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## Clubs Compete For Editorial Honors

### Publication Contest Conducted By Institutional

A great many of the clubs and organizations meeting in the Institutional Synagogue have, from time to time during the past year, issued bulletins and mimeographed newspapers. This sort of activity has created a great interest among the members of these groups, and many have derived a decided benefit from their participation in it. Fostering this type of activity, the "Institutional" takes great pleasure in announcing that it will conduct a "Publications Contest" to ascertain the best newspaper being issued by our clubs.

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

It is not necessary to publish a special issue for the contest. Editors of the various bulletins need but submit two copies of any edition of their papers issued since January. The contest will close on Sunday, May 1st.

The best individual article, in the estimation of the judges, will be published in the "Institutional." The Board of Judges will consist of the Editors of the "Institutional."

## Members Urged To Join Life Saving Classes

Many of the Senior members have come to realize the importance of water safety. Quite a number of them will frequent the beaches this summer sporting life saving emblems which they will have earned by regular practice and instruction in Red Cross Life Saving methods and techniques in our pool. Classes in life saving are in progress on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. Classes are under the supervision of Walter Erikson, who has developed many capable swimmers during the past few years.

Membership in these classes are now open. Don't hesitate—join now.

## 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.

## Unveiling

The "Institutional" desires to take this means of informing our members and friends that the unveiling of a monument in memory of the late Executive Director of the Institutional Synagogue, Abraham Bernstein, will take place on Sunday, May 15th, at 1:30 p.m., at the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

## UOJCA Holds Fortieth Anniversary Convention

The Fortieth Anniversary National Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and its affiliated organizations will be held in New York City, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 13 to 16, 1938.

The Convention Sessions will be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street.

"The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, founded in 1898, has been and is an important factor in preserving and strengthening Judaism in this country. The precarious status of the Jewish people as a result of the discrimination and persecutions to which they are being subjected in some countries, places added burdens and responsibilities on the Jews of America. It is, therefore, imperative that the Jewish community in this country be strong, of good courage, and develop practical measures to meet current and future problems," states the Convention Call.

## I. S. Participating In Table Tennis Tourney

The 1938 Table Tennis Tournament which is being conducted by the Metropolitan Section—Jewish Welfare Board, is now in the last week of play.

The Institutional Synagogue has entered teams in both the Senior and Junior Divisions of the contest. Despite a great deal of faithful practice and an even greater amount of spirit, the teams have not fared very well. To date, games have been played with the 92nd Street Y.M.H.A., Harlem Hebrew Institute, Juvenile Service League and the Washington Heights Y.M. & Y.W.H.A., winning only from the last two teams.

The members of the Senior team are: Bernard Feinberg, Henry Perman, Bella Fried, Ray Weinblatt and Harry Hankin.

The members of the Junior team are: Max Fried, Seymour Kanner, and Nesim Tiano.

## I.S. Orators To Face Port Chester Team On Subject Of Palestine Partition

### Field Day Outing Set For May 22nd

### Clubs And Talmud Torah To Participate

One of the novel events that will feature the Annual Lag B'Omer Field Day, which will be held on Sunday, May 22nd, at Pelham Bay Park, will be an archery contest for the members of the Talmud Torah. 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 proved to be very popular in past field days and it is expected that a large number of pupils will again participate.

Featured on the regular program of athletic and track events arranged for the day, is a "pentathlon." This event is designed to test the all-around ability of the entrant and will include a sixty yard dash, an eight hundred and eighty yard run, eight pound shot put, hop-skip-and-jump, and running broad jump. Because the event is so inclusive, entrants will not be permitted to participate in any other event.

The members of the Talmud Torah classes will participate in an archery contest. Last year this proved to be the most popular event of the Field Day.

Following the field and track events, the remainder of the day will be spent in playing group games. We understand that several clubs are anxious to test their skill in baseball against each other, and this will provide them with an excellent opportunity to gauge their mettle.

## Model Passover Seder

During the week prior to Passover, the members of the Talmud Torah held typical Seder services under the direction of Rabbi Philip Goodman.

The purpose of these typical services was to fully prepare the pupils of the Talmud Torah for participation in their family Sederim. All the traditional ceremonialisms including the eating of "charoses" and "morer" and the asking of the "four questions" enhanced the beauty of the program.

## Eruv Tavshilin

An Eruv Tavshilin should be made today (Thursday).

### Lefkowitz & Lichtenholtz To Represent House

On Wednesday evening, April 27th, the Institutional Synagogue debating team will travel to Port Chester, New York, to discuss a topic of current interest with the representatives of the Port Chester Jewish Center.

This will mark the third annual debate conducted between the two centers. In previous years, these debates have always proved to be both interesting to the audience and beneficial to the participants. With conditions throughout the world in such a troubled state, and the lot of the Jew becoming harder and harder, interest in the subject of the debate has been unbounded.

This year, the topic that will be discussed will be "Resolved that the partition plan of Palestine, as projected by England, will benefit the Jew." In addition to the large amount of newspaper publicity given when the plan was first advanced, recent changes in the world situation have again focussed attention upon this plan. Upholding the affirmative, the I.S. orators will present the various advantages accruing to the Jew under the plan, while the Port Chester debating team will be charged with proving the various disadvantages they will advance.

The team that will represent the Institutional Synagogue on April 27th will be composed of Sherman Lefkowitz and Nathan Lichtenholtz.

## Judge Lehman Convenes Welfare Board Meeting

Judge Irving Lehman, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, announces that the annual meeting of the National Council of the Jewish Welfare Board will be held all day Sunday, May 1st, at the Young Men's Hebrew Association in New York City.

A program of timely interest has been prepared for the large number of delegates who are expected from all parts of the country. The theme of the conference will deal with recent trends in Jewish Center development. The following subjects will be considered: the Jewish Center as a communal force in relation to the general community; the Jewish Center as a cultural influence; the Jewish Center in the small community.



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### Calendar of Services

Lighting of Candles ..... 6:25 P.M.  
 Thursday evening ..... 6:30 P.M.  
 Friday morning ..... 9:00 A.M.  
 Friday afternoon ..... 6:30 P.M.  
 Saturday morning ..... 9:00 A.M.  
 Yiskor ..... 10:15 A.M.  
 Weekday mornings ..... 7:00 A.M.

### "Holidays On Parade" In Jewish Youth Pageant

A dramatic pageant, "Jewish Holidays on Parade," will be featured at the First Annual Youth Assembly (Keenus), sponsored by the Metropolitan Section—Jewish Welfare Board, to be held Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1938, at 2:00 p.m., at the Young Men's Hebrew Association, 92nd Street and Lexington Avenue.

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## ::: The Significance Of Passover :::



IN keeping in view of the agricultural aspects of the Three Festivals (Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles) the modern Jew performs no unimportant duty. He realizes the fact that Israel was once a people who lived by tilling the soil, and the commercial character which so largely distinguishes his people in these times is not, as is commonly thought, inborn, but is the result of the unkindly conditions in which they have been compelled to live. It is good for us and for the world at large to remember that the history of our race has its idyllic side, that there was a time when the Israelite lived the simple life of the husbandman, and when his ideal of earthly blessedness was that which pictured each man dwelling in peace and security "Under his vine and under his fig tree."

But the chief significance of the Feast of Passover is derived from the special historical event it commemorates. That event is the Exodus from Egypt. Passover is, above everything, the commemoration of the great deliverance—a deliverance which transformed a horde of slaves into a people. It is, then, Israel's birthday. From one point of view it is the greatest of all the historical festivals. No other brings the Israelite into such close touch with his people's past. No other so powerfully appeals to his historic sympathies. He is one, for the moment, with his ransomed fathers; he shares with them the proud consciousness of the free, the dignified sense of nationality that is beginning to stir our hearts. He shares their glowing hopes, the sweet joy of newly recovered manhood.

The events of the Exodus are impressive from yet another point of view. The Israelites were free not only from the degradation of bondage but from its agony. They were safe from the taskmaster's cruel whip. They were delivered from the fetters of despair. This thought intensifies the effect of the Passover. We feel all the suffering of our dead ancestors. We share their burdens with them. But we hear too the fateful signal which proclaims that the hour of their redemption has struck; we march forth with them from the scenes of oppression in gladness and gratitude. The ideal of the Rabbis fulfills itself. "In every generation it is for the Jew to think that he himself went forth from Egypt." So indestructible is the effect wrought by these moving episodes of a bygone day.

—Morris Joseph

## ::: The Four Sons :::

The wise son, what does he say?

How shall we meet the challenge of the contemporary world?

The wise son has taken to heart the lessons of Jewish history. He glories in his people's past and knows that our fortunes are linked to those of a hundred generations preceding us. He has watched the new waves of attack against the position of the Jew and recognizes them as part of the familiar anti-Jewish pressure which he must prepare to meet through fortifying himself in Jewish culture and in labor toward the upbuilding of Palestine. He will also bring up his children in loyalty to their people and in intelligent understanding. The wise son is welcome in our midst to share in the celebration of the Passover.

The wicked son, what does he say?

How long are we to continue in a state of segregation?

The Jews bring all their troubles upon themselves through their own clanishness and unwillingness to mix with their neighbors. The Jews should think of their own affairs and devote themselves more thoroughly to becoming better Americans. Jewish nationalism, especially, is an attempt to drag the Jew back into the Ghetto which we must oppose with all our vigor. All the ancient ceremonies are so much superstition, which as modern persons we should shake off. Then you answer him. Undoubtedly in ancient Egypt, too, there were those who kissed the taskmaster's whip and patriotically refused to seek freedom under Moses. May your share be with them and we shall celebrate the Passover without you.

The simple son, what does he say?

What is happening to the Jews?

Indeed he says very little. For him earning a living and then finding his little recreation is the end of all life. Occasionally an exceptionally vigorous blast from the hostile anti-Semitic world may evoke the question. "What is happening?" It is our duty to stimulate the indifferent Jew and to encourage his questioning in order to bring him into the orbit of Jewish life.

And he who does not even ask, do thou open the conversation.

Too many Jews are so far removed from Jewish life and problems as to be unable even to talk about them intelligently. We must awaken these Jews to a sense of their future. A new world is dawning; new forces are regrouping the peoples of the earth. New loyalties are being forged. The Jew will have to readjust himself to this new world actively, whether he is now conscious of the problem or not.

—Jacob S. Golub

### Parents' Meeting

An interesting meeting of the Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue will take place this Tuesday evening, April 26th, at 8:30 p.m. Plans for future activities will be outlined.

### Leaders' Council

"Tonight I Dance" is the title of the play which will be presented at a meeting of the Leaders' Council on Tuesday evening, April 26th. The theme of the play is anti-Nazi.

## WIT & HUMOR

RABBI Israel Salanter was extremely careful over the Kashruth of his matzoth. He seldom trusted anyone to supervise their baking, but always did it in person.

One time Rabbi Salanter was ill and was obliged to ask one of his pupils to take his place at the matzoth bakery.

"What especially shall I be on the lookout for?" the pupil asked the teacher.

"Look out," replied the Rabbi, "that no one scolds the women who does the mixing—she is a widow."

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### NOT IN A HURRY

The conductor examined Jacob Pomaranz's ticket and said: "There's an error here. You have a ticket for an ordinary train and this is an express train. You will have to pay extra fare."

"Why should I do that?" said Pomaranz. "Am I telling the engineer to rush the life out of himself? As far as I am concerned he can go much slower. I am not running after him."

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### A SEARCH IS ENDED

Fritz Mauthner, German philosopher and critic, was traveling on a train from Munich to Rosenheim. There were three students in the same compartment. Noticing his Semitic physiognomy the youths began to annoy him. Their efforts proved futile, for the literateur continued to read a book carefully and paid no attention to their pranks.

The youths, however, did not lose heart and as a last resort they addressed Mr. Mauthner in turn:

"Good morning, father Abraham!"

"Good morning, father Isaac!"

"Good morning, father Jacob!"

"You are mistaken, boys," replied Mr. Mauthner, "I am not any of the patriarchs at all. I am Saul, the son of Kish, whose father sent him out in search of the lost asses. I am glad I found them much sooner than I had anticipated."

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### THE POLICEMEN WERE FOOLED

Two Hasidim were returning home late at night from the Rabbi's weekly lecture on Kabbalah. On the way they were rehearsing the words of wisdom which they had heard from the Rabbi. According to the Rabbi, the Hasidim repeated, matter really does not exist.

"In that case you are nothing and I am nothing," repeated one of the Hasidim in a loud voice.

Their vociferous arguments aroused the attention of two policemen who shouted, "Halt, who goes there?"

"Nobody," replied the Hasidim in unison, "I am nothing and he is nothing."

Hearing such talk, the policemen took hold of the two philosophers and gave them a thorough beating. Bruised and bleeding the Hasidim ran to the Synagogue to care for their wounds.

After resting a little one of the Hasidim consoled his neighbor. "Now you can see what ignoramuses those policemen are," he said, "they actually thought that they had beaten somebody, but they were greatly mistaken. In reality you are nothing and I am nothing."