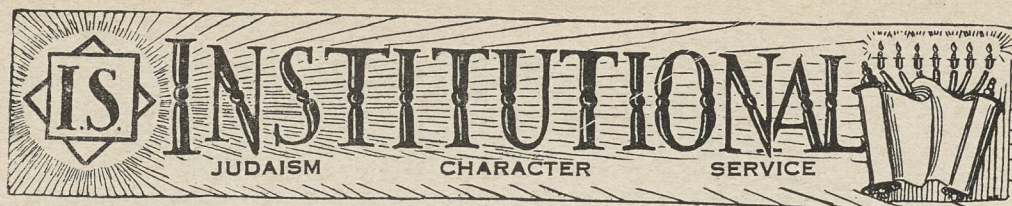


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Parents' Association Conduct Yiddish Theatre Party

Affair to Take Place Tuesday
at Second Avenue Theatre

On Tuesday evening, March 3rd, the Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue will hold their next major function, a Yiddish Theatre Party at the Second Avenue Theatre.

An excellent production will be seen at that time. It is understood that the Committee in charge of the Theatre Party, have made every effort to provide for an evening full of enjoyment for those who will attend.

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 purpose is to assist the Talmud Torah in every way possible.

The Theatre Party Committee consists of: Mrs. Ida Bernstein, Mrs. P. Vogel, and Mrs. Vosberg. Mrs. Elgart is secretary of the Committee.

The Refreshment Committee, appointed at the last meeting, consists of Mrs. Levine, Mrs. Levitt and Mrs. Perman. This Committee arranges the weekly "Sh'losh Seudos" at the Main Building.

FINAL PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR PURIM CARNIVAL

Last minute preparations are now being made by the members of the Leaders' Council and the clubs of the I.S. for the Second Annual Purim Carnival and Dance, which will be held in the Main Building Gymnasium on Sunday evening, March 8th.

There is much feverish activity as the carpenters and painters gather in the Arts and Crafts Room to put the finishing touches on the novelty games that will be in use that evening. "Haman's Sons," we learn, are all ready to be "Knocked Down," while Haman, himself, has just received the final coat of paint in readiness for the night when everyone will be anxious to "Hang the Rope on Haman's Neck."

Of course, there will be dancing to the rhythmic tunes of a well known orchestra. In addition, there will be entertainment by guest stars, refreshment booths, and several novelty contests.

Universal Stage To Feature Ibsen's Famous Drama 'Ghosts'

Professional Cast to Perform
This Saturday Night

"Ghosts," Hendrick Ibsen's famous drama, will be presented in the I.S. auditorium this Saturday evening, February 29th, by the Universal Stage Company. There will be no admission charge.

The play concerns itself with a psychological study of the characteristics of an individual under pressure. Altho entitled "Ghosts," no ghosts appear in the play. Rather, it is a stark, magnificent drama drawn from life. It reveals the motives and actions of a cross section of humanity.

Included in the cast of professional actors are: Mr. John Paul Stark, who has been connected with theatre groups for many years, Miss Jean Bryant, who has acted in many professional productions, and Miss Sondra Johnson, who is probably one of the most famous models in the world. The presentation is under the capable direction of Peter Van Nest, who has long been connected with the professional stage.

The performance will begin promptly at eight-thirty o'clock. We urge you not to miss this presentation, and to come early, in order to secure choice seats.

Miss Rosofsky to Speak on 'Problems of Jewish Women'

This coming Monday, Miss Jeanette Rosofsky will speak on "Problems Facing Jewish Women" at a regular meeting of the Women's League. This subject will undoubtedly prove of great interest to all women. The League is therefore extending an invitation to all of its friends to attend this meeting.

At the last meeting and Bible Class of the Women's League, Mrs. David Weisberg presided in the absence of the President. The House Committee consisting of Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz and Mrs. Meyer Pargament, rendered a very promising report.

The League voted to extend its most heartfelt good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to our most loyal and devoted co-worker, Mrs. Annie R. Morris.

The hostesses were: Mrs. David Cohen and Mrs. Meyer Horowitz.

Condolences

We mourn the loss of our active member, Mr. Morris L. Goldstein, father of our distinguished director, Dr. Benjamin S. Goldstein. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt condolences.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Max E. Cohen, member and friend of the I.S., upon the loss of his father, Mr. David Cohen.

HON. ISAAC SIEGEL TO ADDRESS OLD TIMERS

The first regular meeting of the I.S. Old Timer's Organization will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 1st, at 3 P.M., in the Main Building.

The organization was formed for the purpose of bringing together again the former members of the I.S. A tentative program of future activities will be presented at this meeting.

The program of the meeting will include: an address by Hon. Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue; the showing of "We're In the Movies Now," moving pictures of I.S. activities; a short business meeting; and a dramatic recitation by Joe King, Director of the Waverly Players. Refreshments and dancing will follow the meeting.

Dr. Irving Silverstein, temporary chairman, will deliver a report of the various committee meetings which were held during the past week. Recommendations will be made for undertaking many worthwhile activities.

All those who have been affiliated with the I.S. in the past are urged to attend. Our readers are requested to send in the names and addresses of former members.

Rabbi to Broadcast

This Sunday morning, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will continue his series of Sunday morning addresses over Station WMCA, between ten forty-five and eleven o'clock.

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Fast of Esther, Thursday, March 5th.

JUDAISM IN AMERICA

Like the river that takes its rise in the distant hills, gradually courses its way through the country, passing alike through sublime landscape and hideous morass, offering its banks for the foundation of great cities, its waters enriched and modified by the tributaries that gradually flow towards it, until it at last loses itself in the ocean; so Judaism, taking its rise among the mountains of Sinai, slowly and steadily has advanced, passing alternately through a golden age of toleration and an iron age of persecution, giving its moral code for the foundation of many a government, modified by the customs and modes of life of each nation through which it has passed, chastened and enriched by centuries of experience—shall I say, as I said with the river, that it, too, at last loses itself in the great sea of humanity? No! rather like the Gulf Stream, which, passing through the vast Atlantic Ocean, part of it, and yet distinct from it, never losing its individuality, but always detected by its deeper color and warmer temperature, until it eventually modifies the severe climate of a distant country; so Judaism, passing through all the nations of the old world, part of them, and yet distinct from them, ever recognized by its depth and intensity, has at last reached this new world without having lost its in-



ANNUAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

The Fourth Annual Athletic Carnival of the I.S. will be held on Saturday evening, April 4th, in the Gymnasium.

According to the plans now being formulated, an elaborate program of activities and contests will be staged on that evening. Boxing, swimming, fencing, apparatus work, and exhibitions of other athletic feats will be included in the program.

The evening will be concluded by dancing to the tuneful strains of a popular orchestra. Tickets for this function are now on sale in the Gym Office, or they may be secured from Mr. Siegel at the desk.

INTER-CLUB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Inter-Club Basketball Tournament has now entered its final stages, with all participants anxiously awaiting their coming games. The standing of the teams to date follows:

Rayos	1.000%
Versatiles	.833%
Barbors	.833%
Mortons	.572%
Spades	.572%
Numas	.428%
Vitas	.400%
Elons	.286%
Pawnees	.167%
Valspars	.142%

The following games are scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 1st:

Vitas vs. Elons	10:30
Spades vs. Barbors	12:30
Valspars vs. Mortons	1:30
Pawnees vs. Numas	2:30

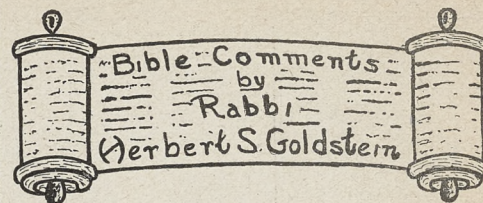
SWIMMING MEET

March 15th has been set as the final date for the acceptance of entry blanks for the Inter-Club Swimming Meet, which will be held on Sunday afternoon March 22nd. Enthusiasm for the coming competition may be measured by the large number of entry blanks already received.

The meet will consist of a variety of aquatic events. Individual and Club prizes will be awarded to the winners. Further information may be secured in the gym office.

dividuality. And here it is still able, by the loftiest of its ethical truth and by the purity of its principles, to give intellectual and moral stamina to a never-ending future humanity.

M. H. Harris, 1887.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK "TRUMAH"

Exodus, Chapter XXV. This chapter, calling for the building of the sanctuary was addressed to Moses on the Day of Atonement after God had already forgiven Israel for having made the golden calf. Originally, there was not to be an especially reserved place for divine worship, as we read in Chapter 20, verse 24, "In all places where I allow my name to be mentioned, I will come unto thee and bless thee." But after the Israelites made the golden calf, thereby demonstrating the human need for something tangible, God made a concession to their weakness and commanded that an imposing Tabernacle be built and that vessels and ceremonials be used as visible and concrete means by which to bring out the spiritual in us.

Verse 2. "THAT THEY BRING ME AN OFFERING." The Hebrew original means "Let them take me." The Rabbis declare that this way of phrasing the thought indicates a great truth in connection with the giving of charity. While he who dispenses charity seems to be giving, he is in reality, taking. For the great satisfaction of mind which follows the doing of good and the divine blessings which attend one who gives charity make of the benefactor a beneficiary. Furthermore, when one contributes toward the upkeep of the needy, or for the furtherance of Jewish religious education, he takes out an insurance policy, the dividends of which are paid in terms of social peace, public morality and Jewish safety.

"OF EVERY MAN THAT GIVETH IT WILLINGLY WITH HIS HEART YOU SHALL TAKE MY OFFERING." All that was needed for the building of the Sanctuary was to be provided for by popular and voluntary gifts so that the sanctuary would enjoy the affection of the people. This feeling would have been absent if its materials were accumulated by compulsory methods or taken from a few very rich people.

Verse 8. "AND LET THEM MAKE ME A SANCTUARY, THAT I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM." The concrete sanctuary which the people would behold was so to impress itself upon their minds and hearts that they themselves would become an abode of holiness and a residence of the Divine presence. In the Aboth of Rabbi Nathan, work is exalted as follows: "Rabbi Tarphon says, 'Great is work, for even the Holy One, blessed be He, did not cause His presence to rest over Israel until they actually worked.'" It is said (in our verse) "And let them make unto Me a sanctuary, and then I will dwell among them."

A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Youth thirsts for action. Youth must have expression. It cannot remain inarticulate. Without a cause, youth suffers an untimely aging. Yet, when we examine the facts and figures regarding young people, we find that the youth of America is not represented in the various activities and movements with which the American scene seethes and pulsates. Why this apathy? It is difficult to say! Is it the fault of our Youth? I daresay, after careful consideration of the problem, that the answer is not with the individual. Young people as individuals are ever in quest of a cause—and often they find a bad one. 1096

Then is it the fault of our Youth organizations? Is there something organically wrong with the manner in which they address themselves to Youth? Perhaps the answer is there. Perhaps, our Youth organizations, religious, secular or social, are responsible for this manifest failure to attract the American Youth and organize it for service to humanity.

It is sufficiently disturbing to know however, that close scrutiny of the membership lists of Youth organizations in America shows that only about 5% of the entire American Youth takes an active part in religious affairs or in civic movements. 1097

To be interested in religious affairs is regarded by young people as something unmanly. To drink, to swear, to be loud is deemed manly. What could be further from the fact than the impression of some of our young people have that they must be "Muckers" in order to be manly, that they must sow their wild oats to be regular. 1098

Let me tell you a story which occurred recently in California. There was a woman who had undergone a capital surgical operation. She did not rally afterward. The loss of blood and the nervous shock brought her to the verge of death. The surgeons after a hasty consultation told her husband that unless something radical was done at once her life could not be saved; that indeed the only hope lay in the transfusion of blood from some healthy, vigorous body.

She had three sons, great, strapping fellows in the heyday of their youth. When the facts were made known to them, they offered themselves at once. The surgeon took them in the adjoining room and had them strip that he might hastily decide which one would best serve. If any one of them had allowed his blood to be tainted by some wretched vice, if he had depleted his vitality by some miserable indulgence, he would have been cut off in that high hour from the chance of serving the mother in her time of peril. The surgeon ran them over and found every one of them sound, clean, abundantly alive. They were all fit—any one of them would do. One of them was chosen and the artery of strength was opened and connected with the veins of weakness. Then the heart of that young man, clean in every sense of the word, pumped out of its own store of life a fresh stock of vitality into that other life which

trembled on the brink. The mother's life was saved and restored. She is alive today, rejoicing in the companionship of those three fine sons.

How splendid that they were in shape to do it! How fine that in the years past they had so lived that when the call came not one of them needed to flinch. All unwittingly for her sake they had lived the truly manly life. It is the strongest incentive to righteousness, it is the strongest deterrent from evil that I know.

My challenge to youth is to be religiously minded. To be religious is to be manly. It is an evidence of moral courage. 1099

The story is told of a wealthy merchant who said to his office clerk that he wanted him to work on the following Sabbath. The young man respectfully replied "I may not come then." "You'll either come or be 'fired'" shouted the merchant and the boy was 'fired'. A week later, a man dropped into the very same merchant's office and in the course of the conversation said, "I want a young man in my office, who is absolutely trustworthy. Do you know of one?" "Yes", said the merchant. "Only last week I let go the young man you want." 1100

Deep down in the heart of every man and woman there is respect for a young man who has the courage to be religious, and to be true and pure. 1101

I want to say to you, my young friends, let us not discuss the menu, but rather taste the food. Let us not talk so much about religion, but let us rather try it. "Taste and see" proclaimed the Psalmist, "for the Lord is good. Happy, yes happy, is the man who trusts in Him."/

Young people, cold and bare is youth without the generous glow of idealism. I urge young men to be interested in Civic welfare. Politics ought to be a proud career for the voter as well as for the candidate. 1102

Only when Youth immerses itself in a search for truth and equity in government can politics in America become the noble calling that it is in England where service to country brings forth the highest talents and staunchest character of Youth./

The youth of the nation are the trustees of to-morrow. If our youth to-day will be urged, as an auxiliary to religion, to enlist in the causes of civic-betterment, they will

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Wit and Humor

AN EXPERT LIAR

A stranger visiting Wilna was told of Motke Habad's unusual ability as a liar. Wishing to convince himself, the stranger approached Motke and made him the following proposition:

"I'll give you a ruble if you tell me a lie instantly, without a moment's hesitation."

"Why, you promised me two rubles," exclaimed Motke.

A DANGEROUS NEIGHBOR

A Jew was so violently angry at his neighbor that he resolved to kill him. On a certain dark evening he waited for his enemy on a lonely street, all prepared with a sharp knife in his pocket. When the other approached, the Jew grabbed him by the neck ready to perform his murderous act. But as he flashed the weapon, he stopped suddenly and exclaimed:

"My God! What am I doing! It's a 'milchige' knife!"

A BARKING DOG

A Jewish merchant had a business appointment with a Polish Pan at his large estate. As the Jew approached the palace a fierce bulldog leaped out and began to bark furiously, whereupon the visitor ran away as fast as his legs could carry him. One of the Pan's servants, who had been watching the entire performance, began to laugh viciously.

"Don't you know," he scoffed, "that a barking dog never bites?"

"Yes," replied the Jew, "you know it and I know it, but the dog doesn't know it."

DO IT YOURSELVES

In Poland it is a well-established tradition that every Jewish community must have an individual who passes for the official town lunatic. Once the official lunatic of the city of Slavita mounted the synagogue platform during the Sabbath afternoon services, rapped for order, and announced:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I, Hayim, the town lunatic, wish to inform you that I have decided to leave you, and since it is impossible for Slavita to get along without an official lunatic, I hereby urge each and every one of you to become insane yourself."

NOT EXACTLY

"The nerve of her!" complained Braine to her sister-in-law Sprinze. "That neighbor of mine called me an old fool."

"You don't mean it!" exclaimed Sprinze. "That's a first-rate lie. Why, my dear, you are only thirty-eight."

(Excerpts from "The Jew Laughs", by S. Felix Mendelsohn, published by L. M. Stein, Chicago).

A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

by Rabbi H. S. Goldstein

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make their city a better place in which to live and their nation, a home for mutual benefits and righteous living.

My dear friends, my purpose this morning is to introduce a general platform to all of our young people. I have chosen as my challenge for their enlistment, interest in religious affairs and service in the cause of civic welfare. I propose next week, Please God, to present in detail, my program which I trust will be welcomed by young people everywhere. I would like to have your reactions. I am anxious to hear from parents. Parents will you please be good enough to voice your sentiments. I want to ask the young men and women to let me have a word from them as to their interests. I want you, young people, to tell me what in your judgment is wrong with the present communal efforts designed to attract, guide and inspire you into a life of service, into a life abundant and rich with joy.

I close this introductory talk with Milton's prayer:

"What in me is dark,
Illumine. What is low, raise and
support;
That to the height of this great
argument
I may assert eternal Providence and
justify the ways of God to man."

There is a vast storehouse filled with treasures. The key, the Hebrew language, is in our guardianship. Have we a right to throw the key into the ocean of oblivion? More than that, when we have ceased to be efficient guardians of our treasures, of what use are we in the world? I fear that in the case of such flagrant dereliction of duty, the twentieth century will have in store for us not a Ghetto, but a grave.

Henrietta Szold, 1896.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Sat. 29	8:30 P.M. Universal Stage Company presents "Ghosts." Admission Free.
MARCH	
Sun. 1	3:00 P.M. I. S. Old Timers' Meeting.
Mon. 2	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. 3	8:30 P.M. Young Peoples' Conference Meeting. West Side Building. 8:30 P.M. Leaders' Council Meeting. 8:30 P.M. Parents' Association Theatre Party at Second Avenue Theatre.
Wed. 4	8:00 P.M. Ping-Pong Tournament in Game Room.
Thur. 5	Fast of Esther.

THE FAST OF ESTHER

The Fast of Esther is observed on the thirteenth of the month of Adar, which was the day set aside by Haman for the execution of his evil design against the Jews and later became the day on which the Jews avenged themselves on their enemies. This year on account of Saturday, the fast is observed on the preceding Thursday, the eleventh of Adar. It is on the fourteenth of Adar and the day which commemorates our escape from the wicked designs of Haman, that we observe the festival of Purim. Revenge upon our enemies is not regarded by us as a cause of rejoicing.

ONE-ACT PLAYS NOW IN REHEARSAL FOR CONTEST

Saturday and Sunday evenings, March 28th and 29th, have definitely been set aside for the presentation of the plays entered in the One-Act Play Contest. Eight clubs have already submitted their entry blanks, and several more have declared their intention of doing so. The final date for entries has been set as March 1st.

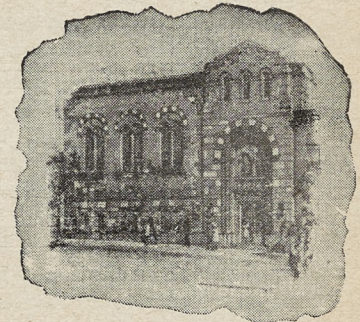
The plays selected, and already in rehearsal, vary from original plays, which three groups will produce, to one of Eugene O'Neil's dramas. Drama, comedy, and farce all will be presented on the I.S. stage in this contest.

The winning production will be awarded the one-act play contest cup; while the two individuals giving the best performances will be awarded medals.

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