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May Tenth
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Gala Dance
May Ninth
In Gym

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Public School Head Guest of Parents

Mr. Bernard Colten, Principal of Public School 166, will be the guest speaker at a Parents-Teachers Meeting of the Talmud Torah this Tuesday evening, May 5th, at the West Side Branch. Mr. Colten's talk will deal with the relation of the Religious School to the Public School.

This topic will undoubtedly prove exceptionally interesting to all the parents. Mr. Colten is well known, especially in our neighborhood.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will be present and will deliver a short address.

At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments will be served. All parents are urged to attend this meeting, next Tuesday evening, at 8:30 promptly.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION HOLD PACKAGE PARTY

Last Tuesday evening, April 28th, the Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue held a very successful Package Party. Many of the ladies contributed packages which brought in a neat sum for the support of the Talmud Torah.

The Association now plans a Strawberry Festival, which will be held sometime in the early part of June. Further details concerning this affair will be announced in the forthcoming issues of the "Institutional."

Women's League Plans For Elaborate Cake Sale

During the business meeting which followed the Women's League Bible Class, plans were discussed for the forthcoming cake sale. A large number of women promised to bring cakes, while others expressed their intentions to purchase same. All contributions of cakes and canned goods will be greatly appreciated. All sorts of delicious and tempting cakes, cookies and canned goods will be on sale. Lunch, including all kinds of sandwiches and drinks, will be served daily.

As we go to press, the date and place of opening as yet are unknown. Notices concerning same will be sent to members. All others interested are requested to phone University 4-6729.

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.

ARCHERY CONTEST TO BE A FEATURE OF FIELD DAY

One of the novel events that will feature the Annual Lag B'Omer Field Day, which will be held on Sunday, May 10th, at the Rice Stadium, will be an archery contest. Fitting in with the traditional activities of the festival, skill with the bow and arrow will be one of the athletic tests of the day. This event has already aroused much interest, and the number of competitors will undoubtedly be large.

A regular schedule of field and track events has been arranged by the director of the gym, to include every class of membership. The program includes: dashes, relays, high jumping, broad jumping, shot putting, and novelty events.

A baseball game between the members of the clubs and the staff is scheduled to take place in the afternoon. "Milt" Rosenberg, who is selecting the staff members for the various positions, is finding the job of manager a rather difficult one—every staff member thinks himself capable of playing the important position of pitcher, and no one wants to be sent out into the field.

I.S. Victorious in Triangular Debate

The I. S. Intermediate Debating Team won its third consecutive victory this season when it defeated the representatives of the Port Chester Jewish Center and the Stamford, Conn., Jewish Center last Sunday afternoon, April 26th.

The topic of the debates was "Resolved that Palestine is the only hope of World Jewry." Out of the three debates held last Sunday, at the respective institutions, the I.S. representatives won their two debates; thus winning first place in the triangular debating tournament.

The members of the I.S. teams were: Affirmative team, which debated against the Stamford team at the I.S., Nat Lichtenholtz and William Finger; Negative team, which debated against Port Chester at Port Chester, Sherman Lefkowitz and Gabriel Goldstein. Both teams were well prepared and ably presented their sides of the resolution. The refutation, in both debates, showed that the practice they had received during the year had given them a good foundation in the art and technique of debating.

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JEWISH YOUTH RALLY TO BE STAGED IN MAY

"American Jewish Youth Faces the Future" will be the topic of discussion at a Jewish Youth Rally, plans for which are now being formulated. This was also the topic of the Annual Essay Contest, which closed last evening.

Many of the members, in all classes of membership, submitted essays on the various phases of the topic. The essays have been turned over to a board of judges consisting of: Rabbis Goldstein, Burstein and Goodman. The result of the contest will be published in a forthcoming issue of the "Institutional."

The Jewish Youth Rally will take the form of a symposium, under the chairmanship of a man who is well versed in the subject. The various phases of the question will be presented, followed by questions and discussions from those present. The date of the Rally has not yet been announced.

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Sedrah for Week: "Achare-K'doshim"

Excerpts From Our Radio Bag

(The following are typical letters received by Rabbi H. S. Goldstein as a result of his Sunday morning broadcasts).

My dear Rabbi Goldstein:

Having listened to your broadcast this Sunday for the first time, I found your address most inspiring. I am strongly for the continuance of same.

Kindly send me a copy of this address so that I may make a number of copies of same and forward them to my friends and families who may not be fortunate enough to have heard you. With many good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. SADIE KEISER.

My dear Rabbi Goldstein:

Just dialed to W.M.C.A. and enjoyed your sermon which was an unexpected treat. There is no doubt in my mind that your sermons would be interesting, inspirational, and constructive. Our Jews and Non-Jews would profit by such sermons. If I were employed I would surely send in my dollar to aid these sermons to be constantly continued. I have told many people to listen in. I would appreciate a copy of this Sunday's sermon.

Sincerely,

EMMA N. KELLNER.

**AWARD NIGHT
TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, May 20th.**

::: "THE MATTER OF LYING" :::

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Dear Friends: In this week's Scriptural portion we read (in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 19, verse 11) "Ye shall not LIE one to another." I regard lying as one of the greatest evils of our time. Lying is stealing and is a violation of the eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal." A liar is a thief, for when a man lies, he steals the truth. Many a man has been impoverished materially, mentally, and spiritually by lying. These are piercingly plain words. Our Rabbis say "Life and death are in the power of the tongue." Men and women, who are otherwise good and charitable, stoop to lie because they lack the moral courage to tell the truth. The truth is to be an inseparable part of us and not a garment to be put on and taken off at will.

To-day we have the all too-prevalent so-called "white" lies. My observations have proven to me that those who indulge in "white" lies soon become color-blind. The habit of lying once engendered becomes a pernicious anemia, difficult to treat, and almost beyond cure.

There is a time, however, when lying is permissible. I have in mind a case where truthfulness conflicts with another moral obligation. A mother is critically ill. Her child is also sick and dies. The mother asks "How is my child?" To tell the truth might kill her. We have here on the one hand the problem of moral integrity which should prompt us to tell the truth, and on the other hand a moral obligation to save the mother's life. Of course, in this case, we may and should answer the mother "Your child is better." It is only in such cases where there is a conflict of moral obligations, that our Sages permit us to disregard the truth.

In the closing dictum of the First Chapter of the "Ethics of the Fathers" we read "Rabban Simeon, the son of Gamliel, used to say, 'The world stands fast on three things, —On truth, on justice, and on peace.'" Truth is one of the pillars of the world. Without it faith in human beings would be rare, social intercourse would be awkward, friendship would disappear, and the very existence of society would be impossible.

There is no better lesson to teach our children than that profit without probity is sinful, and that probity without profit is profit in itself. This would be the greatest preventative against racketeering, the attempt at rapid acquisition of wealth through ungodly, false and illegal practices. The labor of this century's disregard for meticulousness for truth has given birth to the racketeer.

The world is famishing for truth. It is parched for honesty. We need upright men, not jelly-fishes. We need brave men, not cowards. We need honorable men, not liars.

To cozen, to deceive, to lie, say the Rabbis, (in the Talmud in Sanhedrin) is idolatry, the greatest sin in religion.

Truth is the very characteristic of God. "Choh-se-moh Shell Hak-kaw-Dosh Baw-rooch Hoo Emes." Truth, "Emes," is the seal of God. To quote from the B'nai B'rith ritual of Initiation, "Truth is the heart of life; without it no labor has value, no word has credence; no character respect."

As a Rabbi, my contacts with men, have given me opportunities to observe in addition to the regularly stupid cowardly liar, the base liar. I have observed some who knavishly declare, people say, or people have told me as follows, and then proceed to give what in truth is their own opinion, hurting the next man. Then again, I have observed foolish people who instead of stating the facts which in themselves are all that are necessary, will exaggerate the facts, in order to make a fine impression. They are only deluding themselves. There is something real in truth, that instantly communicates itself to others. There is a sort of contact-switch in the mind, that clicks itself into position as soon as we hear a truthful word uttered. One can never be sick of the truth. Even an unpleasant truth in the end, is more palatable than a sugary sweet lie. If we would only think of God as the THIRD party in all our conversations, aware of all that we say, and reserving judgment upon us for another time, then forsooth, would our moral standard be strong enough to cause us to desist from glib speaking, from exaggeration, from talebearing, from misrepresentation, from lying.

Lying at times may go unpunished. It may at times do little harm to others, but as to the one who tells the lies his spirit is harmed, his friends get to know him. If any of you get red in the face, as I speak, please do not be angry at me, but rather seek improvement.

We have finally, the incurable liar, as represented at times by the prisoner, who has been justly convicted, and takes his punishment protesting his innocence. He has told his story so well, that he himself was taken in by it and his false statements are so ingenious, that they take on even to himself the semblance of truth. Such a philosophy or psychology will not hold before the inscrutable Judge of the Universe.

My friends, who is the greater criminal; the thief or the robber. Our Rabbis, contrary to what you may expect, say that the thief is a greater criminal than the robber. Why? Because, the robber plunders openly, unafraid. The thief steals secretly, so that man should not see him, but disregards the All-seeing eye of God Almighty. So it is

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Among The Clubs

Thoughtful Tales

The SPADES CLUB, under the direction of Mr. Bernard Defrin, has planned a definite schedule of events to last them over a period of several weeks. Competition among the members in basketball, indoor baseball, swimming, checkers, debating, and ping-pong, began on Sunday, April 26th. Their plans also call for a major social event as a climax of their season's activities.

The MORTONS won their first victory in the newly opened baseball season recently. With their goal of fifty members, and an expanded program of social and athletic activities, this active group is now sponsoring a membership drive. Another issue of their club paper, the "Meteor" is expected to appear shortly.

Entering full force into the Field Day activities, the members of the MELRAH CLUB may be found hard at work on Sunday mornings in the Gym, preparing themselves for the coming event. In addition to this, they have also planned a debate among the members of their group.

The NOHTARAM GIRLS are now looking toward the out-of-doors for new activities. Hiking, rowing and bicycle riding seem to be their favorites. We understand that these active girls will soon be conspicuous in their new uniforms.

Another social event for the SPARTAN CLUB seems to be the tenor of the discussions at their meetings. Plans were laid

at their last meeting for a larger and better affair than they have ever held. This club has an enviable record this year, having been victorious in the One-Act Play Contest, the Swimming Meet, and now they look forward to the Field Day as another victory to be gained.

The NUMAS CLUB has arranged a schedule of activities for the entire summer. After an active season of athletics, they plan to emphasize social activities during the summer. Meetings, regularly, are also included on their program. Of course, swimming will be a favorite sport, especially during the warm weather. This active group is under the leadership of George Karp.

The Eagle Club is anxiously awaiting favorable weather in order to get out into the "wide open spaces." For Field Day, May 10th, they are planning a "Clash and Clatter Band," which will supply the music for the occasion.

They have recently affiliated themselves with the Habonim, the Interscholastic League of Jewish Youth and are participating actively in this organization.

The officers of the Eagles are: President, Max Fried; Vice-President, Herbert Meyer; Secretary, Moses Finfang; Treasurer, Ernest Kohn; and Athletic Manager, Alvin Finger. Mr. Abraham I. Rhine is the club leader.

PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IRRESPECTIVE OF REWARD

A king hired laborers and assigned them to work in his garden without designating the wages they would receive, in order that the work which commanded but little pay might not be neglected in favor of that which would bring with it a greater compensation. At the close of the day he called one of the workmen and said, "Under which tree wast thou employed?"

"Under this one."

"This is a pepper tree," said the king, "Here is thy reward," and he handed the man a gold piece.

Then he called another, directing the same question to him. Upon receiving his reply the king said, "This is a caper tree; thy pay is half a gold piece."

A third workman, who had performed his labors under an olive tree, received twenty gold pieces.

"Why didst thou not make known to us the pay we were to receive?" they asked.

"Had I done so," replied the king, "How would my whole garden have received due attention?"

Rabbi Abin Bar Kahana taught, "Do not say, 'I will follow this precept because a great reward is attached to its observance, but that one I will not follow because the reward is trivial! God did not reveal the recompense for each and every law in order that mankind might practice all with equal zeal.'"

SEEING GOD

Said Emperor Trajan to Rabbi Joshua, "I would like to see your God."

"Sir," replied the rabbi, "mortal eyes cannot endure the sight of God's ineffable glory."

"I will make the venture," returned the emperor.

"Come with me," said the rabbi.

It was an excessively warm day and, since it was the noon hour, the sun stood high in the heavens. The rabbi led his companion to an open field, pointed to the sun, and said, "Sir, fix your gaze upon yonder sun."

"Impossible! The light dazzles me."

"And yet the sun is only one of the innumerable servants of His Divine Majesty. You can not endure to gaze upon it; then, how can you expect to behold the glory of the Creator?"

Counselors Wanted

Anyone interested in serving as a counselor at Camp Ta-A-Noog, the home camp of the Institutional Synagogue, is urged to see Rabbi Philip Goodman. There are several vacancies open at the present time. For an appointment, phone UNiversity 4-6729.

'INSTITUTIONAL' CONDUCTS

A PUBLICATIONS CONTEST

A great many of the clubs and organizations meeting in the I.S. have issued their own bulletins and newspapers during the past year. The "Institutional" takes great pleasure in announcing that it will conduct a contest to ascertain the best club newspaper being issued by our clubs.

The club publications will be graded according to their contents, make-up, physical appearance and novelty features.

It is not necessary to publish a special issue for the purpose of entering the contest.

Editors of the various bulletins should submit two copies of any one issue of their newspaper published during April or May. The final date for entering the contest has been set as Sunday, May 31st.

According to present plans, one copy of each publication received will be placed on exhibition in the Social Room.

The best individual article, in the estimation of the Board of Judges, will be published in the "Institutional." The Board of Judges will consist of the Editors of the Institutional and Bernard Schnitzer, Chairman of the Board of Publications of the College of the City of New York.

RECEPTION TO RABBI KOTLER

A splendid reception will be tendered in honor of the world renowned Gaon, Rabbi Aaron Kotler, who has been the dean and president of the Kletzk Yeshiva of Poland for the past twenty-five years. This Yeshiva which Rabbi Kotler represents, is in existence for almost half a century.

This reception will take the form of a festival and concert on Sunday evening, May 10th, at Congregation Ohab Zedek, 118 West 95th Street.

PLEASE PAY PLEDGE!

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time, owing to the unstable conditions prevailing in Harlem. We therefore ask you to be sincere enough to co-operate with us and send in your contributions as pledged, with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your co-operation which I know I may expect from you.

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director.

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED AT FRANKFURTER ROAST

A large turnout of members and friends of the I.S. is expected at the Frankfurter Roast and Dance, which will be held on Saturday night, May 9th, at the Main Building Gymnasium.

Both the Institutional League and the Leaders' Council are using all their resources to make this affair a gala success.

"Hot Dawgs" will be served throughout the evening at the refreshment bar. Popular dance music will be supplied by a favorite orchestra. The tickets are only thirty-nine cents and may be secured from any member of the Leaders' Council or the Institutional League, as well as at the office of the Main Building.

Talmud Torah Visits the Circus

Special arrangements were made by Rabbi Philip Goodman with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus for a considerable number of free passes to a special children's performance last Monday morning.

Bags of peanuts climaxed the supreme enjoyment of the children. The visit to the circus is one of the many treats in store for the children of the Talmud Torah. Some of the past treats include visits to Breyers Ice Cream plant, Coco-Cola factory, and several moving picture entertainments. Announcement will be made shortly of future extra-curricular activities.

Table Tennis Tourney

The junior members of the I.S. are enthusiastically participating in the Table Tennis Tournament now being held in the Game Room. The interested participants are eager to find out whether their constant practice at the game has made any difference in their ability since the last tournament held in the early part of the season.

The results of the first week's games have shown that the unexpected does occur, and there were several surprises in store for the competitors.

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By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

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with the one who tells lies, he is afraid of man, but not of God. He denies, as he lies, the Omnipresence and the Very-presence of God. Let me conclude with the words with which we close the Sh'-moh-nay Ess-ray, the Eighteen Benedictions, "Eloh-High-N'tsohr L'shoh-nie," "O my God, keep my tongue from evil, and my lips from speaking falsehood,—May the words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable before Thee, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer. May He who makes peace in His high places, may He make peace for us and for all Israel, and say ye, Amen."

I. S. DEBATING TEAM DEFEATS PORTCHESTER and STAMFORD

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Continuing their series of inter-community center debates, the I.S. team will meet the representatives of the Hebrew Educational Society of Brooklyn, on Sunday evening, May 3rd, in Brooklyn. The topic under discussion is "Resolved, that the present Jury System be Abolished." The I.S. will uphold the negative and will be represented by Nat Lichtenholtz and Sherman Lefkowitz.

Following this forensic encounter the H. E. S. will visit us on May 17th to discuss the topic "Resolved, that the U. S. Government Prohibit the Private Manufacture of Arms and Munitions." Again, the I.S. will uphold the negative.

Arrangements are also being made for a debate with the Patterson, N. J., Y.M.H.A. to be held in the latter part of May.

Membership in the I.S. Debating Society, from which debating teams are chosen to represent the I.S. in the various inter-community centre debates, is still open. Young people, between the ages of sixteen and nineteen, who are interested in this form of activity are urged to see Mr. Morris A. Urieff, Director of Club Activities, for further information concerning membership and the schedule of coming debates.

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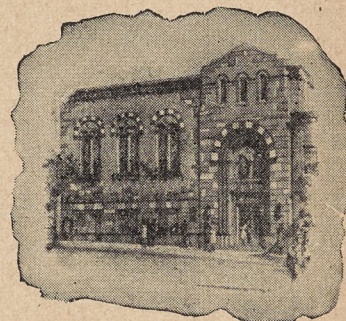
At the dawn I seek Thee,
Refuge, Rock sublime;
Set my prayer before Thee in the morning,
And my prayer at eventime.
I before Thy greatness
Stand and am afraid;
All my secret thoughts Thine eye beholdeth
Deep within my bosom laid.
And, withal, what is it
Heart and tongue can do?
What is this my strength, and what is even
This, the spirit in me, too?
But, indeed, man's singing
May seem good to Thee;
So I praise Thee, singing, while there dwell
leth
Yet the breath of God in me.

Solomon Ibn Gabirol, 1050

(Tran. Nina Salaman)

CHOICE PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Institutional Synagogue is in possession of choice plots at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. We request every member to call upon our Executive Director, Mr. Bernstein, in regard to any information that they may desire in regard to this matter.



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