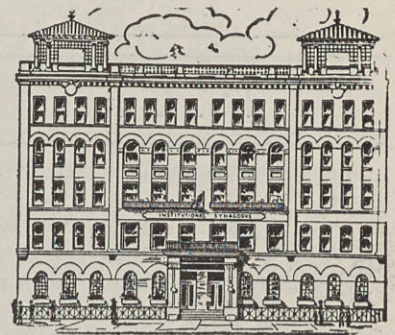


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Spartans Defeat Young Israel In Eighth Game

Variety Nights Come To Finish

The final I.S. Variety Night took place and the eighth game in the inter-club basketball tournament found the Young Israel defeated by the Spartans 36 to 12 last Saturday night when a large crowd gathered to participate in varied activities in the building.

Tournament To Continue

Although the Variety Nights are now over, the tournament will continue during club periods. The final play-off between the two teams in leading positions will occur during Health Week, March 10-17, when the championship will be awarded.

Miss Pearl Korn, Bud Schlesinger, Sy Warner, J. Schacter, Elaine Sherman, Leonard Green, Mary Goldman and Sid Reiner, were winners in the dance contests.

Matza Wins Again In Variety Night Ping-Pong Tourney

Abe Matza triumphed again in the ping-pong competition held as part of the eighth and last I.S. Variety night last Saturday night. Gertrude Fried was runner-up. The score of the final game which was as close as it possibly could be, was 21-19. H. Cherwin and G. Newman lasted until the semi-final elimination.

New Classes Formed As Second Semester Of Talmud Torah Starts

A new class, Hebrew High School II, has been formed, and will specialize in the study of the Talmud. More advanced pupils will be interviewed this week by Rabbi Philip Goodman, prior to registration in the class. A Baal Koreh Class, for learning to read the Torah, is now also open to boys above the age of thirteen. This latter class will meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Members of the Talmud Torah are now also actively engaged in the conduct of Sunday Morning Services, in which Talmud Torah pupils officiate. The Sunday services are followed by breakfasts for the participants.

We Mourn Our Loss

Members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue were sorely grieved to learn of the sudden departure from this life of Mrs. Leah Siegel. May her soul rest in peace. The deceased was one of the most ardent and sincere workers of our institution, and mother of our beloved president, Judge Isaac Siegel. Her personal joy was secured in the accomplishments of the Institutional Synagogue. Her life was unselfishly consecrated to a score of other communal organizations, her people, and her G-d.

It is the type of Mother in Israel that Mrs. Siegel typified of whom our sages said, "For the sake of righteous women Israel was redeemed." As a woman of valor, she steadfastly kept to the trodden path of her ancestors. To her last days she was engaged in "Torah, avodah, v'gemiluth chasodim," the advancement of Jewish study, devotion to G-d, and service to her fellow-men.

The soul of Leah Siegel will be an everlasting light to those hundreds of people who knew her and loved her. To our president, Judge Siegel, who has steadfastly and proudly clung to the teachings of his mother, we offer our sincere condolences. May he and his family be granted sweet consolation. May the Almighty spare them all for many long years to come from further sorrow.



LEAH SIEGEL

Mrs. Leah Siegel expired suddenly on Monday evening, February 12th, 1940, following a single day of illness. Born almost eighty years ago in Poland, she was taken from her birthplace at the age of two to London. Hardly past five years of age, she journeyed alone to live with relatives in America, during the final days of the Civil War.

In addition to Judge Siegel, she is survived by Mrs. Moses Frank, Moses, Benjamin, Harry and David P. Siegel.

The funeral cortege proceeded from the home of David P. Siegel, 1050 Park Avenue, to the Union Fields Cemetery, stopping en route for memorial prayers at the Home of the Daughters of Israel and the I.S. Participating in the services were Rev. Dr. Elias Solomon, Rev. Max Braun, Rev. Zalman Turguvnick, Cantor Zalman Yavneh, and Rabbi Philip Goodman.

As she was truly of those who give charity in secret, the many organizations to which Mrs. Siegel belonged and contributed, are unknown even to the members of her own family. Among those which are known are included the Institutional Synagogue, the Hebrew Day Nursery, the Home of the Daughters of Israel, the Home of the Daughters of Jacob, the Yeshiva College Women's Organization, the Beth Hamedresh Hagodol, the Kehilath Jeshurun Sisterhood, the Yorkville Benevolent Society, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and the Machzike Talmud Torah.

At a meeting of the Parent's Association held last Tuesday evening the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas Mrs. Leah Siegel was a founder and active member of the Parent's Association since its inception; Whereas she had actively participated in all activities of the Association including attendance at the last meeting prior to her demise; Whereas we wish to express our sincere sympathies to the deceased's son, Judge Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue: Therefore Be It Resolved that the Parent's Association make a contribution of One Hundred Dollars for the Talmud Torah in memory of Leah Siegel, whose name shall be inscribed on the memorial tablet in the Institutional Synagogue building.

Clurglass Issues Audition Call For February 18th

Dramatic Talent To Be Chosen

All members or friends of the I.S. who are interested in amateur dramatics have been invited to attend auditions for a permanent dramatics group to be held on Sunday, February 18th, between two and four in the afternoon.

Importance Stressed

The importance of a large turnout has been stressed by Mr. Reuben Clurglass, who will be in supervision and direction of the new group. Mr. Clurglass, who has had professional experience in the field of the legitimate theatre, plans to outline a long-term program to be undertaken by the new dramatic society. Present plans also call for a dramatic presentation within six weeks of organization.

Six Clubs Rehearse For March Sixteenth One Act Play Contest

Six clubs are now rehearsing for the one-act play contest which will take place on Saturday night, March 16th, according to a recent statement by Mr. Morris A. Urieff, Director of Club Activity. For the most part, the plays concern themselves with contemporary Jewish and social problems.

Dr. Irwin I. Lubowe To Address League On Social Hygiene

Dr. Irwin I. Lubowe will address the I.S. League on February 20th in a program on social hygiene. The Tuesday night program will also feature motion pictures on the same subject which will be shown by the Department of Health. Dr. Lubowe, Chairman of the Health Committee of the I.S., is an authority on the subject of social hygiene and is the author of a book on the subject.

The League is now engaged in the sale of tickets for its theatre party to be held on March 4th, at which time the organization is to see the Labor Stage hit, "Pins and Needles." Tickets are now available in the office.

I.S. Cue

Putting one little dot . . . after another . . .



If you and you did not attend the Lincoln Pageant last Monday nite . . . hide your heads in shame . . . the folks are still talking about the wonderful time they had . . .

Have Leo Stein tell how he never allows Yonkers to interfere with his attendance at our building . . . and . . .

Abe Rhine about the member who came to his aid one morning on a crowded subway train . . . by having a cough drop passed from one length of the car to the other . . .

Nat Denner has left . . . with the wife and kiddies for a winter sports vacation at Sackett's Lake . . . this leaves brother Max lonely . . . cheer him up fellows . . .

Have you noticed that Stella Matza has lost her crowning glory . . . she just had her hair bobbed . . .

Is director Theodore Charnas an executive committee member of the alumni association of a local red school house . . . where so many of us spent our delightful adolescent years . . . learning reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic . . . plus other things . . .

'Tis too bad vaudeville is no more . . . one of the better acts consists of Nat Stark ribbing Joe Rosenbaum . . . Joseph takes it seriously . . . until the supporting cast of Sam Pincus and Les Seifer join the fun . . .

Culled the following from one of the building's tabloids . . . edited by a group of enterprising young men . . . "The club hopes Bernard Defrin will soon be well . . . as those guys who shoot toothpicks around at meetings have been missing him" . . . descriptive reporting . . . eh . . . Mr. Greeley . . . we take this as our cue to leave you . . . until next week . . .

Brotherhood Week To Be Marked By Jewish Centers

Welfare Board Guides Program

The Jewish Welfare Board is cooperating with the National Conference of Christians and Jews in promoting a wide observance of Brotherhood Week in YMHAs, YWHAs and Jewish Community Centers, from February 18th to the 25th, the week during which Washington's Birthday occurs.

The slogan adopted for the 1940 observance is "Make America safe for differences, because differences make America safe."

Diversified program suggestions and material in prose and verse are embodied in a publication on Washington's Birthday, which the Jewish Welfare Board has issued.

George Washington And The Jew

When the Revolutionary War ended the number of inhabitants residing in the colonies was 3,000,000. The number of Jews has been variously estimated at less than 3,000. Regardless of their number, history tells us that most of them were devoted to the patriot cause.

From a military standpoint, the best known is Colonel Isaac Franks who made an exceptional record not only as aide-de-camp to Washington but as a powerful influence in encouraging the colonists when their morale was low. That his relationship to Washington was close, has always been admitted. This is confirmed by the fact that when yellow fever was prevalent in Philadelphia, Washington became Franks' guest at his home and remained there until it had abated.

Washington, Madison and Morris, amongst others active in behalf of the patriots, were familiar and knew of their own knowledge of the \$300,000 contributed by Hyam Salomon to the cause of independence. Conditions at Valley Forge were such that had Hyam Salomon been unable to raise the money the patriots might have been doomed to failure. Washington knew that no repayment had been made to Salomon, when in response to the letter of Moses Seixas, Warden of the Newport Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, dated August 17th, 1790, he replied in part as follows:

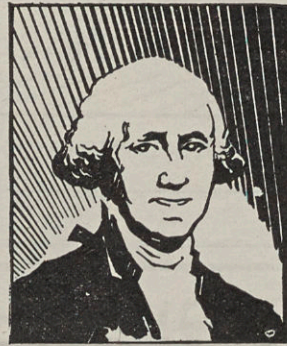
May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the Father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several useful vocations here and in his own due time and way, everlastingly happy.

We know that at the time of Washington's inauguration on April 30th, 1789, there were six Jewish congregations in the United States, being located in Savannah, New York, Philadelphia, Newport, Richmond, and Charleston. The congregation at Newport and that of Savannah wrote separate letters. The four congregations of the other cities above referred to, wrote a joint letter. Washington's reply opened with the following sentence:

"The liberality of sentiment towards each which marks every political and religious denomination of men in this country stands unparalleled in the history of nations."

Within less than a month after Washington was inaugurated he said that "It shall be my endeavor to contribute whatever may be in my power towards the preservation of the civil and religious liberties of the American people."

Thus Washington, our First American, stood for those ideals and principles, which have ever been the basis of the life of the Jew. The spirit of tolerance preached by Washington will always remain with all intelligent Americans, the same way as it has been part of the very existence of the Jew. Hence it is the paramount duty of the Jew to observe the birthdays of men like Washington, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, who typified the love of God and country.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Book Reviews

ESCAPE. By Ethel Vance. Little, Brown and Company, Boston. 428 pages. \$2.50.

The proof of the value of a novel is in the reading. It is not, as in most non-fiction, so much what is said, as how it is said. And this novel, "Escape," by Ethel Vance, has been said in the best possible way. It kept your reviewer's eyes riveted to the printed page for seven solid hours. And not without reason.

"Escape" has the honor of introducing a fine narrative talent to the contemporary literary scene. Just exactly what the identity of Ethel Vance is, no-one knows. Her publishers have taken great pains to keep her anonymous. And her name is as fictional as her novel is good. It is to be hoped, nonetheless, that more of her work comes to the public eye soon.

In itself, the novel is a thrilling, gripping account of one woman's escape from the hands of her Nazi jailers. But the novel is concerned with more than just Emmy Ritter's physical freedom. It is a chronicle, as well, of the psychological development of a number of people who live, whether they will it or not, under a regime of organized brutality.

Out of the story emerge the brilliant characters of men and women who are willing to make complete sacrifices of their personal existence for the sake of spiritual freedom. These figures are memorable, etched with a deft and certain touch. The dramatic continuity, too, is such that an agonizing suspense is built to an almost unbearable climax.

It is, a novel, in short, not to be missed. "Escape" will stand with Phyllis Bottome's "The Mortal Storm" as one of the more moving books to find their theme in the horror tale of Nazi Germany.

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