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## Parents Hold Rummage Sale

### Affair Successful

### Levit, Bernstein and Vosberg Serve

Undeterred by the hot summer weather, the active members of the Parents Association continued their efforts in the support of the I. S.

During July, the ladies conducted a rummage sale and bazaar in a store directly opposite the Institution. Under the leadership of a committee composed of Mrs. Rose Levit, Chairlady, Mrs. Ray Vosberg, Co-Chairlady, and Mrs. I. Bernstein, Treasurer, the Association again made a success of their venture. It was due to the unstinting efforts of the above members that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars was turned over to the I. S.

Other members of the Association who deserve praise for their painstaking efforts in acting as salesladies were Mesdames Elgart, Perman, Levine, Silver and Schlefstein.

## He Is An American

(Condensed from the "New York Sun" of September 4, 1939.)

He is an American.

He hears an airplane overhead, and if he looks up at all does so in curiosity, neither in fear nor in the hope of seeing a protector.

His wife goes marketing, and her purchases are limited by her needs, her tastes, her budget, but not by decree.

He comes home of an evening through streets which are well lighted, not dimly in blue.

He belongs to such fraternal organizations and clubs as he wishes.

He converses with friends, even with chance acquaintances, expressing freely his opinion on any subject, without fear.

He does not expect his mail to be opened between posting and receipt, nor his telephone to be tapped.

He changes his place of dwelling, and does not report so doing to the police.

He has not registered with the police.

He carries an identification card only in case he should be the victim of a traffic accident.

He worships God in the fashion of his choice, without let.

He is a fortunate man.

He is an American.

## A Message From Our President

To the Members and Friends of the Institutional Synagogue:

With the approach of the New Year, let us be grateful to God for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon us during the year just closing.

If we could only read the Psalms with a little thoroughness we would fully understand that the spirit of genuine thankfulness is to be found in nearly every one of them.

Everyone of you have made more than 175 children in our Home Camp very very happy this past summer.

Onward and forward we march on to make the children coming within the doors of the Institutional Synagogue to understand real Judaism and genuine Americanism.

May the New Year bring real peace to mankind in general and see the end of the world's oppressors and persecutors.

Faithfully yours,



Hon. Isaac Siegel

ISAAC SIEGEL.

## S.N.SiegelToConduct CCNY Radio Course

The College of the City of New York has announced a course which will be conducted for the second year by Seymour N. Siegel, son of our president, Judge Isaac Siegel. The course, which is entitled "Radio Broadcasting," is a practical training course, designed to prepare young men and women for constructive work in the radio broadcasting industry. Mr. S. N. Siegel now holds the position of Director of Programs for New York City's Own Station, WNYC.

As guest lecturers for his course, Mr. Siegel has invited the foremost radio authorities in America.

### Erub Tavshilin

An Erub Tavshilin should be made on Wednesday, September 13th, Rosh Hashona Eve.

## Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wartels upon their untimely passing of their son, Emanuel. We pray that Mr. Wartels, our esteemed Treasurer and Director, and Mrs. Wartels, active officer of our Parents' Association, may know of no more sorrow.

Our heartfelt sympathy is offered to Mrs. Isaac Siegel upon the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Emanuel Levy. The late Mr. Levy was President of the largest department store in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and very active in Jewish charities.

## Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Rabbi and Mrs. Philip Goodman upon the birth of their daughter, Judith, on September 8th, at Dr. Leff's Central Maternity Hospital.

## Jewish Centers To Observe U. S. Constitution Day

Commemorative exercises in celebration of the 152nd anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States by the Federal Convention on September 17, 1787, will be arranged by Jewish Community Centers. To assist them in planning impressive programs at club and group meetings, as well as at mass gatherings, the Jewish Welfare

Board, their parent organization, has made available to its constituent societies a publication for Constitution Day.

The significance of the Constitution is discussed authoritatively in a pamphlet entitled, "The Constitution, The Safeguard of our Religious Liberties," by Judge Irving Lehman, also issued by the Jewish Welfare Board.

## Rosh Hashonah Starts Tonight

### Cantor Ebbin Engaged

### I. S. To Act As Host To Many Guests

Tonight at sunset, the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashonah, will be ushered in by Jews throughout the world. As in the past, traditional High Holy Days Services will be conducted in our spacious and airy auditorium. Dignity and decorum characterize the Services at the Institutional Synagogue.

Rabbi Philip Goodman will preach the sermons throughout the holidays. Cantor Irving Ebbin has been engaged to conduct the services and will lead the congregation in the singing of the traditional holiday melodies.

Invitations to participate in the High Holy Days Services have been extended to German Refugees, students of neighboring colleges, members of the Police and Fire Departments as well as to the residents of the Young Women's Hebrew Association.

If you have not as yet secured your tickets, last minute reservation facilities have been made available. The office will be open until six o'clock today for that purpose. If it is impossible for you to come to the office, a telephone call to UNiversity 4-6729 will make certain that tickets are left for you at the door.

## Institutional to Publish New Year Greetings

In the next issue of the "Institutional," New Year Greetings will again be published. Extend your felicitations for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of the readers of our publication.

Your name, address, and twenty words can be included for the modest cost of one dollar.

Write out your greeting and attach it to the form below:

The Institutional  
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Please include my New Year Greetings in the next issue of the "Institutional." Enclosed find one dollar.

Name .....

Address .....



## Jewish Characters In English Books

by Marc M. Siegel

(Concluded from last week)

Mendoza, in "The Duenna" exemplifies the final step in this trend. Mendoza was a comic character, he was ridiculous, he was the sign for general laughter, and in this respect, he is indicative of the change in the attitude towards the Jew which had effected itself in Sheridan's England.

Now, however, towards the end of the 18th century, a new spirit began to make itself felt throughout Europe. It was the germination of the seed of revolution which was to spring into flower in France. New ideals arose. The concept of liberty, equality, fraternity, filtered through the stage, and "The Jew" by Cumberland, was presented in 1794. "The Jew" was, perhaps, the first attempt in the language, to correct the stereotype which had so embedded itself. But Sheva, the embodiment of all goodness and purity, was no more a true picture of the Jew than was Barabas, the epitome of evil.

The Victorian mood as represented by Scott, Dickens and Eliot, illustrated the diversity of approach to a creative problem which may be found in a single century.

Scott's "Ivanhoe" presented a double-faced picture. Rebecca was sympathetically developed, but her father, Isaac of York, was still discredited with the seemingly racial quality of avarice.

Fagin, whose very name has become a catchword for the baser elements in the human specie, was an over-sight by Dickens. In writing "Oliver Twist" the great Victorian novelist had no intention whatsoever of Jew-baiting. But the day after the novel appeared, a great reaction set in all over England, and emotions were current which had lain still for long. Dickens apologia was "Our Mutual Friend" with its benevolent Riah. According to certain of his letters it is apparent that the author held no personal prejudice.

But the most enlightened treatment of the Jew in English literature was that accorded him by George Eliot. She was a woman who was among the first to feel that what is inside a person is as important, than superficial external appearance. She understood that no man stands alone, but as the ultimate refinement of thousands of years of ancestors. Before writing her masterful "Daniel Deronda" she studied Jewish people, and Jewish culture. She identified herself with the struggle of this age-old people. And then she delineated Mordecai. He is the symbol of political regeneration in a Jewish homeland. He is not faultless. Neither is he without virtue. He is a faithful psychological picture.

This treatment, one which recognizes that any Jew in literature stands as a portrayal of all Jews, is the only literary treatment which can be just and fair. But a Christian world, and its authors and playwrights, has too often adumbrated the Jew as Barabas. They have forgotten, that he, too, was Christ.

## JEWISH ODDITIES



ISRAEL JACOBS  
WAS THE  
FIRST JEWISH  
MEMBER OF  
CONGRESS-  
PENNSYLVANIA  
1791-93

SINCE the first presidential administration fifty-four Jews have served in the Congress of the United States. The first of this number to sit in the House of Representatives was Israel Jacobs who served from the State of Pennsylvania from 1791 to 1793. Hon. Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue, was the 22nd Jew to be elected to Congress.

Mrs. Julius Kahn of San Francisco has the distinction of being the only Jewess ever to have held office in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Although almost half of the number of Jewish congressmen have represented New York State districts, the remaining Representatives have come from such widely scattered state as Wisconsin, Louisiana, Colorado, Illinois, California, Michigan, Massachusetts, Alabama, West Virginia and Florida.

Of the fifty-three Jews mentioned five served as United States Senators. The best known of these was Judah Philip Benjamin, Senator from Louisiana from 1853 to 1861. In the latter year he resigned to become Secretary of the State of the Confederacy.

### I. S. Cue

A columnist never has a vacation . . . as he must be on the alert for news . . . gossip . . . in order to fill a column now . . . or . . . in the future . . .

Did you miss our little contribution to the world's great literature in the farewell issue of last season . . . ssh . . . ssh . . . we were censored . . . but we can't be stopped . . . so-o-oh here goes . . .

Popular Jack Altman was married during the summer . . . and now infrequently invades his old haunts . . .

That great swordsman Dave Olster is now a baker . . . boy does he knead the dough . . . ouch . . . The I. S. has its own glamour girl . . . can you guess? . . .

Have Morris Urieff tell you his Shakespeare joke . . . we don't get the point . . .

Hear ye, hear ye . . . our beloved president, Isaac Siegel became a Judge in the early part of July . . . congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy reign . . . Speaking of rain . . . this has been the driest summer for the staff in many years . . . boy . . . another pitcher of water . . . and don't spare the horses . . .

Taking a big long look into the future . . . Mrs. I. Stein's daughter Eva will arrive in New York from South Africa on October 1st . . .

### REV. S. TAITZ

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Extends best wishes for a Happy New Year to all Israel.

Sincerest wishes to all our friends, and may the New Year bring them all their desires and greatest happiness.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rosenbaum

626 Manida Street, Bronx, New York

### New Year Greetings

Mr. & Mrs. I. Stein and Family, 216 West 99th Street, extend best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to their relatives and friends; Parents' Association, Officers and Members of the Institutional Synagogue.

Mr. & Mrs. (Eva Stein) Blotnick of Capetown, South Africa, extend New Year Greetings to all of their relatives and friends.

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.

Mr. Max Stavish, 898 West End Ave., New York City, extends greetings to his relatives, friends, members of the Institutional Synagogue and all Israel for a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Pincus Vogel, 601 West 149th Street, New York City, wish the officers and members of the Parents' Association and the Institutional Synagogue, a very happy New Year.

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### Calendar of Services

Light Candles Wednesday Eve . . 6:49  
Wednesday Evening . . . . . 6:45  
Thursday Morning . . . . . 8:00  
Thursday Afternoon . . . . . 4:00  
Followed by Tashlich  
Friday Morning . . . . . 8:00  
Friday Evening . . . . . 6:45  
Saturday Morning . . . . . 7:00 & 9:00  
Saturday Afternoon . . . . . 6:30  
Daily Morning . . . . . 7:30

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### 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 Friday, September 22nd, so that it may be had for the memorial services.