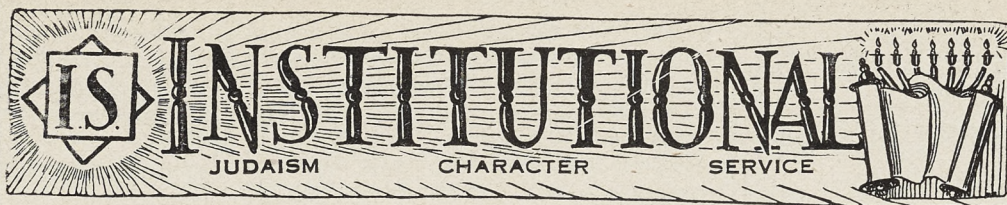


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This Sunday
Three O'clock



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Choose Committees for the 19th Anniversary Dinner-Dance

To Be Held At Savoy-Plaza
On Sunday, April 19th

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, on Sunday evening, April 19th, according to a recent announcement by First Vice-President Lester Udell.

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.

Under the chairmanship of our ardent and devoted First Vice-President, Lester Udell, the following committees have been named: Vice-Chairmen, George L. Livingston and Max E. Sanders; Treasurer, Aaron Wartels; Secretary, David H. Gluck; and Joseph Anderson, William L. Basser, Samuel K. Beier, Abraham M. Davis, Harry Fischel, Isaac Goldman, Morris Jablow, Albert B. Joffe, Harold Kaplan, Moses Langer, Julius Leff, Dr. Nathan Settler, Samuel W. Siegel, Samuel Silver and David H. Ullman.

The Women's Committee is under the Chairmanship of Mrs. David H. Ullman and consists of the following: Mrs. Albert H. Cohen, Mrs. David Cohen, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Isidor Lauer, Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mrs. David L. Messing, Mrs. Harry N. Millstein, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. Max E. Sanders, Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, Mrs. Isaac Siegel, and Mrs. David Weisberg.

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CONGRESSMAN SIEGEL TO GIVE RADIO ADDRESS ON LINCOLN

One of the best known authorities on Abraham Lincoln, Congressman Isaac Siegel, president of the I.S., is scheduled to deliver an address on the salient points of Abraham Lincoln's life over a special radio network, on Wednesday evening, February 12th, at 7:30 P.M. Radio Station W.M.C.A. will be the New York outlet for the address.

'Old Timers' To Hold Reunion At Main Building on Sunday

Program To Include Movie,
Music and Refreshments

Do you remember the good old times you used to have at the Institutional Synagogue? Then you will want to come to the Old Timers' Reunion, which will take place this Sunday afternoon, February 9th, at the Main Building. The program will include "We're In The Movies Now," that famous I.S. feature film. Novelty surprises will play an important part. Several of the old timers will provide a splendid musical interlude.

A short address will be delivered by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. Informal discussions will take place, with the aim of forming a permanent organization of I.S. Old Timers. Following the program, Chamisho Oser B'Shevav refreshments will be served.

Invitations have been sent to a large list of people previously affiliated with the I.S. Whether or not you have received an invitation, you are cordially invited and will be most welcome. The purpose of the reunion can be summed up in the following rhyme:

*"To dance, to prance
To get a chance
Old teachers to greet
Old friends to meet
To talk of romance,
Perchance."*

We will be expecting you this Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PLAN YIDDISH THEATRE PARTY

The members of the Parents' Association are now busily engaged in the disposal of tickets for their forthcoming Jewish Theatre Party. The affair will take place at the Second Avenue Theatre on Tuesday evening, March 2nd. The Association plans on making this function its most outstanding social event of the season.

Since this is their most important method of raising funds for the support of the Talmud Torah, you are urged to co-operate with them in this venture. Tickets may be secured at the Talmud Torah Office, or from any member of the Association.

Condolence

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of Samuel N. Samuels, one of our most esteemed directors and one who was a conspicuous figure in encouraging the upbuilding of character amongst the youth of our city.

The community has lost one who gave his utmost for its best interests. We extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family. We shall always cherish his memory.

Isaac Siegel, President.

VAUDEVILLE ACTS TO BE PRESENTED

On Saturday evening, February 8th, the Drama Department of the W. P. A. will present its third Vaudeville Unit in a variety program at the Main Building. There will be no admission charge.

The unit is composed of seventeen actors, who will present a program of varied entertainment. Included on the program are; a pianologue, an artist, singing and dancing, acrobatic dancing, a blues singer, several comedy acts, and an "eccentric dancing comedian."

The special acrobatic dancing will prove an interesting addition to this latest vaudeville show which the W.P.A. will produce, since none of the other units boasts of this feature in their program.

Last Saturday evening, the Drama Department presented an excellent cast in Oliver Goldsmith's famous comedy "She Stoops to Conquer, or The Mistakes of a Night."

Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to our spiritual leader, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein on the occasion of his birthday which occurs tomorrow. May God spare him to us, as well as to his entire family and all Israel, for many years to come.

We wish to offer our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bernstein upon the event of their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 5:02

RABBI GOLDSTEIN ADDRESSES PARENTS'-TEACHERS MEETING

Stressing the importance of religious education for children, even if it necessitated sacrifices on the part of the child or the parent, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein in the main address before the Parents'-Teachers meeting of the West Side Branch, held on January 28th, urged that the parents give their whole-hearted co-operation to the efforts of the Talmud Torah. He pointed out that although our Talmud Torah is a model school, without the support of the parents, the desired results cannot be anticipated.

Following the address, Rabbi Philip Goodman, principal of the Talmud Torah, led a discussion of the curricula and extra-curricula activities of the school which required the aid of the parents. Among the subjects discussed were daily prayers in the morning, the need for doing home-work, compulsory attendance at the Junior Congregation, weekly contributions for the Charity Fund, and regularity of attendance.

The parents were urged to co-operate with the school in canvassing for new pupils.

Among those who participated in the discussion were: Mrs. A. Burstein, Mr. and Mrs. Geisenheimer, Mrs. Langer, Mrs. Polivy, Mrs. Mandelbaum, Mrs. Rafsky, Mr. and Mrs. Spanbock, Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. Tilem, Mr. Weiss and Mr. Zuckerman.

The meeting concluded with the serving of refreshments.

T. T. Honor Roll

The following pupils of the Talmud Torah have been cited for excellency in scholarship and attendance for the past semester.

Main Branch: Gertrude Fried, Edwin Halpern, Herbert Meyer, Louise Benyacar, Anita Feld, Priscilla Rosen, Sig-mund Kohn, Sam Sarogosse, Joe Gattegno, Isaac Botton, Herbert Singer, Ruth Falk and Laurel Rosenbaum.

West Side Branch: Sidney Bermitz, Martin Rich, Helen Seifter, Seymour Reichlin, Eddie Geisenheimer, Judith Wald, Marilyn Mirken, Miriam Burstein, Morton Langer, Deborah Burstein and Maurice Spanbock.

Among The Clubs

The INTERCOLLEGIATES have become active at last. At their meeting held on Sunday, they formed a debating team, and expressed the desire to challenge the winner of the Inter-Club Debating Tournament. The Intercollegiates being a little older than the intermediate clubs, were barred from participation in the tournament. A few more weeks, and we'll know who is the champion, then we'll take up the matter of the challenge.

The SPARTAN A.S.C. is planning a big surprise in the way of the one-act play they're sponsoring in the contest. They are trying "something new and different." After a long period devoted only to athletics, the Spartans are now once more branching into other activities, and they hold high hopes of winning.

The NUMAS S.A.C. has entered the journalistic lists. We hear that their club paper, "The Lion's Roar" will make its appearance very shortly. This active group is under the leadership of George Karp.

The NOHTARAM GIRLS are taking their dramatic activities seriously. We understand that special meetings are being held, and several rehearsals a week are on the program. Their plays are being produced under the direction of their leader, Miss Bertha Greenstein.

The RAYO basketball team is on a par with their debating team, both having the enviable record of one hundred percent victories in both tournaments.

At a recent election the following were selected to lead the club during the coming season: President, M. Schwartz; Vice-President, M. Marcus; Secretary, J. Kfare; and S. Corenzroth, Treasurer.

The VERSATILE CLUB has begun to function smoothly. Having but recently entered the I.S., they were too late to join the Inter-Club Debating Tournament, and so they have decided to hold a tournament of their own.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK, "B'SHALACH"

Chapter XV, Verse 1. "THE HORSE AND HIS RIDER HATH HE THROWN INTO THE SEA." Because of the singular form of this expression, the Rabbis think it suggests a metaphor. The horse and its rider refers to the people and their ruler. Carrying this figure on into later history, the Rabbis point out that when God, in His wisdom, gave Israel in custody to one of the nations He meant it to be a boon both to the people of Israel and to their custodian. But how did the nations take advantage of this intended boon? Instead of employing Jewish brains and talent to their advantage, they suppressed them. This brought more trouble to the oppressors than to the oppressed. When called to account, the rulers blamed the people, saying, "I would gladly grant equality to the Jewish people, but what can I do, my people do not let me and will rise in revolt against me if I put the Jews on a par with them." The people, on the other hand, blamed their rulers, claiming that their anti-semitism came above. The truth, however, was that both the rulers and the people were guilty, and punishment was therefore visited both on the horse, the people, and on its rider, the ruler. A similar attempt to shift responsibility exists between the body and soul. The body claims that without the soul it cannot do any wrong. The soul, on the other hand, pleads that without the body it has no earthly desires. The Rabbis say God unites them on the day of judgment and punishes them simultaneously. They illustrate this thought by the following tale. A king had an orchard full of the choicest fruits. He appointed two sentinels to guard its fruit, one a blind man and the other a lame man. The blind man could not desire the fruit, for he had no eyes to see it. The lame one could desire the fruit but could not possibly get it since he was unable to walk. Talking it over one day the two handicapped individuals evolved the following plan for getting at the fruit. The lame man was to sit upon the shoulders of the blind man, thus being enabled to reach the forbidden fruit. When the theft became known, the two sentinels were called to account. Each denied responsibility, pointing to his physical shortcomings as an evidence of his innocence. The king, realizing what had happened, made one sit upon the shoulders of the other and punished them both together. Thus it was with the horse and the rider, the people and the ruler, Pharaoh. So shall it be with the erring soul and the weak body.

∴ Chamisho Oser B'Shevat ∴

This year, the minor holiday known as "Chamisho Oser B'Shevat" (the fifteenth of the month of Shevat) or "Rosh Hashonah L'Ilooth" (The New Year of the Trees), occurs Saturday, February 8th. This day commemorates the delivery of nature from its winter stagnation.

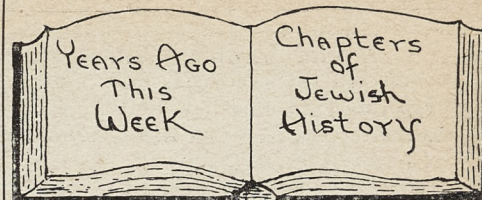
The main charm of "Chamisho Oser B'Shevat" is to be found in the fact that it, perhaps, more than any other holiday, marks the attachment of the Jew to Palestine. The only land in which nature shows signs of revival at this season is Palestine. When the New Year of the Trees will be observed by the Jews of the world, some of the lands of the diaspora will be covered with snow and will be affected by the winter season, but in Palestine, a change takes place; the rains and hails cease, the sun resumes its dominion, and trees begin to blossom.

The main feature of Chamisho Oser B'Shevat in Palestine is the planting of a great number of trees. Since the holiday this year falls on Sabbath, this phase of the celebration will be postponed to the following day. In the diaspora the festival is

observed by the eating of fruits which are known to grow in Palestine, such as: raisins, almonds, figs, dates and carob (St. John's bread). Recently "Rosh Hashonah L'Ilooth" became an occasion for the holding of lectures and entertainments of various kinds. In the United States, "Palestinian Fruit Parties" and special programs are conducted.

Thousands of years ago our ancestors took an oath never to forget Palestine. In the words of the Psalmist, this was their pledge: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." We have kept that oath to this very day and we did not forget our land. We are still attached to Palestine; every Jew who possesses any national pride is striving with redoubled effort to aid in the rebuilding of the Holy Land. Let us hope that our leaders will be granted double strength and increased aid and encouragement to carry on this splendid enterprise that all Jewry will unite their efforts and become earnest yoke-fellows in the work of our Lord.

Women's Branch of the U. O. J. C. A.



FEBRUARY 8th

Complete Equality in France, 1831. The Revolution had marked the end of most Jewish disabilities, and the results of Emancipation had been so successful that after the Restoration there was no excuse for reaction in this respect. Almost the only differentiation left was that the Jews had to support their own ministers of religion, whereas those of the Catholic and Protestant churches were supported by the State. A motion to put Judaism on terms of equality with other officially-recognized religions in this respect was passed by the Chamber on November 13th, 1830, by a large majority; and, after it had received the approval of the Upper House, it was ratified by Louis Philippe on February 8th, 1831. This arrangement remained in force until the disestablishment of all religions in France at the beginning of the present century.

FEBRUARY 9th

Meeting of the Napoleonic Sanhedrin, 1807. The Assembly of Notables, under the presidency of Abraham Furtado, had made satisfactory replies to the official enquiries as to the position of the Jew and Judaism in modern life, erring only in the direction of obsequiousness. In order to give their conclusion full religious sanction, it was considered advisable to obtain the approval of a representative body of a more definitely religious character. Napoleon's inherent romanticism led him to model it as closely as possible on the ancient Sanhedrin, after which it was called. Among its seventy-one members, two-thirds of whom were Rabbis and one-third laymen, were representatives of all the provinces of the French Empire, including Italy, Holland, and parts of Germany. After seven meetings, the Sanhedrin voted without discussion upon the replies of the Assembly of Notables, and passed them as laws. The whole was summed up in the ninth article: "That the Jew is required to consider the land of his birth or adoption as his fatherland." The other points were principally concerned with a declaration against the practice of usury and a full recognition of the bindingness upon the Jew of the matrimonial laws of the State. Whatever the merits or demerits of the gathering (and it is frequently reckoned as having set the footsteps of French Jewry upon the pathway of assimilation), there can be no doubt that it was a fine stroke of diplomacy and captured the imagination of the Jews far beyond the boundaries of the French empire.

∴ Abraham Lincoln, Religious Hero ∴

No religious hero ever entered upon his mission to conquer the world for an idea or creed with more reverence and a deeper feeling of the divine assistance than did Lincoln, when he was about to leave his home and his old associates and associations, good and evil, for his new home and his new life in Washington. "I leave now," he said in his farewell address to his fellow citizens at Springfield, Ill. "not knowing when or whether I may return, with a task before me greater than which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well." This sounds like a prayer, but the concluding lines of his inaugural, given in Washington on the fourth of March, 1861, rise to the heights of a mystical hymn.

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone and all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

"Higher criticism" attributes these lines to a suggestion of Seward, but it was Lincoln, as admitted even by the "higher critics," who gave life and spirit and who trans-

formed them in an illustration of perfect tender beauty.

The half century that has well nigh elapsed since his death has dispelled the mists that encompassed him on earth. Men now, not only recognized the right which he championed, but behold in him the standard of righteousness, of liberty, of conciliation and truth. In him, as it were personified, stands the Union, all that is best and noblest and enduring in its principles, in which he devoutly believed and served mightily to save. When, today, the world celebrates the century of his existence, he has become the ideal of both North and South, of a common country, composed not only of the factions that once confronted each other in war's dreadful array, but of the myriad thousands that have since found in the American nation the hope of the future and the refuge from age-entrenched wrong and absolutism. To them Lincoln, his life, his history, his character, his entire personality, with all its wondrous charm and grace, its sobriety, patience, self-abnegation, and sweetness, has come to be the very prototype of a rising humanity.

We may well be grateful to God for having given us such a great soul as Lincoln, "who, under God, gave this nation a new birth of freedom," and to our dear country, which by its institutions and its people rendered possible the greatness for which Abraham Lincoln shall stand forever.

(From Prof. Solomon Schechter's Memorial Address Delivered at Lincoln Centennial Celebration)

Special Humor Notice

The INSTITUTIONAL takes this opportunity to announce that it will devote the entire Purim issue (March 6th) to a Humor issue.

Our members are requested to send in immediately one of the following suggested list:

1. Humorous anecdotes of fellow members of the I.S.
2. Humorous incidents seen in and about the I.S.
3. Humorous poetry on the above topics.
4. Humorous Talmudical tales.
5. Cartoons of a relevant kind.
6. Humorous Purim tales, etc.

This list will give you a good idea of what we want, but one other thing—a good reporter is an alert reporter. Your contributions are to be addressed to the Editor of the INSTITUTIONAL and must be in our hands as soon as possible.

Please write or typewrite on one side of the sheet.

Send in your contribution immediately!

LEADERS' COUNCIL PLANS**PURIM CARNIVAL MARCH 8**

The second edition of the Purim Carnival, sponsored by the Leader's Council, will be held at the Main Building, on Sunday evening, March 8th, at 8 P.M.

For the nominal sum of twenty-five cents, you can spend a gala evening dancing to one of the better known orchestras. Under a canopy of streamers and decorations, you can try your luck at all sorts of interesting games, the kind you play at the seashore or when the circus comes to town. Refreshment booths will be provided where you can munch on "weenies" to your heart's content. You will have the opportunity to "Knock Down Haman's Sons" and to "Hang The Rope Around Haman's Neck."

A prize of some value will be given to the club or organization most represented. Winners of games will also receive prizes. In the event of a tie, duplicate awards will be made. The entertainment committee is preparing a special program for the evening, which will include a series of surprise events.

The entire proceeds of the Purim Carnival will be turned over to the Home Camp Fund. Every ticket you buy or sell helps us provide for another child at the summer home camp of the I.S. We'll be expecting you at our Carnival on March 8th.

Congratulations

Our sincerest and best wishes are extended to Selig, son of Dr. and Mrs David Katz; and, to Melvin, son of Mrs. Ethel Hiller, who became Bar Mitzvah last Saturday morning at our West Side Branch

**CHAMISHO OSER B'SHEVAT
FESTIVITIES THIS SUNDAY**

This Sunday morning, the West Side Branch of the Talmud Torah will celebrate the holiday of Chamisho Oser B'Shevav with appropriate festivities.

An entertaining program has been prepared by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah. Palestinian fruits will be distributed in packages to all the children attending.

A similar program was conducted at the Main Building yesterday.

PARENTS' HOSTS TO LEAGUE

The Women's League of the I.S. were the guests of The Parents' Association at the Main Building at the meeting held last Monday.

Following the Bible Class, the group made a tour of inspection throughout the Main Building. They were greatly impressed with the wide scale of activities being conducted at the present time.

19th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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The Associate Committee is composed of: Emanuel Gluck, Chairman; Herman Einhorn, Miss Esther Garfunkel, Benjamin Oremland, Vernon A. Samuels, Henry Schainholtz, Dr. Irving Silverstein, Mrs. Irving Silverstein, Miss Julia Stitch, Harry Ward, Jess Ward, Miss Paula Weinstein, Miss Leah Weisberger, and Miss Gertrude Wortman.

Reserve the evening of April 19th for the Institutional Synagogue. Don't miss the Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner and Dance at the Hotel Savoy-Plaza.

**HUNTER GRADUATES HEAR
RABBI GOLDSTEIN SPEAK**

At the mid-year commencement exercises of the Hunter College, held at Carnegie Hall last week, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein pronounced the invocation and the benediction.

More than 472 graduates and their friends and families crowded the huge auditorium to listen to the proceedings.

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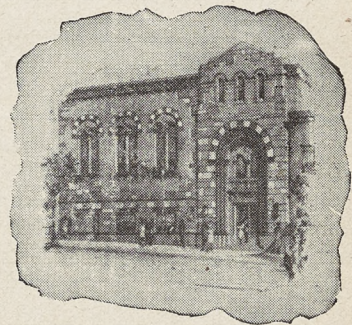
Speaker: Gabriel F. Goldstein
Cantor: Isadore Karpf
Reader: Harold Pearlman
Host: Bobby Livingston
Hostess: Judith Goldstein

Last week, Harold Wohl acted as host, with Natalie Manischewitz as hostess.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Sat. 8	8:30 P.M. Drama Department presents a Vaudeville Show. Admission Free.
Sun. 9	11 A.M. Chamisho Oser B'Shevav Assembly at West Side Talmud Torah. 3 P.M. Old Timers' Reunion at Main Building.
Mon. 10	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. 11	8:30 P.M. Parents' Association Meeting at Main Building.
Wed. 12	8:30 P.M. Ping-Pong Tournament in Game Room.



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