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## 23rd Academic Year Of Talmud Torah Now In Session

### Semester Is Inaugurated By Succoth Party

The Talmud Torah of the Institutional Synagogue opened for its 23rd successive academic year when the children of the school held a Succoth party and rally.

#### Comprehensive Curriculum

The Talmud Torah's curriculum is a well-rounded one calculated to give the child a thorough religious training and an insight into the bases of the religion. Language, script, history and biblical studies are stressed.

#### Registration Still Open

Registration for the semester is still being accepted. Parents of prospective pupils are invited to visit Rabbi Goodman in regard to individual problems of their children in religious education.

#### Extra-Curricular Program

Pupils of the Talmud Torah also have available the extra-curricular facilities of the building. These include clubs under competent leadership, and other leisure-time activities.

### Spades Start 4th Year; Stamler Is President

Opening its fourth year as an I.S. adjunct CLUB SPADE held its organization meeting last week, and held annual elections.

Sam Stamler is to wield the president's gavel this year, while Theodore Winkler, as vice-president will substitute in the former's absence. The secretariat was voted to Sam Goldberg. Milton Wiener will handle the group's financial problems in his capacity of treasurer.

## Levi Group To Present Succoth Drama As Other Troupes Go Into Production

Broadway has nothing on the Camp Ta-a-noog Extension Program these days, because as far as the busy young members of the Extension are concerned, The Play's The Thing!

#### Levi Group In Production

The Levi Group (older boys) are already in the throes of a dramatic enterprise. Milt Fine, M. Tipelin, A. Gottlieb, E. Bacharach, and M. Simonson are actors in a timely play which will be

presented on Sunday, October 8th. The play, "Life In A Succah," by Rabbi A. Burstein, is a one-acter.

#### Girls Prefer To Sing

The girls, on the other hand, seem to want to sing. Miss Adina Gerstel's group is preparing for a Sing to be presented towards the end of the year. Members of this glee-ful group include Rika Podvoll, Beatrice Martin, Ruth Joseph, Ida Finfang, Miriam Levinson and Betty Gattegno.

### Directors To Meet October Ninth

The Board of Directors of the Institutional Synagogue will meet at the Institutional Synagogue building, 37-43 West 116th Street, on Monday evening, October 9th, at eight p.m. sharp.

All directors are urged to be present and prompt since important business is to be transacted.

## I. S. Renders Still Another Service As 341 Use Free High Holy Day Seats

A startling story, indicative of the service which the I.S. is rendering to a worthy, but needy, part of the Jewish community in New York City, is contained in the simple figures recently released by the I.S. office, in reference to attendance at the High Holy Day services of the Institution.

#### 341 Free Attendees

Three-hundred and forty-one tickets entitling holders to attend Rosh Hash-

onah and Yom Kippur services at the I.S. were distributed free of charge. Breaking down this figure one finds some interesting facts.

Of these three-hundred and forty-one free tickets, two hundred and fifty-six were used by refugees from various central European areas.

Forty-two other tickets were used by the Y.W.H.A., while forty-three additional free tickets to non-members were issued.

### Succah Decorations Attract Attention

### Lou G. Siegel, Other Donors Thanked By P. A.

The usually excellent job which the Parents' Association performs each year in the decoration of the I.S. succah was reaffirmed this year when the succah, located off the third floor on the roof, appeared in its brilliant and colorful garb of natural fruit, vegetables and foliage.

#### Thanks To Lou G. Siegel

Special thanks are due to Mr. Lou G. Siegel, who is as faithful as the Association itself, in doing his bit.

### Rediscovery Week Called By J.W.B.

### To Reaffirm The Principles Of U. S. Democracy

The Jewish Welfare Board has issued a call urging all Jewish Centers to join in the observance of American Rediscovery Week, October 8th, to 14th, during which occurs the anniversary of the discovery of America. The conditions which led the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom to designate the 447th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus,

Watch for next week's "Jewish Oddity" on Columbus and the Jews. This feature article also appears in the new I.S. booklet now on sale at office.

mark the celebration as a "reaffirmation of the principles of American Democracy.

### Your New Address, Please!

The Institutional is revising its mailing list, and would appreciate notification of the change of address of any of its members.

## Series Tickets Now On Sale For Eight Henning Programs

### Cost To Public Is Half Last Year's Dollar

Two weeks from this Saturday night, at 8:30 sharp, the first performance of eight featured entertainments, will inaugurate the Third Series of the Institutional Synagogue's Henning Programs. Covering

every phase of Jewish art, the Series, available to the public at a purely nominal admission fee of \$.50, is but another aspect of the Institutional Synagogue's unending effort to offer unusual service to the Jewish community.

#### In Memory Of Fanny Henning

The Henning Programs of which this is to be the Third Series, are dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Fanny Henning, benefactress of the I.S.

#### Varied Programming

Included in the eight performances of the Third Series are Jewish artists presenting musical, dramatic, and dance programs.

Each of these art forms will have its evening when such groups as the Pearl Winter's Troupe, the Corinne Chochem Dance Group, the Medoff Family, and the Hazomir Choral Society appear from the stage of the I.S. Auditorium located at 37-43 West 116th Street.

The Hazomir Choral Society is the first to appear, and will stage its performance on October 21.

#### Successive Saturdays Scheduled

The programs are scheduled to run for eight successive Saturday evenings, the first of which is to be on October 21st.

#### Tickets Now On Sale

The subscription tickets for all eight evenings are now on sale at the main floor desk at the low price of \$.50. Seats may also be reserved by telephoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729.

### "Jewish Oddities" Ready; Now On Sale At Desk

Odd and interesting facts are grouped in the latest I.S. publication, "Jewish Oddities," a 32 page booklet recently issued. The booklet is a compilation of the popular feature-page series of the "Institutional." Copies are now on sale at the main floor desk. Special rates are available for club groups. The booklet sells individually for \$.10.



## The Question Of Jewish Education

(The following excerpts have been abstracted from a speech delivered by Magistrate Isaac Siegel over Radio Station WEVD on Sunday, October 1st, under the auspices of the Jewish Education Association.)

The genuine basis of tolerance lies in a well-rounded religious education. Most of our young people are sadly lacking in this requisite for the well-balanced life.

This country of ours made its greatest progress at a time when men started the day by acknowledging their obligation to their Maker by reading some part of the Bible. Thomas Brackett Reed always referred with pride to the fact that, at Bowdoin College, which he attended, unless one knew the Bible, and could read it in Hebrew, one was deemed ignorant.

What good does it do to give the grow-



By JUDGE ISAAC SIEGEL

ing generation of our city the best that parents and government can provide in the form of a secular education, when parents fail in their duty and obligation

to make certain that their children receive a religious education. A religious education is the greatest help towards inculcating good character in the growing boy and girl. Without such an education the child starts life handicapped in every way. A religious education helps to bring out the best in him.

Knowledge without good deeds means nothing. And it is a religious education which leads the child to have a feeling of love for his fellow men.

Let us demonstrate that it is our purpose to continue forever to be an influence for good. Let us reaffirm that spirit of loyalty and devotion shown to our country by Hyam Solomon and the other Jewish patriots of the American Revolution. Let us show, by our actions, that their spirit of American Judaism still lives in us.

## Towards Peace ...

By RABBI PHILIP GOODMAN

The Rabbis tell us that during the Festival of Succoth in the days of the Temple, seventy oxen were offered as an atonement and as a good-will offering for the welfare of the seventy nations, namely the entire human race of that time. Israel throughout its long history has sought to bring about peace for all of humanity. Sacrifices were offered for the sake of all nations, both friendly and hostile. The heartfelt prayers of every Israelite were uttered for a world of tranquility. The prophets pleaded for peace among all nations through a universal return to God. They knew well that wars and strife are caused by men who forsake the path of God.

Nimrod, who desired that all people should pay homage to him alone, sought to build the tower of Babel. When the people began to build they had to first make bricks for the tower which involved a long process. Thousands of laborers toiled for many years to complete the huge tower to heaven. When a man fell down from the tower and met his death scant attention was paid to him. But, alas, if a brick was dropped and smashed into pieces, the people felt great remorse.

This same reckless disregard of human lives is being seen today. As we watch the dictators seek to build tall towers based upon the wanton destruction of human life, we are again reminded of the Tower of Babel.

And yet, the people of Israel, who today is the scapegoat of most nations, is reminded during the festival of Succoth of the sacrifices that were offered in the days of the Temple for all peoples. Israel continues to pray that peace shall reign for all men.

## JEWISH ODDITIES

The courage and the determination, the perseverance and pluck in the face of great odds, which characterized Theodore Roosevelt, and made of him a symbol of the America we love, was attributed by him after the Spanish-American War to the members of his regiment. The "Rough Riders" was one of the most courageous military aggregations ever to exercise its energy and initiative in the service of the United States.

In commenting on the intrepid action of his men Theodore Roosevelt made special mention of the Jewish members of his regiment. These numbered seven, all of whom distinguished themselves by courageous action. One of this number

In a letter to Jacob Schiff on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the settling of the Jews in America, Theodore Roosevelt wrote: "I am glad to be able to say ... that while the Jews of the United States ... have remained loyal to their faith and their race traditions, they have become indissolubly incorporated in the great army of American citizenship, prepared to make all sacrifice for the country, either in war or peace, and striving for the perpetuation of good government and for the maintenance of the principles embodied in our constitution."



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, LEADER OF THE FAMOUS "ROUGH RIDERS" IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, PRAISED THE OUTSTANDING COURAGE DISPLAYED BY THE SEVEN JEWISH MEN IN HIS COMPANY.

## European Summer, '39

by Marc M. Siegel

The group of jovial men and women that I joined on Bastille Night when I heard them singing "Hatikvah" numbered about ten. I introduced myself, and, in doing so, met within that group one of the greatest living Jewish painters. He had a thing or two to say ...

Mr. Mane-Katz, known all over the world for his skillful modern treatment of the Jewish ideal on canvas, was extremely cordial to me. He invited me to visit his studio on the Boulevard Raspail, and we had a long talk about art, and the Jew's place in the graphic arts.

Mane-Katz is a slight, white-haired

man who holds decisive opinions on almost everything. He delivers his witty, significant remarks, with a charming twinkle of the eye that suggests, "Find something wrong with this statement if you can!" And Mane-Katz's confidence in himself is justified.

## I. S. Cue

The Max twins Siegel and Fried are having a terrible feud these days ... the blows being struck are awful to behold ... but no harm is being done as they wage their daily ping pong struggle.

### WE WONDER

Did Eddie Cutler marry his Pearl during the summer ...

What swell chap—director—we hear is in the throes of a romance ...

Why is shy Seymour Kanner making those long phone calls these days..

### HERE AND THERE

I ask you is this the time to write a column when every day is a holiday ... both religious and from the standpoint of news ... but where there's life there's hope ... so-o-oh ...

It's the fall season when the Winter's brothers visit their old haunts ...

H. Schueler up in Maine this past summer had a swell time painting ... says he ... we wonder ...

You will be amazed to learn that our building abounds with many saps ... this is not derogatory but praiseworthy ... a sap is defined by almost every unbiased dictionary as an over-zealous or ardent student ...

Sherman Lefkowitz, the I.S. boy who is well known to Port Chester and the Bronx as a forensic artiste, has left for Harvard to broaden his -a- ...

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