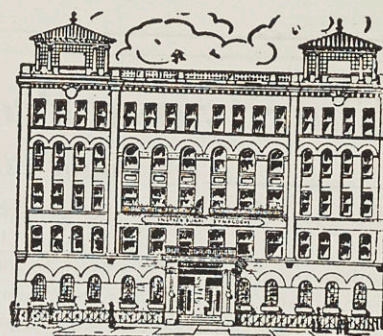


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Fascinating Film Fills Fall Series

"Green Fields" Booked

Jewish Talkie Completes Nine Henning Programs

"Green Fields," an outstanding Jewish talking motion picture, has been added to the list of events announced last week by the Institutional Synagogue which comprises the Second Series of the Henning Memorial Programs. The series, which cover Jewish cultural presentations of all varieties, now numbers nine Saturday evenings at 8:30 commencing October 29th.

The motion picture, "Green Fields," has achieved a popularity all over the country that ranks it among the foremost of Jewish artistic attainments. It has been acknowledged by reviewers to be a charming pastoral of Jewish life which has been executed by Jewish actors with a high degree of aesthetic sensibility.

Programs Set High Standard

"Green Fields," in this sense, takes its place with ease among the other top-notch programs which are scheduled for the second series. The Medoff Family, a well-known musical ensemble, is scheduled to open the series with Pofansky's "Modern Children," a musical comedy of a high standard.

Harvey Efimov will follow on the evening of November 5th, in his established repertoire of "Jewish Folk Songs."

November 12th will see the performance of "Green Fields." The price of admission to this single performance, for those who do not hold subscription tickets, has been set at fifteen cents for general admission, and thirty cents for reserved seats.

The "One Man Theatre," Ben Yano, will present several acts on November 26th. Mr. Yano is an expert ventriloquist, caricaturist, and impersonator.

"The Jazz Singer" Revived

On December 10th the Yonkers Jewish Community Center Little Theatre Group will give its interpretation of "The Jazz Singer."

Pearl Winters' Troupe is to appear on December 17th in the three-act Jewish comedy, "Ali-Ali." The series will be brought to a close on the evening of December 24th when the Institutional Synagogue Dramatic Societies will appear in their annual "Chanukah Festival."

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

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday evening, October 12th, at 8:30 p.m. promptly, at 302 West 86th Street.

As important matters will be discussed, all Directors are urged to attend this meeting.

Isaac Siegel
President.

Succah Donations Sought By Parents' Association

The Institutional Synagogue's spacious Succah will be decorated, as in former years, by the Parents' Association.

The Association will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, in the evening, to discuss this and other problems.

Donations of food and appropriate decorative objects will facilitate the Association's work and aid in the beautification of the Succah. The Succah, which is located on the roof off the third floor of the building has been laid out and is already under construction. The symbolism of the Festival of Succoth reaches its highest point in the mitzvah of "I'shev ba-succa."

Talmud Torah Awaits Holiday Party Eagerly

The Festival of Succoth will be celebrated by the pupils of the Talmud Torah at a special assembly to be held on Thursday, October 13th.

Carrying aloft Simchas Torah flags, topped by lighted candles, the children will proceed in a march to the Succah. Refreshments will be served to them while a program of singing, recitations, and dramatizations will be presented by members of the school. A feature of the program will be the showing of lantern slides on subjects connected with the festival.

Registration for the new term is still going on. Parents who have not as yet enrolled their children in the Talmud Torah are urged to do so as soon as possible. The classes are already fully organized and it is important that the children begin at once, so as not to miss any part of the course of instruction.

Leaders Hold Succah Fete

The annual Succah Social of the Leaders' Council will be conducted this year on Tuesday evening, October 11th, in the Succah. This function will mark the beginning of the Council's social season. The program for the evening will be replete with entertainment appropriate to the celebration of the festival, including an address by a prominent guest speaker.

I. S. Honors Revered Memories Of Departed At Solemn Yiskor Service

Gym In Full Swing As Season Starts

Club Handball Tournament Begins Oct. 16

The Athletic Department of the Institutional Synagogue will continue its established policy of conducting gym and pool periods for pupils of the Talmud Torah, it was announced yesterday by Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg, Athletic Director.

The program planned will consist of games of high and low organization, athletics, and swimming.

The Inter-Club handball tournament has begun. For the preliminaries the clubs will pick the best players in each group through an elimination tournament within each club. Competition will then be held between the best players of each club.

The Cardinals, Spades, and Silver Stars have already begun their individual competitions.

The Basketball Team is now holding regular practice every Thursday night from seven to eight-thirty. Some of the likely candidates for the team thus far are "Skippy" Perman, Jack Altman, Dave Olster, and Mike Rosenberg. Places on the team are still open, however, and tryouts are invited to vie for recognition.

All club members are eligible for the team. Those interested may see Mr. Rosenberg, Gymnasium Director, in his office any evening or on Sundays.

Columbus Day Observed By Community Centers

The 446th anniversary of the discovery of America will be celebrated by YMAHA's, YWHA's, and Jewish Community Centers all over the country on Wednesday, October 12th. The nature and extent of the services rendered by Jewish contemporaries of Columbus in facilitating his discovery will be the central theme of club and mass programs.

Widespread plans have also been made for Centers to join with other civic agencies in sponsoring community-wide patriotic observances.

Columbus day serves to re-impress the ideals of American tolerance which the Jewish people have been blessed with in this country.

Impressive Rites Held

Traditional Services Mark Fast Day Observance

With sincere affection the Institutional Synagogue honored the memories of Abraham Bernstein, William Friedman, Hon. Samson F. Friedlander, Hon. Jacob Goldstein, Jacob Jacobson, Hon. S. Levine, Hon. Samuel Marx, Hon. Samuel R. Morris, Mayer Mirken, Herman Sacks, and Max Slomka, our late Directors and Members.

With deep appreciation we revered the memory of those superb personalities, Mrs. Fanny Henning, Mr. Max Udell and other benefactors. Prayers were offered in memory of the brave boys of the Institutional Synagogue who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War, Harry Steinberg, Samuel L. Brody, and Herman Kanowitz.

Several hundred men and women participated in our High Holy Days Services. At the Yiskor services Rabbi Philip Goodman preached on "Unity in Israel."

He said in part: "Jews of all shades and opinions come to join their brethren in worship on the Day of Atonement. Under all circumstances and in all places, individual Jews are aroused today with a sense of belonging to the Jewish community. Yom Kippur serves to bring each Jew together even to his brethren scattered over the face of the earth. Today we see vividly portrayed the at-one-ment between individual and the community."

"Man must belong to and share the lot of the community if he is to function as a civilized human being. Maimonides in his "Guide for the Perplexed" says that man is naturally a social being. By virtue of his nature he seeks to form communities; man is, therefore, different from other living beings that are not compelled to combine into communities."

Please Pay Pledge

Members and seat-holders of the I. S. were deeply moved on the Holy Night of Kol Nidre when our forceful appeal, in behalf of the work and emergency which now exists in regard to the continuance of our Institution, was made.

We assure all those who responded to our appeal of our sincere appreciation for their recognition of the vital importance of the work we are doing. You are earnestly requested to send in your pledge as soon as possible.

Charity as a Preventive Measure

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

"Is such the fast that I have chosen? The day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sack-cloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the fetters of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"

The Day of Atonement is a most fitting one in which to consider the question of charity. This day, ordained as a fast, attunes a person for the alleviation of want. Fasting means deprivation and longing which arouses one to a deeper understanding of the requisites of the needy. The self-affliction of the Day of Atonement awakens a person to consider earnestly the plight of those who are afflicted against their own desires. If our fasting is to be acceptable to the Lord, it must be bound up with the dispensation of bread to the hungry, sheltering of the homeless, clothing of the naked, and freeing of the oppressed. The prophets deplore fasting that is not bound up with the care of the poor. The Talmud likewise states that all the merit of fasting lies in the alms-giving that goes with it.

The place of charity in the scheme of Yom Kippur is made clear in a discourse of a well-known preacher. He commented on the following verse in Isaiah: "Why should ye be stricken, the more ye will revolt." He said that as a sack filled with straw is beaten so that the amount of straw is contracted, space is made available for additional straw. On Yom Kippur we beat our breasts at the re-

citation of "Al Het" ('for the sin'). Filled with sin, we beat ourselves to be enabled to commit more sins. Once the Day of Atonement is passed, having compressed our iniquities, we commence to refill our hearts. The preacher continues to say that it would be preferable to lift our hearts to our hands instead of raising our hands to our hearts. If the hand should desire to commit any unworthy deed, the heart would restrain it. When a person hesitates in extending a helping hand, his heart will encourage him to act. The forgiveness of our sins on this sacred day should not mean that we are free to soil our clean hands again; rather, we must endeavor to keep our hands clean by the generosity of our hearts.

From time immemorial the Jewish sages have taught that charity should be dispensed not only to those who are in dire immediate need but also to those who may come to need if succor is not extended in due time. Charity should serve as a preventive measure to forestall impending physical and spiritual poverty. A well-known proverb says, "A stitch in time saves nine." The late Professor S. Schechter wrote: "The Kingdom of God, the Rabbis held, is inconsistent with a state of social misery. They were not satisfied with feeding the poor. Their great ideal was not to allow a man to be poor, not to allow him to come down into the depths of poverty."

The wisdom of furnishing support before actual need is manifested is vividly portrayed in Rashi's commentary on the following Biblical text: "And if thy brother be waxen poor and fallen in decay with thee, thou shalt relieve him." He states: "Do not permit him to fall so that it will be difficult to raise him; but support him, at the time when he begins to lose his balance. It is analogous to a burden on the back of a donkey, which while it is yet on its back even one person can control it; but if it should fall to the ground, even five people could not lift it."

It is easily understandable that the time, energy, and money needed to prevent undesirable results is negligible in comparison with the tremendous costs of recovery. Campaigns are waged for the prevention of disease which is so much less costly than its cure. Efforts are made to prevent crime so as to avoid the heavy toll it takes of life and property. Contributions which are given for preventative work produce larger dividends than those for purposes of cure.

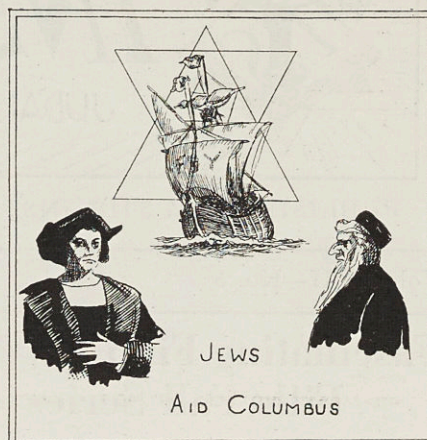
Ponder well the significance of fasting on the Day of Atonement! Perhaps, you were thirsty for a drink of water. Consider those who are thirsty for the knowledge of the Lord! Think of the children whose throats are parched, pleading for proper recreational facilities, religious inspiration, and comradeship. Now is the time to do your share in stopping their thirst. By the alleviation of the needs of your less fortunate brethren, your fasting and penitence will be acceptable to the Lord. The Almighty in His bounteousness will bestow upon you His choicest blessings for the coming year.

JEWISH ODDITIES

Professor Herbert B. Adams, the noted historian, is credited with the quotation that "Not jewels, but Jews were the financial basis of the first expedition of Columbus." Investigation of the historical record bears this contention out, and shows that Jews played an important part in the discovery of the New World. The money for Columbus' first voyage to "India" was

d by two Jews, Luis de Santangel and Gabriel Sanchez. Jews, as well, provided the theoretical background for the famous mariner's voyage of discovery. Two hundred and fifty years before, Moses de Leon, a Jew, produced conclusive proof that another continent existed across the Atlantic Ocean. The very map that Columbus sailed by was drawn by Jehuda Cresques, known at the time as "The Map Jew."

Several Jews sailed on the first expedition, prominent among them being the ship's surgeon, Maestro Bernal, and the company's interpreter, Luis de Tor-



Albert Wasserman

res.

The contention advanced by many scholars that Christopher Columbus was of Jewish origin has not been substantiated but any student of the subject must readily recognize the important role of the Jew in this connection.

HISTORY CONTEST

JOSHUA TO DIVISION OF KINGDOM 937 B.C.E.

21. Who was the leader of the Jews after the death of Moses?
22. What tribes wanted to remain on the right side of Jordan?
23. Name several of the Judges.
24. For what was Samson distinguished?
25. Who received instruction from the priest, Eli?
26. Who was the first king in Israel?
27. Who was a close friend of Jonathan? What high position did he attain?
28. Who built the First Temple?
29. Describe his reign.
30. Relate briefly an interesting episode in the life of David.

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1. The Jewish History Contest is open to all readers of the "Institutional." There is no age limit nor entry fee.
2. Beginning September 23rd, and continuing each week thereafter for ten weeks, the "Institutional" will publish ten questions based upon a period in Jewish History.
3. 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.
4. Number each answer to correspond to the questions. Do not copy the questions.
5. Write your name and address at the top of each page.
6. 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.
7. Awards will be in the form of books of Jewish interest. Every contestant who submits a full set of answers will receive a gift.
8. In the event of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.
9. The decision of the judges, selected by the "Institutional," will be final.

Wanted — Books

Mrs. I. Howard, our qualified and experienced librarian, has expressed a need for books for young people. The "Institutional" takes this opportunity of requesting those readers who may have material of this sort which is no longer of use to them, to contact the I.S.

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