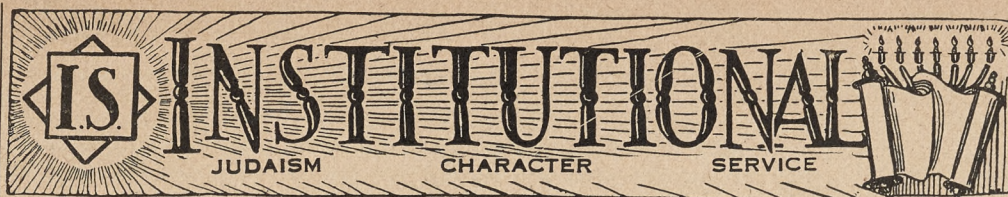


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## Youth Rally To Be Held May 20

American Jewish Youth Faces the Future" will be topic of discussion at a symposium to be conducted by the members of the clubs at a Jewish Youth Rally, which will be held on Wednesday evening, May 20th, in conjunction with the Annual Award Night.

Under the leadership of a capable chairman, the participants will discuss the various phases of the problem including:

"The Future of American Jewish Youth Economically;"

"Jewish Education of American Jewish Youth;"

"American Jewish Youth and Palestine Rebuilding;" and

"The Concern of American Jewish Youth with World Peace."

Following the presentation of these talks, a panel discussion on the subject will be held among the participants. A guest speaker, a well known authority on the subject, has been invited to attend the symposium.

The participants, under the guidance of Rabbi Philip Goodman, are busy preparing their papers and studying the background of the topic.

Following the symposium and rally, the winners of the various contests and tournaments held during the year will be awarded their medals and prizes.

## Leaders and Old Timers Sponsor Novel Affair

Plenty of "hot dawgs", and a popular dance orchestra, are the attractions of the Frankfurter Roast and Dance which will be held tomorrow evening, May 9th, at the Main Building Gymnasium. This affair is sponsored jointly by the Institutional League and the Leaders' Council.

In preparation for the large crowd of members and their friends expected to attend, an astounding amount of frankfurters have been ordered. Other refreshments will also be available.

The rhythmic strains of Herman Margolis and his Merry Men will supply the accompaniment for the adherents of the terpsichorean art. Dancing will continue until one a.m. The orchestra has played in many of the outstanding Jewish Com-

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## Editor To Address Conference

At the next meeting of the Young People's conference, to be held on Tuesday evening, May 12th, at the West Side Building, Mr. Martin J. McEvilly will be the guest speaker.

Mr. McEvilly is the Picture Assignment Editor of the Daily News. He will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Story and Pictures—How We Get Them".

## 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.

## Pelham Scene of Gala Field Day

This Sunday morning, May 10th, the members of the I. S. gym, clubs, and Talmud Torah will participate in the Annual Field Day, which will be held in the Rice Stadium at Pelham Bay Park. Unless the weather proves to be unfavorable, the members will meet in front of the I. S. at 9 A.M. At that time a Lag B'Omer and a Mothers' Day program will be presented by the Girl Scout Troop.

A varied and interesting schedule of events has been arranged. In addition to the usual field, track, and relay events several novelty competitions will be held. In keeping with the tradition of Lag B'Omer, the members of the Talmud Torah will participate in an archery contest.

The events will be held under the supervision of "Hy" Munitz and "Milt" Rosenberg, aided by the members of the Leaders' Council.

Many of the clubs and organizations have declared their intentions of being present. A considerable number of entry blanks have already been received for the various events. In order to make sure that everyone may participate, field entries will be accepted.

## Rabbi Goldstein Talks To Parents Association

At the last regular meeting of the Parents' Association, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was the guest speaker. His address dealt with the significance of the Sabbath. He emphasized the need of modern women returning to Sabbath study.

At this meeting the Parents' Association very generously made an appropriation to supply milk for the Annual Lag B'Omer Field Day.

A Strawberry Festival will be held in the early part of June. Elaborate plans are being made to guarantee both a social and a financial success. A brilliant program of entertainment is now being prepared.

The next meeting of the Parents' Association will take place this coming Tuesday evening at the Main Building. All parents are urged to attend.

munity Centres of the metropolitan area and has an enviable reputation.

At a meeting of the Institutional League, held last week, complete plans were made to insure that every detail of this affair will be properly taken care of.

The guest speaker of the meeting was Rabbi Abraham Burstein, who delivered a talk on "Silence is Not Golden".

The members of the joint committee of the two organizations sponsoring the affair are: Herbert Hyman, Emanuel Greenberg, Julian Norwich, Bernard Feinberg, Ann Parnes, Yetta Margulies, Abraham I. Rhine, Sophia Gerstein, and Lena Roht.

Tickets will be on sale at the door at the nominal sum of thirty-nine cents. Come and get your red-hot franks.

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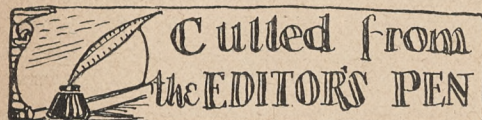
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Light Candles Friday Evening, 7:41

Sedrah for Week "Emor"



This Sunday Mother's Day will be celebrated throughout the length and breadth of this land. There is, however, a growing tendency to replace "Mother's Day" by "Parents' Day". A celebration which singles out one class of parent, does not truly reflect either the spirit of Jewish family life nor the attitude of the Bible and our Sages.

We find that Rabbi Judah the Prince very ingeniously interpreted the two commands, "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother" and "Ye Shall Fear Every Man His Mother and His Father". In one command the father is mentioned first, in the other the mother first. Rabbi Judah says, "God knows that a child honors the mother more than the father because she soothes him with gentle words. Therefore in the command to honor parents, the father is mentioned first. God knows likewise that the child fears the father more than the mother because he teaches him the Law. Therefore, in the injunction to fear the parents, the mother is mentioned first".

Although legally and ritually the mother is less bound than the father, in the ethical relationships of children and parents the mother stands at least on the same level.

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## "PALESTINE"

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By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

After the recent loss of eighteen Jewish lives in Palestine, are we not justified in asking England whether she has faithfully carried out the Balfour Declaration? Lord Balfour on November 2nd, 1917, made the following famous Declaration, and promise: "His Majesty's government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish People, (thus far the declaration, now comes the promise) and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object." This was a beautiful promise worthy of the great English people, the people of reverence for the Bible, to "use their best endeavors to facilitate the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish People." Let us examine how this promise was carried out. In August of 1929 after repeated warnings given to the then High Commissioner of Palestine no precautions were taken to ward off the riots in Hebron. Recently we Jews were again horrified when we heard that at least eighteen Jewish lives had been lost, and at least 100 Jews wounded in the face of the might and power of the English government. Can England truthfully say it is facilitating the establishment of a Home for the Jewish people in Palestine when we must constantly be in fear? Home is the symbol of refuge, of safety, of comfort. The cause for the present unrest in Palestine is due to the fact, in my opinion, that England is playing the Arabs against the Jews.

Let us see what the Jews have done for the Arabs since the Balfour Declaration. The Jew has done much to better the economic position of the Arab. The Jew has raised the standard of living of the Arab. The Jew has advanced the health of the Arab. The Hadassah hospitals and medical units are open to Arabs as well as to Jews. In 1924 I noted with interest how scores of Arabs came to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem to be treated for trachoma. Trachoma, the scourge which was then prevalent among the Arab population of Palestine, and which invariably resulted in blindness to the unfortunate sufferers, has been practically wiped out by Jewish sanitary measures. The Hebrew University, the centre for culture, and scientific research in Palestine is open to the Arab as well as to the Jew. The coming of the Jew to Palestine was not a hindrance, but a help to the Arab. The facts I have narrated show the Jew in Palestine to be, what God wanted him to be, namely "a blessing" as it was said to Abraham, "Be thou a Blessing." The Jew does not seek to injure, nor to proselyte the Arab. The Arabs are fully conscious of this as was shown by a statement made in the latter

part of 1925. Abraham Abdin of Ramleh one of the leading Arab notables issued an appeal to the Arab people in the paper "Al Akhbar", urging them for their own good to cooperate as fully as possible "with the Jews whose numbers, resources, influence and ideals of Justice bring nothing but good to the land." The Arabs would live at peace side by side with the Jew if the English government did not use both the Arab and the Jew as chess pieces to check each other, making it uncomfortable first for one player and then for the other. On every religious festival we Jews offer up the following prayer, "Bring us to Zion Thy city, with exultation, and unto Jerusalem the place of Thy sanctuary, "B'Sim-Chas O-lawm," with Universal Joy," with joy that will gladden the hearts of all mankind.

I want to say a word now to my own people. The tendency on the part of most Zionists is to look upon Palestine merely from a political standpoint. This has retarded, rather than developed the historic, the Jewish ideal of Palestine as is evident by the counter political chicanery of those about us. Israel has wandered far and wide, cutting a circuitous swath around the world. Is this then the end of our journey? No, nationality is not our end.

We must realize that in creating a Jewish civilization in Palestine, regardless of whether it is or is not a democracy, it must be a theocracy, of a distinctly Jewish sort. Israel is possessed of, or perhaps I might better phrase it, is possessed by the Torah, a cohesive force stronger and more tenacious than any bonds of steel, than any national ties or patriotic allegiances. It is the Torah which has made us, and it is the Torah which we must establish supreme in the new Palestine we seek to create. Yes, Palestine can be a haven of refuge for the persecuted. It can solve many, if not all, of the utilitarian problems that beset the Jew. But more than this, Palestine can be the scene for a realization of our people's dream. But let it not be a prototype of all the unbalanced nations of the world that live today in such chaos and confusion. Let Palestine be the serene, the just, the Holy Land.

I want to stress this morning the need of organizing those who are not primarily interested in bringing to Palestine any particular notion of a state, outside of the pale of Judaism. I have been asked to organize all those who look to Palestine, as a religious and spiritual centre. I extend an invitation to all men and women, young and old, who are inclined in this direction, regardless of their particular party affiliation

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## Turning the Pages

**RELIGIOUS PARTIES IN ISRAEL,**  
by Abraham Burstein.  
(Women's Branch: Union of Orthodox  
Jewish Congregations)

This new publication of the Women's Branch is an admirable collection of eight talks on the history, methods, and perils of Jewish religious sects. It is designed that each lecture, about fifteen minutes long, shall be presented at a monthly meeting of a synagogue sisterhood or similar women's group. With ensuing discussions and the use of the book list appended, every member may attain information concerning her faith in a pleasing and facile manner. Rabbi Burstein has gone to great pains not only to authenticate every statement made in the volume, but to write in a style lively, fascinating, and provocative. The author is widely known for his hundreds of books, plays, poems, and stories, published in Jewish and general periodicals for almost a quarter of a century.

The lectures are prefaced by a brief biblical history, which gives a general idea of the beginnings of the Jewish race and religion. The subjects include Biblical Times, The Samaritans, Hellenism, Pharisees-Saducees-Essenes, Pharisees (specifically), Karaites, Chassidim, and Modern Deviations. It is demonstrated throughout that the only sound and lasting force in Judaism is the traditional Pharisaic-rabbinical development; and that those who have departed from the main stream, no matter how vehemently and assuredly they cling to their doctrines, have been swept into complete or partial oblivion. Young people reading the work will be convinced that sectarianism of any kind will not solve the problems of Judaism.

The Women's Branch may well be proud of this literary achievement, and give thanks both to the author and to the Jane Fischel Memorial Fund, which made its publication possible.

## H. E. S. DEFEATS ORATORS

The I. S. Intermediate Debating Team suffered its first defeat in an active season of debating, last Sunday evening when the members of the Hebrew Educational Society of Brooklyn were declared the victors in a debate on the subject, "Resolved that the present jury system be abolished".

The I. S. upheld the negative of the discussion while the H. E. S. favored the institution of a board of judges to replace the jury.

The H. E. S. team will visit the I. S. on Sunday afternoon, May 17th, for a return debate on the topic, "Resolved that the U. S. government prohibit the private manufacture of arms and munitions". Again the I. S. will defend the negative of the proposition.

## To Mother

I'm thinking tonight of mother—  
True thoughts that come from my heart.  
For tonight she seems so near me—  
Although we are miles apart.  
O'er the miles that lay between us—  
Her dear sweet smile I can see.  
I know that she's wondering just how I  
am—  
And I know that she's praying for me.  
Millions of tasks she performed for me—  
Countless as desert sands—  
Are plainly shown by that silvery hair—  
And by those toil-worn hands.  
To me she's the dearest mother—  
So brave, so kind and so fine.  
The dearest mother a boy ever had—  
I guess it's because she's mine.

And when things go wrong as they some-  
times do—  
And life don't seem quite so grand,  
Then I'd like to talk with mother, because  
I know that she'd understand.  
And so tonight, dear mother,  
Although I am far, far away.  
You're in my heart as you always were—  
And there you will always stay.  
Tonight there are miles between us—  
And with you tonight I can't be.  
But I'm thinking of you, dear mother—  
And I know that you're thinking of me.  
And if tonight all my wishes—  
For some one else could come true,  
I know in my heart, dear mother,  
That each one would be for you.

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I want to thank you for your cooperation, which I know I may expect.

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,  
Executive Director.

## EDITORS TO COMPETE

The Club Publications Contest, sponsored by the "Institutional", will find interested competitors, according to present indications. Many of the groups have been issuing newspapers during the past year, and the contest is designed to determine the

The publications will be graded according to their make-up, contents, and physical appearances.

The final date for entering the contest has been set as Sunday, May 31st. A special issue of the paper is not necessary, in order to enter the contest. Editors may submit two copies of any issue of their newspaper published during April or May.

## I. S. STAFF TO DINE

On Monday evening, May 25th, the members of the I. S. Staff will gather at Lou G. Siegel's Restaurant for their Annual Dinner. This affair will mark the close of an active season of events, and the beginning of the summer activities.

Congressman Isaac Siegel, our President; Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, our spiritual leader; and Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, will deliver short addresses.

## LAG B'OMER

Lag B'Omer is celebrated by the eating of fruits, such as dates, figs, Palestinian oranges, carob (bokser), etc. which are known to grow in Palestine. It is also celebrated by taking part in special athletic games, excursions, picnics, hikes, and outings to fields and forest.

### The Historic Origin of Lag B'Omer

The origin of this festival is not altogether clear. Some claim that it is the "Yahrzeit" of the great Rabbi Simeon Ben Yehoi. Others explain its observance in a way that connects it with his teacher, Rabbi Akiba. It is recorded that a plague which broke out among the pupils of Rabbi Akiba stopped on this day.

### Meaning of "Lag B'Omer"

To give an idea of the meaning of the phrase Lag B'Omer, the two Hebrew words that compose it must be explained. All that the term "Omer" means is an ancient dry measure about the size of a half gallon; but it has been commonly used to indicate the barley sacrifice which was brought to the Temple on the second day of Passover, as a thanksgiving offering for the first ripened grain. It has been so called because the "Omer" was the measure used for the offering. Though the "Omer" offering was brought in the Temple, and ceased with the destruction of the Temple, the second day of Passover is still the first day of the Counting of the Omer. From that day a period of forty-nine days is counted daily, and the fiftieth is the first day of Shevuoth. As to the term "Lag", it consists of the Hebrew letters "lammed" and "gimmel" which are numerically equivalent to thirty and three, respectively. Thus the phrase "Lag B'Omer" means the thirty-third day in the counting of the Omer.

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in Judaism or in Zionism to gather together and formulate a program. We must organize to call a halt to the over-emphasis of a political or secular Palestine. I feel sure that no religiously or spiritually-minded Jew can resist this invitation. I do not seek to inhibit the growth of commerce and industry; but I want to see Palestine "puissant" powerful in spirit as well as in body. I want those of us who think of Palestine in terms of God as well as of nationality, to safeguard the Holy Land from wanton desecration, and man-made nationalism. Outside of Palestine we are always called upon to stem the tide of irreligion. We cannot always remedy this state of affairs in the diaspora. Preoccupation with the demand to eke out a livelihood, as a minority, in a modern economic world has in many instances, alas, caused our people to forsake the full observance of the Law. It has stripped us of many of the radiant jewels of our faith. But we must bring it to pass that in Zion, the Jew may wear again the shining vestments of the Lord. We must see to it, and not merely express the hope that the return of the Jew to Palestine will serve as "a light to the nations," in accordance with Biblical prophecy. Those who are diametrically opposed to such a program as ours are making progress and why? The answer is that whilst they work for irreligion, they work forcefully, and I might even say religiously, whilst we who are on the side of religion work feebly and I might even say irreligiously. They work for the "Sheker" but with "Emes" with truth, but we work for the "Emes" improperly, with "Sheker."

Friends, this summons to organize for a spiritual Palestine, should be regarded as a religious call to get together. Large numbers of Jews banded together for a

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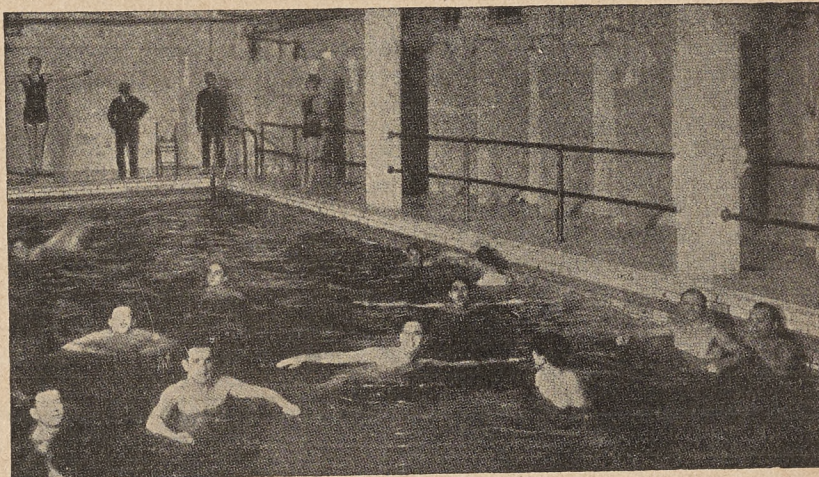
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purpose of this kind will certainly impress those who wield the power in and over Palestine both among Jews and Christians. The divine ideal which we want to foster in the Holy Land is summed up in the words of the Prophets Isaiah and Micah who proclaimed, "From Zion shall come forth the Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

I conclude with an earnest appeal to you, to send me a card or a letter expressing your desire to co-operate. God bless you all.

*He who maketh peace among strivers will inherit eternal life.*

*Talmud*

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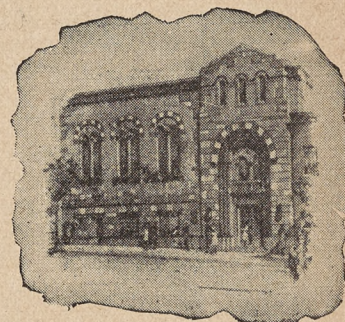
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