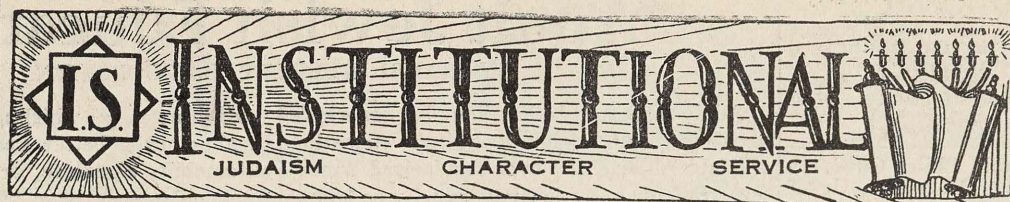


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Thespians to Perform During the Weekend

The thespians of the I.S. clubs will display their abilities this Saturday and Sunday evenings, March 28th and 29th, when the Annual One-Act Play Contest will be held in the Main Building Auditorium.

Last minute preparations have been completed and eight groups will participate in this popular contest. The plays selected range from original compositions, written by members of the competing groups, to plays by Eugene O'Neil and Lord Dunsany.

On Saturday evening, March 28th, the following clubs will participate: The Spartans will produce an original play entitled "A Special Spartan Meeting"; the Vitas Club will present a story of newspaper life entitled "Copy"; the Nohtaram Girls have selected "Poetry-Plaster" as their offering; and the Numas Club will produce "In the Zone."

On Sunday evening, March 29th, the Elons Club will present an original play entitled "Woodman Spare That Tree"; the Mortons will also produce a play written by one of their members entitled "Aladdin's Lamp"; the Valspars will offer "A Thriving Business"; and the Celtics will present "The Hand of Siva."

The winning production will be awarded the One-Act Play Contest Cup, while the two best individual performers will be awarded medals.

Attention Directors!

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday evening, April 9th, at 8:15 promptly, at the West Side Building, 148 West 85th Street. All Directors are urged to attend this meeting.

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PASSOVER RELIEF FUND

There are many needy Jewish families in Harlem who would like to observe Passover suitably, but who unfortunately cannot do so because of lack of necessary funds. Won't you please enable these families at least to share the pleasure of having Matzohs on their Seder nights, and thus incidentally, getting a "Mitzvah" for yourself?

The Institutional Synagogue has never failed to do its bit in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews. Kindly make checks payable to the I.S. Passover Relief Fund, care of the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, New York City.

Rabbi to Broadcast

This Sunday morning Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will continue his series of Sunday morning addresses over station W.M.C.A. between ten forty-five and eleven o'clock.

Rabbi Explains The Laws of Passover

Rabbi Goldstein gave the following explanations of the laws and customs of Passover:

- a. Seder—meaning "Order of Service", is the name given to the service in the home on the first two nights of Passover, for which an elaborate ritual is prepared. The Seder is symbolic of a royal banquet; the father dressed in white kittel, is the king, the mother the queen, and the children the princes and the princesses.
- b. The abstinence from leaven for the eight days is intent to recall to our minds every year the event of Israel's redemption from bondage. The Israelites were in such a hurry to leave Egypt that they did not take time to let the dough, which they had prepared, leaven.
- c. The Matzohs are intended to remind us of the bread thus prepared in haste. Since the Israelites did not let the dough rise, it remained flat and they baked it in the hot sun of the desert.
- d. Start a search for the chometz—leaven on the night preceding the Seder and burn and sell it the following morning, because we are not only forbidden to eat it, but we are also enjoined not to have it in our possession. Symbolically, leaven is supposed to represent all that is mean and sordid in life, and Matzoh the pure, lofty and sublime. The prayer said while the leaven is being burned, reveals this: Just as the Jew removes all leaven from his house and possessions, so we pray that all impure thoughts may be removed from the earth.
- e. The Hessebet—the cushions put on the left side to lean upon, represent the oriental custom of all freemen to recline at their banquets. This symbolizes the fact that we are no longer slaves.
- f. The three Matzohs set on the table stand for the three classes in Israel—Cohen, Levi and Israel.
- g. The four kosos—cups of wine—stand for the four words in Hebrew meaning "to set free."
- h. The pouring out of the 10 drops of wine, recall the 10 plagues.

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Sedrah for Week, "Vayikrah"

LAWS OF PASSOVER

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i. The five dishes:

1. The bitter herbs are symbolic of our bitter life in Egypt.
2. Charoshes—a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine—represent the mortar and clay which the Israelites had to build with when they were slaves unto Pharaoh.
3. The salt water represents the tears shed by the Israelites in their misery.
4. The roasted bone represents the Paschal lamb sacrificed by our people before they left Egypt and also at the time when the Holy Temple was in existence in Jerusalem.
5. The egg is symbolic of the special holiday offering which had to be brought to be sacrificed (in the time of the Temple) besides the customary Paschal offering.

j. The Cup of Elijah—Passover is the festival of redemption. Therefore, we put a special cup on the Seder table for Elijah, who, according to Talmudic Tradition, will come to announce to us our final redemption.

k. Opening of the door. We open the door during the Seder service to indicate our belief in the special Divine protection of Israel and to show that we are unafraid of our enemies.

l. The Afikomen is a piece of the middle one of the three Matzohs placed before the master of the house. It is the last thing partaken of at the Seder because it represents the Paschal offering, which used to be eaten last.

m. The Haggada. The outstanding feature of the Seder is the reading of the "Haggada", which relates the history of the Exodus from Egypt. The Bible commands us to relate the story of Passover.

"Adult Jewish Education"

BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Adult religious education is America's greatest need. Adult religious education will spiritualize our over-secularized America. Suicide and despondency may be transmuted into a will to live, and an optimistic view of life, if we realize that the morsel of religious education we receive in our childhood is insufficient to sate us for the rest of our existence.

What does Education mean? Education is the process of learning which leads us from ignorance to knowledge. Yet through the nuances of words, the various interpretations placed upon the word education, have been as diverse almost, as the races and nations of the world. Let us see what is the word for education in Hebrew. It has often been said that language is the index to a people's yearnings. The word for education in Hebrew is "Hinnuch," which means consecration. Education to the Jew does not mean merely the attainment of knowledge, but rather the consecration of every Israelite through Jewish education to act as a member of the priestly and holy people. Jewish education, or consecration which is the Hebrew term, transcends and overreaches things and raises us to a rarer and more elevated atmosphere in life.

Education Cause of Existence

Every civilization reflects and transmits through its system of education the way of life and the philosophy which is inherent in it. Through Jewish education, particularly through adult education, each coming generation is held in communion with Israel's unique contribution, the Torah. Thus it is that through education, the endless chain of Israel has suffered no weak link. Because of adult study the Jew has lived on from year to year, from age to age, from nation to nation though dispersed to every corner of the world. Mere education, as we usually think of it, could never have wrought this miracle. It is only because the Jew has been consecrated over and over again as a people to whom ethical culture is of prime importance that he has endured through the vicissitudes of time and circumstances, and survived his enemies.

Study of Vital Importance

To-day, Jewish adult education is of vital importance more than ever before. The utilitarian age in which we live leaves little time for meditation, for education, for consecration. Yet the men and women who live a truly Jewish life are able to set aside some time which might otherwise be wasted in foolish though seemingly profitable consideration and devote it to the seemingly profitless but really wise application to that which is greater than knowledge—consecration.

Machinery is whirling on every hand, turning out a better and better quality of automobile, cigarette, or chewing-gum, but what machinery have we set in motion to turn out a better type of mind, a spiritual type of human being? My answer is that adult religious education is this machinery. Adult religious education is a means of fusing all of the finer elements of life into the type of man who can rise above daily secularism and sordidness to a mental promontory from which the mysteries of being become clearer and clearer, as life speeds on. Jewish education covers every field of endeavor. Our education teaches us how to act not only in the Synagogue but at home, in business, and in every one of our relationships. Thus if adult education is part and parcel of our lives the older we become, the better Jews, the finer men and women we should be. I shall read to you a section from the Talmud concerning social service, in which religious education is given its proper evaluation. "These are the things, the fruits of which a man enjoys in this world, while the stock (or principal) remains for him in the world to come, namely, honoring father and mother, the practice of charity, timely attendance at the house of study morning and evening, hospitality to wayfarers, visiting the sick, dowering the bride, attending the dead to the grave, devotion in prayer, and making peace between man and his fellow-man; but the study of the Torah (religious education) is equal to them all." Why, you may ask, is the study of the Torah, so all important? Because, as Professor Herman Cohen, a leader in modern philosophy has put it, "The Torah is in itself the sum total and concept of all ethical law."

Attend Bible Classes

Young men and women, I have some suggestions to make. I propose that you set aside one evening a week for spiritual exercise which should take the form of attending a class in adult religious education. I invite you to attend my Bible classes, which I give every Monday afternoon at 2:30 for women and every Monday night at 8:30 for men, at the West Side Branch of the Institutional Synagogue, 148 West 85th Street. I should like further to suggest that at your weekly bridge parties, some time be devoted for a reading, or a discussion of any part of sacred literature.

This thought may be a drastic departure from present-day notions, but it is up to thinking, conscious men and women to change social conventions so that the higher values in life become the fashion. Once a thing becomes fashionable it passes as the norm, unquestioned.

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LEAGUE BEAUTIFIES THE WEST SIDE LOBBY

Mrs. Charles Rollinson of the Public Actions Committee spoke to the Women's League at their meeting of March 16th on what every woman can do to keep our country out of war.

An appeal was made for Passover Relief. It was requested that all contributions be sent to the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, addressed to Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Chairman of Passover Relief for the Women's League.

A special vote of thanks is hereby extended to the Women's League for the money and effort they have expended in beautifying the main floor of our West Side Building. Special credit is due to the House Committee consisting of Mrs. Meyer Mirken, Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, Mrs. Meyer Pargament, and Mrs. David Ullman, ex-officio.

The hostesses at the meeting of March 16th were: Mrs. H. S. Goldstein and Mrs. Max Sanders. The hostesses at the last meeting were Mrs. David Ullman and Mrs. Jack Levine.

Last Monday, Rabbi H. S. Goldstein gave the women a presentation of the laws of Passover.

The League extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Annie R. Morris who returned after several weeks absence due to illness.

PLANS BEING MADE FOR BOYS' WEEK SERVICES

Boys' Week Services will take place at the West Side Branch on Saturday, April 18th. All those who desire to participate are requested to communicate with Gabriel F. Goldstein, 225 West 86th Street.

Since there are a number of candidates for the position of Speaker, all interested should submit their addresses on or before Friday, April 10th. All addresses should be sent to the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street. The judges who will pick the speaker, based upon their speeches, will be announced in the next issue.

M'Chiras Chometz

M'chiras Chometz is taking place both at the Main Building and at the West Side Branch every morning and evening.

ATHLETES PREPARE FOR ANNUAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

The I.S. athletes are making their final efforts to get into shape for their big night, April 4th, when the Annual Athletic Carnival will be held in the gymnasium and swimming pool.

The final program of events prepared by the Gym Department includes many interesting as well as spectacular exhibitions and events. Included on the program are exhibitions of boxing, wrestling, basketball, handball, American ball, fencing, swimming-apparatus work, and tumbling. A series of surprise novelty events is also on the program.

The "Musical Ramblers" will supply the music for the dancing that will be held between and following the various events.

Tickets for the affair may be secured from the gymnasium office, or at the desk in the lobby. They are priced at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents in advance, and thirty-five cents at the gate. You are, therefore, urged to get your tickets for this function immediately.

COUNCIL HOST TO THE MET. CLUB LEADERS

The Leaders' Council was host to the members of the Metropolitan Club Leaders' Association on Sunday evening, March 15th.

An interesting program of "The March of Jewish Time" was presented by the members of the Leaders' Council, under the direction of Morris A. Urieff. This consisted of the dramatization of current Jewish events and was heard over the home made I.S. broadcasting station.

The discussion of the evening concerned itself with the proper motivation of clubs to secure group activities along Jewish lines. The meeting was adjourned with the serving of delicious refreshments.

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SPARTANS WIN THE INTER-CLUB SWIMMING MEET

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The events in the meet included a fifty yard free style, an eight lap free style relay, a fifty yard breaststroke, a one hundred yard medley relay, a fifty yard backstroke, a kicking race, and a ping-pong blow. With the exception of but two races, the Spartans captured every first place.

The Rayo Club took second place, with twenty-three points to their credit, the Barbers were third and the Club Morton fourth.

The Spartan Club will receive a plaque for their efforts, while the individual winners of the various events will receive suitable awards.

Adult Jewish Education

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Every learned Englishman knows his Shakespeare, every learned Italian knows his Dante, and certainly every learned Jew should know his Bible. The Jewish people have been known as the "People of the Book"—the Bible. Does that designation refer to you, my dear listeners? Next to the Bible comes the Talmud, and to the spirit which produced it. The Jewish religion is a religion of literature. To know it properly, is to obey it. To obey it, is to be consecrated.

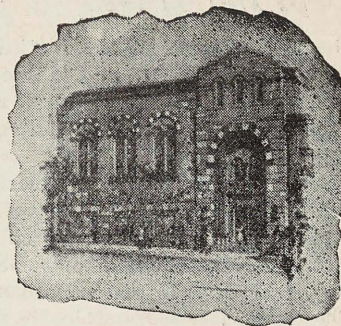
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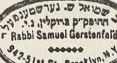
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Mr. Emanuel Greenberg was elected as permanent Chairman, while Dr. Irving Silverstein was selected to act as Vice-President. Miss Nadine Hyman was elected Secretary and Mr. Herbert Hyman was chosen Treasurer.

The group plans to co-operate with the Institutional Synagogue and to support it at the Nineteenth Annual Dinner and Dance on April 19th.

Their second major activity will be held on Saturday evening, May 9th. At that time, they hope to co-operate with the Leaders' Council, in sponsoring a Dance and Frankfurter Roast in the gymnasium of the main building.

The next meeting of this group will be held on Thursday evening, April 16th, at the main building. All former members of the I.S. are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and to become members of the League. You are urged to make it your business to communicate with the other I.S. Oldtimers and to inform them of this organization.



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