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... At the Fair



The basic principles to be observed in the formation of the program for the Temple of Religion during the operating period of the New York World's Fair have been codified by the committee in charge and have recently been made public by that body.

It is intended that the activities of the Temple of Religion will be an affirmative reassertion of those principles of religious freedom which the Constitution of the United States embodies. In this manner it is hoped that a new realization will come to our own people, and to the people of the world, that America considers religious freedom an essential and integral part of the democratic form of government.

A further attempt of the program will be to illustrate the role that religion has played, and should continue to play, in America.

The attempt will also be made to seek out methods of projecting this religious heritage into the future.

Perhaps the most important of the basic principles on which the Temple of Religion will be operated will be its attempt to demonstrate that men may differ deeply in religious belief while maintaining mutual respect and working together as American citizens in common undertakings. This, it is hoped, will be stressed with a view to the establishment of a social order in which the religious ideals of brotherhood and justice shall be the standards of human relationships.

How You Should Celebrate Purim

1. Attend the reading of the Megillah at the Synagogue this Saturday night and Sunday morning.
2. Send Shalach Monos (inexpensive gifts) to your friends. Remember the poor!
3. Arrange for a merry Purim Seudah (festival meal) Sunday evening, at which you ought to serve Hamantaschen.
4. Ask your child to tell the story of Purim he learned at our school.
5. Children: Attend the Talmud Torah Purim Party on Sunday morning in costume.
6. Young Folks: Attend the Leaders Council Purim Party on Sunday afternoon.
7. Parents: Attend the Parents Association Purim Party on Tuesday evening, March 7th.

Realism Stressed In Club Dramatics

With the emphasis being placed on realism, both the Spades and the Ramblers are exercising great care in the production of their plays for the Dramatic Contest.

"Bury the Dead," the choice of the Spades Club, is an anti-war problem play in which all their members have shown a great interest.

The Ramblers have selected "What's in a Name," a presentation of one of the problems facing the Jews today.

The humorous element will be supplied by the production of the excellent comedy, "She Must Marry a Doctor," by the Deborahs. This is an adaptation of the famous play of the same name by Sholom Aleichem.

Club Spades Emerges Victorious As Inter-Group Basketball Tournament Ends

The Spades Club was declared the winner of the inter-club basketball tournament last week. A summary of the games played revealed the fact that the slim margin of one game divided the winners from the second place holders.

The basketball tournament was conducted over a period of two months, in the form of a round-robin. The schedule played called for each team to meet the other contestants in the tournament at least once.

Final Standing of Team

Under the supervision of Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg, a total of seventeen games were played. The standing of the teams at the end of the tournament follows:

Spades	833%
Ramblers	750
Barbers	600
Scholastics	500
Elks	333
Cardinals	200

A "Night Of Refugee Stars" To Be Held At I. S. April 18

Mr. Charles J. Greenfield Appointed To Head Committee On Arrangements

A "Night of Refugee Stars" will feature several well-known German artists exiled by the Nazi terror when a musical program will be held at the Institutional Synagogue on Tuesday night, April 18 at 8:30.

Mr. Charles J. Greenfield has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the affair.

Reserved seats will be sold at \$1.50, \$1.00, and \$.50 for this evening of high cultural value.

To Aid Refugees

Nazism has been tragic to many of the world's finest authors, artists, and musicians. A "Night of Refugee Stars" is designed to aid talented brethren and at the same time enrich our musical life. A great variety and wide range of musical works is included in the repertoire of these artists.

Tickets Now Available

Tickets for "A Night of Refugee Stars" are now on sale in the I.S. office or may be reserved by telephoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729.

Committee to Be Named

The committee in charge of arrangements for this musical recital will be named this week.

Talmud Torah Masque Stars Gay Costumes

Mordecais, Esthers, Hamans, Kings and courtiers will parade in gala attire at the Talmud Torah Purim Party on Sunday morning. The masquerade will be the feature event of the party and beautiful prizes will be awarded to the winners. In the event of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.

A Purim baseball quiz game, based upon classroom work, will be held. As the questions and answers are batted around the room, the entire history of the festival will be uncovered. Special Purim games, songs and novel entertaining features will complete the program. Hamantaschen and other delicious refreshments will be served.

Pupils of the Talmud Torah have been given tickets to the party, both for themselves and for their friends. Additional tickets may be secured at the office. There is no admission charge.

Parents Prepare For Annual Purim Party

In keeping with the spirit of the festival, the Parents Association will conduct their annual Purim Party next Tuesday evening, March 7th. In preparation for this function, a delightful program of entertaining and humorous presentations has been arranged. Delicious holiday dainties will be served.

The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Mrs. I. Bernstein, Mrs. R. Levit, Mrs. A. Elgart, and Mrs. H. Perman.

Tickets for this festive occasion are now available and may be secured at the office or from any member of the Association. They are nominally priced at fifty cents.

Leaders Group Celebrates Holiday This Sunday

In a spirit of gaiety and festive enjoyment, the members of the Leaders Council and their friends will gather on Sunday afternoon for their Purim Party.

The story of the festival set to music will be the feature of the party, when an original Purim operetta will be presented. Games, singing, refreshments, and dancing will complete the program.

Won't You Please Help?

There are many needy Jewish families in Harlem who would like to observe Passover suitably, but who, because of lack of funds, find themselves unable. The Institutional Synagogue, in cooperation with the Harlem Joint Passover Relief Committee, of which Mrs. Cecil Endel is chairman, and Mrs. Annie R. Morris is secretary-treasurer, has never failed to aid in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews. Kindly send your contributions to the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, N.Y.C.

A Merry Good Purim To All Israel

A Letter To...

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March, 1939.

Mr. Adolph Hitler
Berlin, Germany
The Earth
Dear Adolph:

I don't suppose you have a Bible in your home, especially since you made such a grand bonfire with all the books you didn't like, so I'm almost certain that you are not acquainted with a little affair in which I was mixed up some time ago.

I used to have a job similar to yours in a place a little further southeast of the spot where you are holding sway at present.

Anyway, I acted as a sort of advisor to the king, not exactly a chancellor like you, but I had plenty to say, and I said it. I had my likes and dislikes that went to extremes, and I was very fond of making people miserable, just as you are!

I thought it would be a swell idea to have everybody bow down to me when they saw me or passed me by.

Now, it so happened that there was a certain tribe of people living in my country, who according to their religion, were not allowed to bow, wouldn't bow to me.

Well, I was real mad at Mordecai, so I thought I'd get back at him by killing off all his clan, and I asked the king if I could hold a good old-fashioned massacre. I had a special gallows built on which I was going to hang Mordecai and his family.

But there was one thing I didn't figure on, and that's really the reason why I'm writing you this letter, Adolph. It seems that this tribe I was going to wipe out had a God.

I didn't know about it, and I understand from their earlier history that this God of theirs never lets them down, and He works things out in the strangest ways—in ways you and I never dream of, and He messed up all my plans.

Now, my dear Adolph, this may seem like a fairy tale to you, but history repeats itself, and these people may be adding another date to their list of celebrations before long. You have an Ahasuerus in your country, and you have a Mordecai, and you can never tell how soon an Esther may pop up and upset your apple cart. So be ready to take it on the chin, or at least on the neck as I did.

Fraternally yours,

HAMAN

P.S. There's a fellow down here by the name of Pharaoh who is the "door-keeper" and wants to be on the reception committee when you arrive here...

P.P.S. It's warmish down here — don't bring your winter underwear.

By Jack Picorrie

Proclamation

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT IT CAME TO PASS in the days of the Institutional Synagogue, which reigns over the fun and recreation of all good Jews of the City of New York—

THAT IN THOSE DAYS the decree was issued by the Board of Directors, and the members of that self-same Institutional Synagogue, that the Feast of Purim should be observed in this year 5699, sometimes designated as 1939, as it always has been observed with joy and merriment—

AND IT WAS FURTHER DECREED that all good members of the same Institutional Synagogue, and with them all their friends, should make merry, and join in Purim fun, so that all may forget the hard times in the memory of great deeds which the Lord has of yore done to our Children of Israel, and which He will again repeat in His Own good time—

AND IT HAS BEEN FURTHER ORDERED that all good children and their friends shall attend the Talmud Torah Purim Masquerade which will be held, according to these same dictates, on Sunday morning, March 5th at 11 o'clock; and their parents, in like wise, shall make merry on Tuesday evening, March 7th at 8:30; while their older brothers and sisters shall join with the Leaders' Council on Sunday afternoon, March 5th, at 3 in the afternoon, so that Purim shall go properly celebrated.

EVEN SO SHALL IT BE.

(Signed) Institutional Synagogue

Two Purim Poems

By Helen Hunt Jackson

Mordecai



MAKE friends with him! He is of royal line,
Although he sits in rags. Not all of thine
Array of splendor, pomp of high estate,

Can buy from him his place within the gate,

The king's gate of thy happiness, where he,

Yes, even he, the Jew, remaineth free,
Never obeisance making, never scorn
Betraying of thy silver and new-born delight.

Make friends with him, for unawares
The charmed secret of thy joys he bears;
Be glad, so long as his black sackcloth, late

And early, thwarts thy sun; for if in hate
Thou plottest for his blood, thy own death cry,

Not his, comes from the gallows cubits high.

Esther



FACE more vivid than he dreamed who drew
Thy portrait is that thrilling tale of old!

Dead queen, we see thee still, thy beauty cold

As beautiful; thy dauntless heart which knew

No fear,—not even of a king who slew

At pleasure; maiden heart which was not sold,

Though all the maiden flesh the king's red gold

Did buy! The loyal daughter of the Jew,
No hour saw thee forget his misery;

Thou wert not queen until thy race went free;

Yet thoughtful hearts, that ponder slow and deep,

Find doubtful reverence at last for thee
Thou holdest thy race too dear, thyself too cheap;

Honor no second place for truth can keep.

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A Purim Quiz

Do You Know?

1. To what high position did a Jew hater want to elevate a Jew?
2. What day was turned for the Jews from a fast to a feast?
3. Who adopted his cousin?
4. Which of the Purim characters must be beheaded twice in order to be a man?
5. Who wore a crown although he was no king?
6. When did a man at the gate obstruct the plans of those at the door?
7. What high officer became at one time a driver?
8. Name a Jew who was the cousin of a non-Jewish king.
9. Whose sleepless night brought worry to one, sorrow to another and honor to a third?
10. Who came uninvited to invite?
11. Which two banquets ended fatally; one for a woman and the other for a man?
12. Who prepared his own gallows?
13. What lot caused the Jews much worry?
14. Who was rewarded for life saving with a horseback ride?
15. When did a Jew's knowledge of many languages save the life of a king?

(From "Know the Bible" by Maurice Liberman).

A Purim Scroll of Fun and Fancy will be presented to the one who submits the best set of answers. In the event of a tie duplicate awards will be made. All answers must be submitted by this Monday.

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Light Candles Friday Evening .. 5:28
Friday Evening 5:30
Saturday Morning 7:00 & 9:00
Sedrah: T'zaveh
Saturday Afternoon 5:30
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Sunday Morning 8:00
Daily Morning 7:00