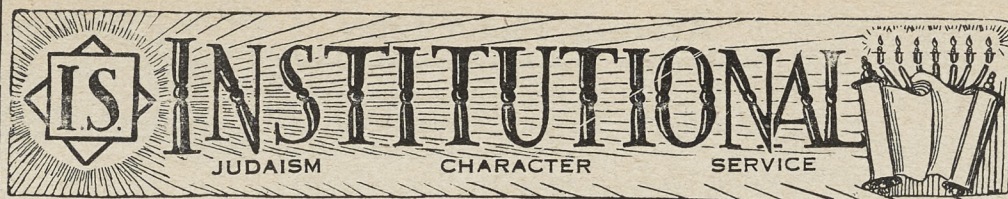


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Purim Carnival To Provide Much Merriment on March 8

Waverly Players To Present 'The Play's The Thing'

All Proceeds of Affair For Home Camp Fund

With the Festival of Purim rapidly approaching, the members of the Leaders' Council and the clubs are hastening their preparations for the Annual Purim Carnival, which will be held on Sunday evening, March 8th, at the Main Building.

The Carnival, in the spirit of the Festival, will be an opportunity for merry-making and enjoyment. Novel events in the form of various games will be provided. You will be given the chance to "Hang A Rope on Haman's Neck" and to "Knock Down Haman's Sons." Other features in the form of entertainment by guest stars, refreshment booths, contests, prizes, and dancing to the tunes of a well known orchestra will be provided.

A special prize to the club or organization most represented will be given. Awards to the winners of a series of contests to be conducted during the evening will also be given.

The admission price for this event has been placed at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents, to insure a large attendance.

You are urged to bear in mind that every ticket you purchase or sell will assist the Leaders' Council in providing for another child at the I.S. Summer Home Camp. Tickets for this affair can be purchased either through any member of the Council or from the office. Make a date today with your best boy or girl friend and come prepared to enjoy yourself to your hearts' content.

Women's League Hear Talk

By Mrs. Rogan on Theatre

At a meeting of the Women's League held last Monday afternoon, Mrs. Mae Rogan gave a very interesting review of one of the season's best plays, "Ethan Frome."

Plans were discussed for a matinee theatre party to be held in the near future. This affair will be the next major activity of the League.

Mrs. Sarah Wise and Mrs. Norman Lieberman were the hostesses of the afternoon.

Mrs. David Weisberg presided at the meeting.

Entries Coming In Fast For Dramatic Contest

Entries for the Annual One-Act Play Contest are coming in at a rate that is exceeding our best expectations. To date eight clubs have submitted their entries, and several more are waiting to have their plays approved. Three of the groups will present plays written by one or more of their members.

The clubs that have already entered are: The Vitas Club, who will present "Copy"; the Rayo Club, who will produce "Release"; "A Typical Spartan Meeting" will be given by the Spartan Club; the Celtics will offer "Twelve Before Three"; Eugene O'Neill's "In The Zone" will be presented by the Numas Club; the Valspars will produce "A Thriving Business"; the Nohtaram Club will offer "Poetry-Plaster"; and the Club Morton will enact "One Coward."

ADELPHI TAKES DEBATING HONORS IN CLOSE FIGHT

Last Sunday afternoon, February 16th, the members of the Adelphi Debating Team met and vanquished the orators representing the Vitas A.C. in a closely contested speaking contest.

Endeavoring to settle the question "Resolved that the present jury system be abolished," the Vitas held that the present system should be done away with. The Adelphis were strong in their objections to such a step and advocated reforms instead.

The members of the teams participating were: David Schwartz and Martin Pitkin of the Vitas, Sherman Lefkowitz, Nat Lichtenholtz, William Finger, and Marcus Smith of the Adelphi Club.

RABBI TO BROADCAST

This Sunday morning, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will begin a series of Sunday morning addresses over Station WMCA ("at the top of the dial") between ten forty-five and eleven o'clock.

Comedy is This Saturday Night's Offering

"The Play's The Thing," a witty comedy with brilliant dialogues, will be presented at the I.S. this Saturday evening, February 22nd, by the Waverly Players.

The theme of "The Play's The Thing" by Ferenc Molnar, is "a play within a play." The author gives a satirical treatise on play-writing, actors, critics, audience, in fact, everything and everyone connected with the theatre.

The Waverly Players are an amateur group of dramatists composed of college graduates from all over the United States. They have been in existence for two years.

Ferenc Molnar, the author, has also written such well known plays as "Lilliom," "The Guardsman," "The Good Fairy," "The Swain," and countless other well known plays and novels.

The play is under the capable direction of Joseph S. King who has had many years experience both on the collegiate and professional stage. The Technical Director, Sidney Flatow, is well known to I.S. players.

PARENTS' THEATRE PARTY TO BE HELD MARCH 3rd

One of the major activities of the Parents' Association will be held on Tuesday evening, March 3rd. At that time they will hold a Yiddish Theatre Party at the Second Avenue Theatre.

The purpose of this affair is to secure funds for the support of the Talmud Torah. This affair will mark one of the outstanding social functions of the Association, whose aim is to assist the Talmud Torah in every way possible.

There is still an excellent selection of tickets available. They may be secured either at the Talmud Torah office, or from any member of the Association.

The next issue of the 'INSTITUTIONAL' will give the names of the newly elected officers of the Association.

At the last meeting, a new constitution was adopted by the membership.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 5:18

Blessing of the New Month This Saturday.

I. S. DEBATING SOCIETY
TO COMPETE WITH CENTERS

A group of young people interested in public speaking and debating were organized recently into the I.S. Debating Society. The purpose of this group is to foster debating and public speaking, and to represent the I.S. in inter-community center debates. This group will be under the leadership of Mr. Morris A. Urieff.

A schedule of debates with other institutions both in and about the Metropolitan Area has already been arranged for the months of March and April. Their first debate will be with the Paterson Y.M.H.A. on March 15th at the I.S. A return debate with this institution will take place shortly thereafter at Paterson.

Boys and girls, between the ages of 16 and 19, who are interested in this type of activity are urged to speak to Mr. Urieff as soon as possible, in regard to their participation.

Let not your lips speak that which is not in your heart.

Be not the friend of one who wears the cloak of a saint to cover the moral deformities of a knave.

He who wishes to be forgiven must forgive.

Let every man watch his own doings that he may be an example to his fellow man through life.

Among The Clubs

The VITA CLUB is looking forward expectantly to the forthcoming swimming meet. Their natators have been practicing under capable coaches and they anticipate making a fine showing at this event. For their age and lack of experience, and considering the fact that they are but recently organized, this group has a fine record for this season's activities.

The RAYO CLUB'S social programs at meetings are continuing their high standard set at the beginning of the year. It really is very pleasant to be present during this part of their meeting.

The INTERCOLLEGIATES have attained their goal in their membership drive. With a full roster, they have begun to concentrate on a full program of activities. Basketball still remains their favorite activity. At a recent meeting, they organized a debating team and issued a challenge to the winner of the inter-club debating tournament. Time will tell!

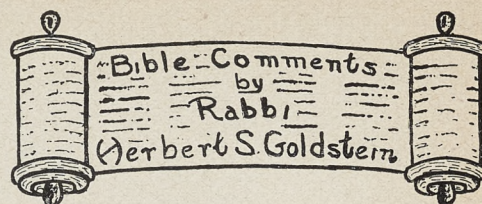
We wish to welcome the CLUB SAN-SNOM to the I.S. This group is officered by Ed Schartz, President; Abe Werner, Vice-President; Ben Blatt, Secretary; and Herman Brodinsky, Treasurer. Prepared to start immediately in I.S. activities, they have already declared their intention of entering the one-act play contest.

The SPADES have branched out into the field of social activities. As a beginning, they held their first social in the I.S. last Saturday evening. The first issue of their club paper will be published shortly.

The ADELPHI CLUB is planning on the publication of a "high standard literary club paper," according to their statement. It seems that they have some budding journalists among them who have been bitten by the literary bug. A regular feature of their meetings is the discussion of current Jewish events, or, the discussion, under the leadership of one of their members, of some current problem.

The re-organized VERSATILE CLUB has begun activities once again. At one time, they were known for the diversification of their abilities and we hope that they will again live up to this reputation.

The second edition of CLUB MORTON'S paper, the "Meteor" made its appearance last week. In addition to this activity, they have entered an original play in the one-act play contest. Rehearsals on this will begin within the next week.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK, "MISHPATIM"

CHAPTER XXI., VERSE 24. "EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH," Etc. The Rabbis point out in the Talmud in Baba Kamma 84a, that what was intended was monetary compensation. An estimate was made of the amount of bodily disability resulting from the mutilation of any limb, and the culprit had to pay accordingly.

VERSE 25. "AND IF THE OX WERE WONT TO PUSH (Gore) FROM YESTERDAY AND BEFORE YESTERDAY, THE OX SHALL BE SURELY STONED, AND HIS OWNER SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH." by an act of heaven. Since he neglected to keep his animal from causing the death of a human being (unless he pays a ransom for the dead person) he deserves death.

"FROM YESTERDAY AND FROM BEFORE YESTERDAY." From this the Rabbis deduce the axiom that an act or peculiarity repeated thrice is to be considered as an indication of the innate nature and permanent character of the person, object or circumstance in question, till the opposite is proven by reverse conduct. Thus the animal who has gored thrice has manifested an inherent tendency for goring. Many other examples are given in the Talmud to prove the truth and legality of this fact, concerning an action repeated three times.

CHAPTER XXII., VERSE 17. "THOU SHALT NOT SUFFER A WITCH TO LIVE." The Rabbis in the Talmud, Sanhedrin 67a, say that though the Hebrew original seems to indicate that this refers only to a female, yet the law includes males as well. The feminine gender is used because women are more prone to this sin than men. The Torah is so emphatic and stringent in regard to witchcraft (because of its harmful results) that it tries to wipe it out completely. Since the Torah is Truth itself, it is eager that Israel should be emancipated from this arch symbol of falsehood and superstition.

VERSE 20, "THOU SHALT NEITHER VEX A STRANGER NOR OPPRESS HIM, FOR YE WERE STRANGERS IN THE LAND OF EGYPT." Since he has left his birthplace and has to get accustomed to a new social environment wherein he is not completely at home, he should become an object for your solicitude and delicate consideration. Never should you say anything that might hurt his feelings or cause him embarrassment, "for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."

:-: A Letter from Washington :-:

(Ed. Note. On the occasion of Washington's birthday, which occurs tomorrow, we are re-printing the following letter, written to the Jewish Congregation of Savannah, Georgia.)

Gentlemen:—

I thank you with great sincerity for your congratulations on my appointment to the office which I have the honor to hold by the unanimous choice of my fellow-citizens, and especially the expressions you are pleased to use in testifying the confidence that is reposed in me by your congregations.

As the delay which has naturally intervened between my election and your address has afforded me an opportunity for appreciating the merits of the Federal Government and for communicating your sentiments of its administration, I have rather to express my satisfaction rather than regret at a circumstance which demonstrates (upon experiment) your attachment to the former as well as approbation of the latter.

I rejoice that a spirit of liberality and philanthropy is much more prevalent, than

it formerly was among the enlightened nations of the earth, and that your brethren will benefit thereby in proportion as it shall become still more extensive; happily the people of the United States have in many instances exhibited examples worthy of imitation, the salutary influence of which will doubtless extend much further if, gratefully enjoying those blessings of peace which (under the favor of heaven) have been attained by fortitude in war, they shall conduct themselves with reverence to the Deity and charity towards their fellow-creatures.

May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since delivered the Hebrews from their Egyptian oppressors, planted them in a promised land, whose providential agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an independent nation, still continue to water them with the dews of heaven and make the inhabitants of every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose God is J-h-v-h.

G. WASHINGTON.

Wit and Humor

NO CAUSE FOR FEAR

A Jewish coachman was conveying a co-religionist of well-established probity and piety. They had been traveling the greater part of the day and the supply of fodder was beginning to be depleted.

The coachman suggested to return home for fodder. But the fare objected. "If you do that," he protested, "we'll never reach our destination today."

It was late in August and huge stacks of soft, luscious hay dotted the meadows. So he got off the wagon, walked over to a large haystack and reached down to grab some of it for his horse.

"Somebody is looking," admonished the passenger.

The would-be thief became frightened, dropped the hay, jumped onto his wagon, cracked his whip and let his horse gallop at top speed.

At length he relaxed his reins, looked apprehensively backward to see whether he was being pursued, and perceived nobody, heaved a deep sigh of relief.

"Now, who was looking there?" interrogated the terror-stricken man, pantingly.

"God was looking," replied the passenger piously.

TRAPPED WITH YOUR OWN

There once came to the famous Rabbi Isele Harif of Slonim, an elderly Jew, one of his "baale batim" or parishioners, who was secretly one of his opponents, and remarked to him:

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SOW AND YE SHALL REAP

Dear little son sitting there
With wrinkled brow and sullen air;
You think your mother very cruel
To steal your playtime just for schul.

"It's hard enough to go to Hebrew School
But Saturday morning to be sent to schul!"

I know you'd like much more to play
With the boys outside, merry and gay,
But you're so young, you cannot know
That by sacrifice only does character grow.

So hard as it is, to go to Hebrew School,
You must on Saturday go to schul.

But when you'll learn in Hebrew School,
At what a cost we've preserved our schul
Then you'll say as you take my hand,
"Mother dear, I understand."

Then you'll run to Hebrew School
And wait for Saturday to go to schul.

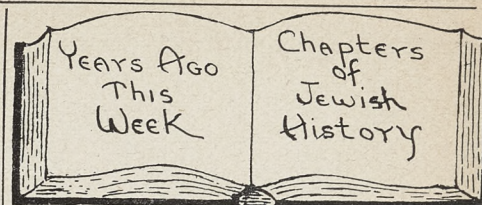
So while you're young and full of play,
Trust in me and just obey,
Now say, "Sholom" with pleasant face
You'll be an asset to the race.

You'll send your son to Hebrew School,
And you'll be president of the schul.

A mother sits at a window close by,
"Such a mazel," she says with a sigh,
"If only mine would be such a boy!"
And I ask, "Did you sow the effort to reap
such joy?"

An Interested Parent

(The above poem has been submitted by
Samuel K. Beier.)



FEBRUARY 22nd

Birth of Johann von Reuchlin, 1455. This was an event of crucial importance in general as well as Jewish history. The child grew up into a scholar of world-wide reputation, and was introduced to the study of Hebrew on the occasion of a visit to Pico della Mirandola in Florence in 1490. Accordingly, when in 1509 the apostate Johann Pfefferkorn began his attack upon Hebrew literature (August 19th), the Jews found in Reuchlin a doughty champion. For nearly twelve years a Battle of Books in which all the greatest scholars of Germany were implicated, raged about the Talmud, the importance of which was at last vindicated and recognised by the Christian world. This encounter is generally recognized as the first episode in the Reformation.

FEBRUARY 23rd

Close of Jewish Congress at Budapest, 1869. This had been summoned by Francis Joseph to discuss the organization of the Hungarian communities, as a natural consequence of the emancipation granted on December 22nd, 1867, and had been in session since December 14, 1868. It had aroused the highest hopes for the future of Hungarian Jewry, but they were doomed to failure. Many of the provincial communities petitioned the Lower House to suspend the new regulations, on the ground that they were in opposition to the ancient traditions of Judaism. Ultimately, their protests were accepted, and the orthodox congregations of the kingdom were empowered to draft their own constitution. The moderate and the Hassidic communities stood aloof from both sections. Thus the Congress, instead of succeeding in organizing Hungarian Jewry, resulted in a four-fold schism in its ranks.

FEBRUARY 25th

Alenu prohibited in Castile, 1336. This noblest of Jewish prayers has frequently been the cause of misunderstanding, owing to the personal application by Christians of certain phrases directed against the idolators amongst whom the Jews were living at the time of its composition. The accusation, first made by Jerome, was renewed in the fourteenth century by the fanatical apostate Alfonso of Valladolid (known before conversion as Abner of Burgos). Alfonso XI, of Castile summoned the community of Valladolid to clear themselves of the charge in a public disputation. He would not, however, accept their perfectly obvious and valid defence, to the effect that the Christians were not in any way envisaged;

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PING-PONG TEAM DEFEATS WASHINGTON HEIGHTS 'Y'

The I.S. Ping-Pong Team chalked up another to its long string of victories, last Sunday afternoon, February 16th, when it defeated the Washington Heights Y.M.H.A. racqueteers to the tune of 28 to 17.

The members of the I.S. intermediate team that participated were: B. Feinberg, E. Koolken, and B. Forman. The Junior Team was composed of "Pinky" Klein, A. Matza, E. Kohn, M. Fried, and S. Kanner.

Another series of matches with other institutions is now being arranged by Dick Einhorn and Morris Grumer, who are in charge of the respective teams.

SABBATH MINCHA SEVICES

Speaker Sam Burstein
Reader Harold Levine
Cantor Buggs Newhouse
Host Simeon H. F. Goldstein
Hostess Shirley Steinberg

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

THE NEW PALESTINE

They are fully conscious that they are not engaged in some casual task without special significance other than the provision of their own livelihood; they know quite well that they are an integral part of the movement for the redemption of Palestine; that they, few though they may be, are the representatives, and in a sense the agents, of the whole Jewry; that the daily work in which they are engaged is in touch with the prophecies of old and with the prayers of millions now. That is the reason why these pioneers are happy.

Sir Herbert Samuel, 1925.

In the town where one lives, the name will do; outside of it the dress must do.

'INSTITUTIONAL' TO ISSUE SPECIAL PURIM NUMBER

The final call for contributions to the "Institutional Purim Humor Issue" has been issued. All contributions must be submitted by one week from this Sunday.

The "Institutional Purim Humor Issue" will be published on March 6th, and will contain among its features, humorous tales from the Talmud, poetry, and stories. The funnier the article is, the better it will fit in with the spirit of the issue.

Since this is a Purim Issue, try to keep the material pertinent to the holiday spirit.

Wit and Humor

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"Rabbi, I have read all the books you have published during your lifetime, and candidly, I believe the ones you wrote as a young man were better than the ones you write now that you are old. And I can not understand that," continued he, "for it says in a Mishna in 'Kinnim', that real scholars improve as they become older."

"Yes," replied the rabbi, "but the same Mishna says that dunces get more foolish the older they get; you read my first books while you were yet a young man, when your mind was active and the later ones when you were old; maybe that also would account for your not being able to appreciate my later efforts."

Years Ago — This Week

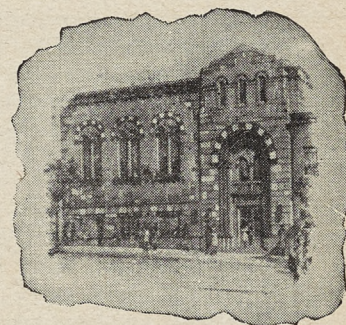
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and on February 25th, 1336, he issued an edict forbidding the communities of his kingdom from continuing to use the condemned prayer. In many old manuscripts and printed books, a few phrases of the Alenu have been deleted by the Censor; and in the Ashkenazic ritual they have been officially omitted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Sat. 22	8:30 P.M. The Waverly Players present "The Play's The Thing."
Sun. 23	2:30 P.M. Ping-Pong Match. I.S. vs. Washington Heights 'Y', away.
Mon. 24	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. 25	8:30 P.M. Parents' Association Meeting. 9:00 P.M. Leaders' Council Meeting.
Wed. 26	8:30 P.M. Ping-Pong Tournament in Game Room.
Sat. 29	8:15 P.M. The Universal Stage presents "Ghosts." Admission Free.



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