chance influences of surroundings and associates, and colored by the social grade and wordly interests of each individual.

Julia M. Cohen, 1907.

THE TALMUD TORAH

*One stone upon another stone,
A beam upon a beam,
And the edifice new-grown,
Fulfills the builder's dream.
A nail struck here, a moulding there,
An added touch or two,—
The structure rises, huge and fair,
Upon the builder's view.
One word upon another word,
A thought upon a thought,
And lo, the lisping tones are heard,
Brain-buildings, newly wrought.
A legend told, a doubt made clear,
New paths of learning trod,
Finer than all this home we rear,
To knowledge and to God.*

Abraham Burstein

TEACHER AND STUDENT

Four eyes upon the printed page—
Two bright with youth, two dimmed by age.
The lad uncovers mystery
In all his straining eyes may see;
So new the words, so new the thought,
Upon his youth vision brought.
Yet does the hoary teacher too,
Find mysteries within his view?
Ah, yes—though many years have passed
While all his knowledge was amassed,
Each time these pages he recites,
He finds new beauties, new delights.

Abraham Burstein

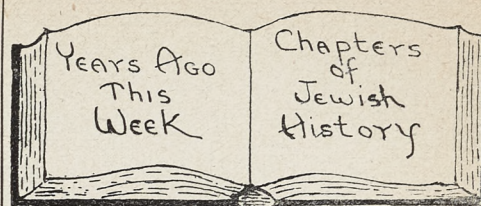
"Study is one of the three pillars that support the world."

"The study of the children must not be interrupted even for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem."

"Every Jew, whether rich or poor, young or old, must set aside a definite time for study. One who cannot learn must make it possible at least for others to do so."

"Three crowns were granted to Israel; the crown of the priesthood, to which only Aaron and his seed attained; the crown of royalty, to which David and his house attained, and the greatest crown of all, the crown of the Torah, which is free for all Israel."

The Talmud



FEBRUARY 4th

Execution of 'Jew Süß' 1738. The brilliant novel recently written about this remarkable person has recalled attention to the real romance of his career. Joseph Süß Oppenheimer was born at Heidleberg in 1698, being the son of Issachar Susskind Oppenheimer, the leader of a wandering troupe of players, and of Michele, daughter of Rabbi Solomon, Hazan at Frankfort. He was left an orphan early in life, but the business acumen which he soon developed secured him a high appointment in the financial administration of the Palatinate. Subsequently, through the medium of Isaac Simon Landauer, he made the acquaintance of Prince Carl Alexander of Württemberg, and became keeper of his privy purse. When the latter succeeded to the Duchy of Württemberg in 1733, Oppenheimer became his confidential adviser, and the financial administration of the Duchy passed almost entirely into his hands. Ultimately, he became Privy Councillor of Finance, and displayed incredible ingenuity in the invention of fresh modes of taxation, which weighed upon the people with increasing severity. Not the least cause of his unpopularity was the infiltration of Jews into the Duchy under his regime and the lightening of the restrictions upon them. Repeated protests and intrigues on the part of his enemies failed to shape his position but ultimately he thought it best to leave the country. The Duke summoned him to Ludwigsberg to spend the last night with him, but suddenly died on the same evening. Oppenheimer was arrested, and, after an attempt to escape, was condemned to death. Though in his youth he had caused general scandal by his open violation of Jewish practices, he stoutly refused to change his religion, though had he done so, he would probably have escaped. On February 4th, 1738, he was hanged amid the rejoicing of thousands of people upon a specially prepared gallows, with the Jewish confession of faith upon his lips, and in the following year the Jews (who had been arrested with him) were expelled from Württemberg. His execution is now admitted to have been little better than a judicial murder.

"How is that?" asked Nutke.

"Well, for example," answered the rabbi, "if you had a headache and studied the Talmud, you would very soon find that you had no head at all when you entered its mazes—and where then would your headache be?"

∴ Wit and Humor ∴

HE PROVED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW

Rabbi Jonathan Eybeshutz (1690-1764) was famous in his time, not only among the Jews as a great scholar and zaddik, but also amongst the Christians for his unusual acumen. He was in close contact with the leaders and authorities of the time, and frequently had discussions with the bishops of the church.

On a certain Sabbath morning, the Rabbi was wending his way to the synagogue, and encountered the Burgomeister of Prague, a notable prince of the royal family, who after exchanging greetings with him, inquired:

"Rabbi, whither are you going at such an early hour?"

"Your Excellency," replied the Rabbi, "I know not whither I am going."

Surprised and angered, the noble thought the Rabbi had thus replied flippantly in order to belittle his dignity, of which he was very jealous; and he ordered his adjutant to arrest him for public disrespect to the authorities.

As the adjutant stepped forward to execute the order, the Rabbi said to the Burgomeister:

"Your Excellency, you now see that I did

not know whither I was bound, for I thought I was going to the synagogue, and I am evidently going, instead, to prison."

At this, the prince smiled and said to the adjutant, "Release him."

"Your Excellency," continued the Rabbi, "does not this demonstrate even more clearly that my first reply was in order? For I thought, for a moment, that my destination was the prison, and here I am free to proceed to the synagogue!"

The prince laughed, and parted from the old philosopher on the best of terms.

A HEADACHE REMEDY

There came to Rabbi Schmelke Peterseil of Rozwadow (Galicia) a certain atheist, a young fellow named Nutke Ningam, who would ridicule and belittle the Talmud by picking out dubious sayings from it for discussion with the Rabbi.

"Now, Rabbi," he said, "I'll show you it's all nonsense; it says for instance in Erubin, 54a, 'One who has a headache should study the Talmud.' Can you give me any reason for that?"

"If that is the point on which you want to disprove the Talmud, you picked out a saying that exactly disproves your proposition," answered the rabbi.

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 at the start of the new term, 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.

TALMUD TORAH AND CLUBS PREPARE FOR ARBOR DAY

Both branches of the Talmud Torah will celebrate, with appropriate festivities, Chamisho Osar B'Shevat, the Jewish Arbor Day. The program at the Main Building will take place on Thursday afternoon, February 6th; while at the West Side Branch, the festival will be held on Sunday morning, February 9th.

Short plays, recitations, and songs, in the spirit of the occasion, will be presented by the pupils. Refreshments will be served to all the children attending.

Many clubs are busily engaged in preparing for their celebration of Chamisho Osar B'Shevat. An appropriate program has been prepared by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Director of the Department of Center Activities, containing plays, songs, recitations, slides and motion pictures.

PLAY CONTEST UNDER WAY

Searching for suitable plays to enter in the Annual One-Act Play Contest has become an engrossing sport for the members of the I.S. Clubs. The contest will be held during the first week of April, but rehearsals, in some cases, have already begun. One of the groups has entered an original play, written by one of their members.

Entry blanks for this contest are now available in the office. Reservations for the use of the auditorium for rehearsals must be made at least one week in advance with Mr. Urieff. Entry blanks will not be accepted later than February 15th.

SABBATH MINCHA SERVICES

Speaker: Sylvan Markowitz.
Reader: Gabriel F. Goldstein.
Cantor: Buddy Friedman.



INTER-CLUB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The following games will be played on Sunday, February 2nd in the Inter-Club Basketball Tournament:

Spades vs. Mortons 10:30
Vitas vs. Pawnees 12:30
Versatile vs. Valspars 1:30
Rayos vs. Barbors 2:30

Last Sunday the Vitas defeated the Valspars; the Versatile emerged victorious over the Numas; and the Barbors beat the Mortons in a close game, the final score being 18-15.

Thus far in the tournament, the Rayo Club is in the lead, having won four games and remains undefeated. Close behind the leader is the Spades Club, with a record of three victories and but one defeat.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry blanks for the Inter-Club Swimming Meet will not be accepted after February 15th, according to Mr. Milton Rosenberg, who is in charge of this event. The meet will be held on March 22nd. The program includes events both for individuals and for clubs. There is a blanket entry fee of fifty cents per club. Individual and club prizes will be awarded.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

The next Metropolitan League Basketball Tournament game will be held on February 8th, when the I.S. aggregation will meet the Federation Settlement team in a return match. The following week they will face the Hebrew Educational Society. On February 23rd, they will contend with the representatives of the Central Jewish Institute at the I.S. Following this game, there will be dancing. The last game of the season will be played on March 9th, against the Washington Heights Y.M.H.A.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BRIDGE

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cess of this event were, Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, chairman; Mrs. David Ullman, president; and Mrs. Annie R. Morris.

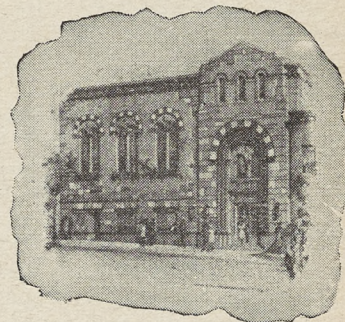
The meeting on Monday took the form of a celebration in honor of the silver wedding anniversary of Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament, who was presented with a beautiful gift in recognition of her unselfish services on behalf of the organization.

At the previous meeting, the hostesses were Mrs. Seppy Silverman and Mrs. Abraham Weiner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Sat. 1	8:30 P.M. Drama Dep't. presents Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer." No admission charge.
Sun. 2	New term begins for Talmud Torah.
Mon. 3	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. 4	9 P.M. Young People's Conference's Installation of Officers. West Side Building. 9 P.M. Leader's Council Meeting. Janet Weisman of the Jewish Welfare Board, guest speaker.
Wed. 5	8:30 P.M. Ping Pong Tournament in Game Room.
Thurs 6	5 P.M. Talmud Torah Chamisho Osar B'Shevat Celebration. Main Building.



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