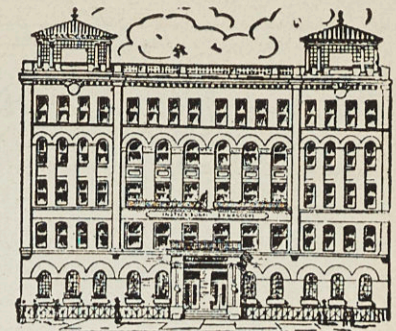


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## Crafts Shop Hums As New Projects Begin

### Busy Members Work "To Make Something Out Of Nothing"

Buzz-zz-- go the saws and Bang-Bang go the hammers and the Institutional Synagogue's Arts and Crafts Shop is under way for the 1938-39 season. The crafts shop which is located on the first floor of the building is open every week day from 3:30 in the afternoon to 9:00 at night under the able direction of Mrs. I. Howard.

How to make something out of nothing is the ultimate trick in the arts and crafts department. Boys spend most of their time constructing boats, parachutes, wagons and targets. Girls bend their talents to needle work and decoration. But boys do not shy away from handling the needle, and girls wield a handy saw on occasion. The bachelor must sew his buttons, the housekeeper must decorate her kitchen.

Arts and crafts offer a challenge to every I.S. child. The spirit of creation, the chance for individual expression, assert themselves to the utmost in this activity. It is a chance for the child to reproduce the world as he sees it. It is an opportunity for the boy or girl to make something with the hands and to receive the immediate satisfaction of creativity.

Modeling, metalcraft, woodwork, puppetry, needlecraft—in short every variety of arts and crafts work, is engaged in.

### Institutional Synagogue

37-43 West 116th Street

#### Memorial Card

The undersigned hereby requests you to offer the Memorial Prayer for the coming holidays

for .....

(state here what relative)

Name .....

and herewith subscribe \$.....

Name .....

Address .....

The above card must be mailed into the office before Monday, October 3rd, preferably sooner, so that it may be had for the memorial services.

## I. S. Council Sponsors December Frolic

### Roosevelt Room To Be Scene Of Leaders' Dance

The beautiful Roosevelt Room of the Pythian Temple will be the scene of the Leaders' Council Dance on Saturday evening, December 17th. "Swing" will be the motif of the function, and the committee in charge of arrangements has secured the services of an excellent orchestra, guaranteed to satisfy even the most critical expert along these lines. Tickets for the dance will be placed on sale shortly.

At the first meeting of the Council, the complete and extensive program of "things to do and places to go for the coming year," drawn up by their steering committee, was adopted. The program that will be conducted includes a Succoth Party, a Chanukah Celebration, a Purim Carnival, a Passover Seder, dances, forums, lectures by members and guest speakers, a theatre party and a boat-ride.

At the annual elections, the following members were selected to lead the organization for the coming year: William Berkowitz, President; Ethel Rosenberg, Vice-President; Lena Roht, Secretary and Sophia G. Rhine, Treasurer.

### Institutional Racquetters Start Fall Practice

"Getting into condition" is the aim of the ping-pong enthusiasts at the present time. After their long vacation the racquetters are practicing diligently to regain their former speed and skill in preparation for the forthcoming ping-pong tournament.

The other gameroom activities have not been neglected. Complete renovation of all gameroom equipment has been made, and new games have been either purchased or built for those interested in less active pastimes.

The table tennis tournament, the most popular contest conducted by far in the gameroom last year, will be the first tournament to be held this year. In rapid succession the other contests will be conducted during the season.

### 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 Rev. Barnett Kramer will take place on Sunday, October 2nd, 1938, at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Cemetery, on the grounds of the Institutional Synagogue.

## TOP-NOTCH TALENT STARRED IN SECOND HENNING SERIES

### Nine Saturday Nights of Jewish Cultural Treats For Young and Old Commencing October 29

The Second Series of the Henning Programs, inaugurated at the Institutional Synagogue last spring, will commence on the evening of October 29th. The series has been extended this year to run for nine consecutive Saturday nights at eight-thirty. Outstanding celebrities covering every phase of Jewish Art will appear from the stage of the auditorium of the Institutional Synagogue.

#### In Memoriam



We cherish the everlasting memory of our esteemed benefactress **MRS. FANNY HENNING** whose Yahrzeit occurs on the the Day of Atonement.

These presentations of top-notch talent are made possible through the means made available by the Fanny Henning Memorial Fund.

The program of the Fall Series is a varied and diversified one. October 29th, which will see the first performance, features the Medoff Family. This well-known musical ensemble is scheduled to present a musical comedy by M. Polansky. The "Modern Children" has deservedly received excellent notices in the press. It promises to maintain the high standard set by the First Series of the Henning Programs.

Harvey Efimov, who made a sensational appearance at the Institutional Synagogue last spring, has been recalled by popular demand. This distinguished impersonator and chanteur will render a costume recital of "Jewish Folk Songs." The Central Jewish Institute Light Opera Dramatic Group, directed by Miss Leah Jaffa, will present an original production calculated to move the most phlegmatic to tears and laughter on the evening of November 19th. "A Jewish Wedding" unfolds a story of genuine dramatic interest replete with the humor and pathos of the Jewish stage.

Ben Yano, the only one-man Jewish variety show in the world, will appear on November 26th. Mr. Yano has novel entertainment to offer. He is a ventriloquist, a puppeteer, a caricaturist. His reputation is national.

On December 3rd, a famous choral group, the Hazomir Choral Society of the Bronx Y.M.H.A., will lead its audience along the byways of Jewish history, with songs by Zilberts, Zucca, Goldfaden, Rabinowitz and Binder.

Samuel Raphaelson's three-act drama, "The Jazz Singer," will be interpreted by the Yonkers Jewish Community Center Little Theatre Group on the evening of December 10th.

A troupe of Juvenile Artists, directed by Pearl Winters, will appear in a colorful dramatization of "Ali Ali" on Saturday night, December 17th.

The Second Series will be brought to a close on December 24th with the "Chanukah Festival" of the Institutional Synagogue.

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### London Stresses Moral Law In Address On Democracy

Mr. E. J. London, Field Secretary of the Metropolitan Section of the Jewish Welfare Board, was the guest speaker last Saturday morning in the Synagogue. Speaking on "Democracy and the Moral Law," Mr. London pointed out that one was inextricably bound up with the other. The failure of some modern democracies, he said, was not due to the inherent fault of either democracy or the moral law, but because some people have placed themselves above the law, and have imposed their own law upon others.

### Parents' Association To Decorate Festive Succah

The active Parents' Association has again undertaken the appropriate decoration of the Succah. The association looks forward to the hearty cooperation of all I.S. members and friends in making this year's Succah a work of art.

The first meeting of the Parents' Association will take place on Tuesday evening, October 11th. At this meeting the future functions of the organization will be outlined and definite plans will be made.

## From the Depths of the Heart

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

"If a man was passing behind a synagogue and heard the sound of a shofar, and directed his heart, he would have fulfilled his obligation; but, if he did not, he has not fulfilled his obligation. Though one may have heard and another may have heard, the one may have directed his heart and the other may not have directed his heart."

The importance of listening to the sound of the shofar is negligible as compared to the feeling of one's heart; only if the heart is attuned to respond to the call of the trumpet is one's obligation fulfilled. Do not consider the mere hearkening to its sounds as a satisfactory means of doing your duty. Your heart must be motivated to receive the message of the Almighty, as it resounds through the shofar. Then will your deed be acceptable to the Lord, for "above all things God requires the heart." In the words of the Proverbs, "My son, give me thy heart!"

Our text asserts that while two men may have both heard the sound of the Shofar, only he who directed his heart fulfilled the obligation. The story of Cain and Abel reflects the same teaching. Abel brought a sacrifice to the Lord with his whole heart; this was acceptable. The offering of Cain, being niggardly, was refused. God reproached Cain and said to him that if he do not well, it is because sin is near to him. He abhors the meaningless sacrifice that is brought by one who is guilty of evil actions. The Medresh states, "Let not a man say, I shall commit ugly deeds and things unworthy and will then bring a bull that has much flesh which I will sacrifice upon the altar, and then God will have mercy upon me and accept me as a penitent."

### The Voice of the Shofar

When the voice of the Shofar is heard, let not your heart be open only momen-

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## Calendar of Services

Light Candles Friday Evening, 5:27  
Friday Evening ..... 5:30  
Saturday Morning ..... 9:00  
Sedrah: Vayalech  
Saturday Afternoon ..... 5:00  
Daily Morning ..... 7:00  
YOM KIPUR  
Tuesday, Kol Nidre Services ... 5:30  
Wednesday Morning ..... 7:00  
Yizkor ..... 10:00

tarily, regardless of your past and future actions. Seek not to satisfy the Lord by listening with open ears and a closed heart. Let the latter also be receptive to the Divine message of the trumpet. Its crying blast should be felt in the inner depths of your being. Then you will understand that not the outer expression is the requisite but rather the inner feeling that comes from a heart pure of sin.

Study well the words of Isaiah! "Your new moons and your appointed seasons My soul hateth; they are a burden unto Me: I am weary to bear them. When ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do well, seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." Herein the prophet decries the false lip-service of the people. He exhorts them to turn away from their evil deeds and to practice social justice. Warning that when prayers are made by those whose hearts are impure and hands unclean, they will come upon deaf ears in Heaven.

Sincere devotion based upon the highest ethical and social teachings is the desideratum. "He that steals a measure of wheat and says a prayer over the bread is a blasphemer," say the Rabbis. It must clearly be understood that the whole worth of a commandment lies in the love that inspires it.

### History As a Proof

Jewish history conclusively shows that when Israel opened his heart to the Almighty he survived and flourished; on the other hand, when the hearts of the children were turned away from their Father, suffering and oppression was their lot. There is no precedent for the survival of a Jewish community which was devoid of devotion to its religion. An interesting commentary is found in the Talmud on the following verse: "It came to pass when Moses held up his hand that Israel prevailed and when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed." But could the hands of Moses promote the battle or hinder the battle!—it is, rather, to teach thee that such time as the Israelites directed their thoughts on high and kept their hearts in subjection to their father in heaven, they prevailed, otherwise they suffered defeat." As the heart determines the life of a human being, so does the existence of the Jewish people depend on its collective heart.

When the Shofar is sounded announcing the dawn of a new year, arousing the sleepers from their sleep, and urging the wayward to repentance, open wide your hearts and let its message penetrate into the depths of your souls. Resolve to commence the new year as toilers in the vineyard of the Lord who serve Him with a whole heart. Surely, then, from the fullness of His heart, God will grant a year of love and goodwill, a year of happiness and rejoicing, a year of creative endeavors and spiritual growth for Israel and all mankind.

## JEWISH ODDITIES

The life of A. M. Barman, a Polish Jew who migrated to the Belgian Congo, is as thrilling a story as any that the most fantastic fiction can offer.

After twenty years of laborious work Barman had amassed a tremendous fortune, and had become the controlling interest in vast mining and industrial enterprises.

Because of his dominant position in the African industrial world he was nick-named the "Uncrowned King of the Congo."

Taking his great fortune with him, Barman relocated in Belgium. There he became a leader in Jewish philanthropic circles. He was an ardent Zionist and he contributed generously of his energy and his material wealth towards the cause that he had espoused.

He met his end suddenly, unexpectedly, and dramatically, when he was shot to



Albert Wasserman

death by a fanatic.

It is an interesting sidelight on the eminence that Barman attained, to know that today, in the entire Belgian Congo, there are only one-hundred and seventy-seven Jews.

## HISTORY CONTEST

### MOSES TO JOSHUA

- Describe briefly the period at the birth of Moses.
- Where did God appear to Moses for the first time?
- What were inflicted upon the Egyptians before they allowed the Israelites to depart from Egypt?
- Why did not God lead the children of Israel by the "way of the land of the Philistines?"
- What were the Jews in the wilderness fed?
- On what mountain was the Law presented to the Jews?
- Why did the children of Israel build the golden calf?
- Describe briefly the construction of the Sanctuary.
- Who rebelled against Moses?
- Who was Balaam?

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### RULES

- The Jewish History Contest is open to all readers of the "Institutional." There is no age limit nor entry fee.
- Beginning September 23rd, and continuing each week thereafter for ten weeks, the "Institutional" will publish ten questions based upon a period in Jewish History.
- Answer the questions briefly, giving only the information requested. For aid in answering the questions, a bibliography is appended to each list. A shelf in the I.S. library will be devoted to these books.
- Number each answer to correspond to the questions. Do not copy the questions.
- Write your name and address at the top of each page.
- Mail or bring your answers so that they are received on or before Friday of each week by Rabbi Goodman, Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street.
- Awards will be in the form of books of Jewish interest. Every contestant who submits a full set of answers will receive a gift.
- In the event of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.
- The decision of the judges, selected by the "Institutional," will be final.

## Plan Henning Programs

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agogue Dramatic Societies.

The subscription for the entire series of nine events has been set at one dollar. This fee is purely nominal and is made possible only by the endowment granted by the Fanny Henning Memorial Fund.

## New Year's Greetings from Mr. & Mrs. Sidney V. Hirsh

Mr. & Mrs. Harry D. Goodman,  
170 Second Ave., New York City,  
Telephone: GRamercy 7-5929,  
wish a Happy, Prosperous, and  
Healthy New Year to our children,  
grandchildren, relatives and  
friends; members of the Institutional  
Synagogue; policy holders,  
and prospects of the New York  
Life Insurance Company; and all  
Israel.

Dorrance & Company has announced the publication within a few weeks of a book by

IRWIN I. LUBOWE, M.D.  
entitled

## Tell Me the Truth, Doctor

The book, which contains an introduction by Rear Admiral C. S. Butler of the United States Navy, will sell for \$1.50.

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