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## Gym To Conduct All-Around Test For Best Athlete

"Jack" Jacobs To Supervise

Starting Sunday, April 7th, all gymnasium members will be able to compete in a contest to establish the best all-around athlete member of the I.S., according to a statement made by Director "Jack" Jacobs.

### Type Events Listed

The tourney, according to Mr. Jacobs, who will direct it, is to consist of such events as chinning, standing broad jump, baskets per second, accuracy foul shots, horizontal ladder exercises, underwater swim for distance, surface plunge for distance, pushups, and potato race against time.

### Three Events A Week

Three events will be run off each week during specific club periods. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, places will be presented to contestants who make the best averages for all the events, provided there are at least twenty finalists. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

For further information concerning this tournament, applicants are referred to Mr. Jacobs at the gymnasium office.

## Swimming Exhibition For Girls And Women Set For This Sunday

"Gyratory Whirligigs", a performance of precision swimming, will be the feature of the Exhibition Acquacade to be presented for women and girls in the I.S. pool this Sunday afternoon under the direction of Miss Lillie Fialkoff of the I.S. staff.

## Jewish Welfare Board Compliments I. S. On Excellence Of Health Week Program

The full and outstanding content of the I.S. Health Week was recognized and cited in a letter from Mr. Samuel Leff, Director of Health and Camp Activities, of the Jewish Welfare Board, received last week by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Executive Director of the Institutional Synagogue.

### Letter Is Quoted

Excerpts from the letter follow: "... I want to congratulate you on your constructive program that you arranged for

## Readers Aid Asked For Passover Relief

There are many needy Jewish families in the Harlem area who would like to observe Passover suitably, but who, because of lack of funds, find themselves unable to do so.

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 in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews.

Readers are asked to send their contributions for this worthy work to the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, New York City.

## Parents Association Scores Huge Success With Dutch Supper

Committee Renders Yeomanlike Service

The Parents Association of the I.S. scored a huge success last Sunday evening when over 100 people enjoyed a delightful Dutch Supper.

### Committee Is Praised

Success of the affair was largely due to the efforts of the committee. Mrs. I. Stein was chairman, and untiring service was also rendered by the Mesdames Bernstein, Vosberg, Elgart, Levitt, Perman, Zaslavsky, Wallach, and Levine. Mrs. Eva Stein Blotnick brought greetings from South Africa.

### Miss Zuckman Sings

Miss Sylvia Zuckman sang several Hebrew songs which were enthusiastically received. A membership appeal, made at the supper, brought thirteen new enrollments in the Association.

## Concert Circle Sponsors Program Of "Words And Music" April 11

Club Orators Meet In Competition Sunday Afternoon

Material Available Upon Request

Club orators will pit their wits and voices against each other on Sunday afternoon, April 14th, when the inter-club oratorical contest takes place.

### To Be Of Jewish Interest

Entrants may select, or write, orations of contemporary Jewish interest which are not to exceed seven minutes in delivery. All entries must be submitted for approval to Mr. Morris A. Urie, Director of Club Activities, as soon as possible.

## Plan To Increase Baseball Activity

J.W.B. Sponsors Spring Sport

To encourage increased participation in baseball in the sports program of every Jewish Center, the Jewish Welfare Board has recently become affiliated with the U.S.A. Baseball Congress, the national organization promoting amateur baseball. The Welfare Board will be represented by Mr. Charles Ornstein on the Executive Committee of the Congress.

### Automatic Enrollment

As a result of the membership of the Welfare Board, each of its constituent organizations will also be automatically enrolled as a member of the Baseball Congress. It will be entitled to participate in local, regional, and national meetings of baseball tournaments and receive all bulletins published by the Congress. A membership certificate is being forwarded to each constituent organizations.

## Annual Literary Issue To Appear Next Friday

Next Friday's morning mail will bring to subscribers of the "Institutional" the Annual Literary Issue, a 32 page magazine, devoted, this year, to the theme—"For Peace and Freedom".

## Mr. Phillip Bloom To Address Group

The I.S. Concert Circle will sponsor a program of recorded music on Thursday evening, April 11th, it has just been announced. The program, entitled "Words and Music" will present a guest speaker, Mr. Phillip Bloom, who will act as commentator on the selections to be played.

### Recent Recordings Listed

Among the classical selections to be heard will be "Peter and The Wolf", the popular narration with music by Prokofiev, and the recently recorded "Ballad For Americans", starring Paul Robeson.

### Authority To Speak

Mr. Bloom, actor, author, playwright, and musical expert, will address the group on the subject, "Music of our Day", and will also act as commentator.

### Tickets Now Available

Tickets for the musicale are now available and are priced at \$.25. They may be obtained upon application, at the main-floor desk.

## "Jewish Oddities" Starts New Series

With this issue the publication of "Jewish Oddities", the popular back page feature of the "Institutional", will be resumed. This week's oddity is the first of a new series to appear in each issue up to June. The new illustrations were drawn by Elaine Schlestein, a pupil of the Talmud Torah.

## Leaders Council Reunion To Take Place April 27th

A reunion of former members of the Leaders Council will take place on Saturday night, April 27th, at which time a "Third Passover Seder" will be conducted and refreshments served. Reservations, at twenty-five cents, are limited.

## Congratulations

The Board of Directors, Staff, Members, and Friends of the Institutional Synagogue join in extending their heartiest congratulations to Mr. Aaron Wartels, Treasurer of the Synagogue, upon the occasion of his birthday. May he be spared to us for many, many years.

## Dean Of N.Y.U. To Speak At Annual Meeting Of JWB

Dr. E. George Payne, Dean of the New York University School of Education and Dr. Abram L. Sachar, National Director of the Hillel Foundation, will make the principal addresses on Sunday afternoon, April 14th at the twenty-third annual convention of the Jewish Welfare Board, at the Hotel New Yorker, Eighth Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street, New York City.

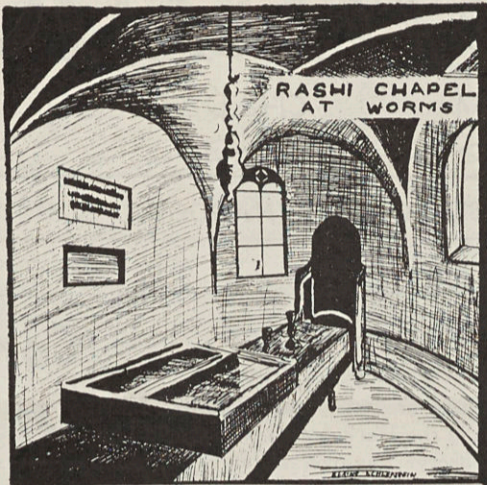
The convention of delegates representing every section of the country, will get under way at the New Yorker on Saturday evening, April 13th with a series of four conferences devoted to the work of the Jewish Center in the following specific areas: "Service to Refugees", "Vocational Guidance", "Community Organization" and "Youth in the Community", under the following discussion leaders: Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia; Prof. Albert Abrahamson of New York City; Emanuel Schwartz of Mt. Vernon; and Aaron Lasser of Newark.

The conferences will be preceded by a dinner-meeting, at which Nathan A. Heller, of Boston, Mass. Chairman of the Conference Committee, will preside.

## JEWISH ODDITIES

Rashi (Rabbeni Shelomo Itzhaki) was born at Troyes in the year 1040. Tradition connects an interesting miracle with the birth of Rashi. "His father, Isaac is said to have possessed a precious gem of great value. Some Gentiles wanted to take it away from him, either because they desired to put it to a religious use, or because they could not bear the sight of such a treasure in the hands of a Jew. Isaac obstinately refused their offers. One day the Christians lured him into a boat, and demanded that he give up his gem. Isaac, taking a heroic stand, threw the object of their ardent desires into the water. Then a mysterious voice was heard in the air pronouncing these words: 'A son will be born to thee, O Isaac, who will enlighten the eyes of all Israel.'"

Another tradition is woven about the city of Worms. Isaac's wife, while pregnant, was walking along a street. Suddenly she beheld two carriages approaching from opposite directions. Fearing that the carriages might collide and the



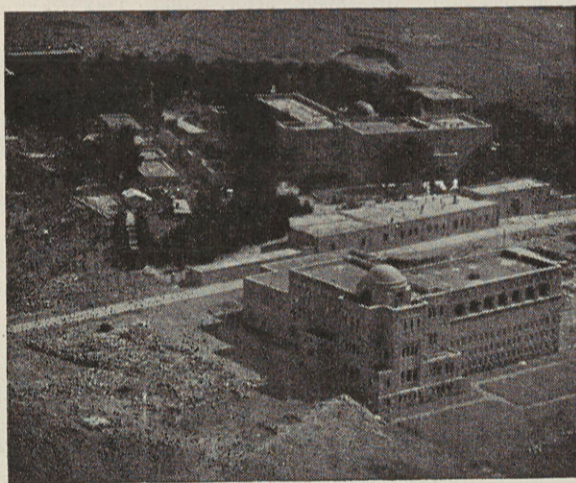
possibility of bodily injury to herself, she pressed close to a wall. The wall miraculously gave way so that she escaped unharmed. This caused Isaac to fear an accusation of witchcraft. Hence he departed hastily from Worms for Troyes where Solomon was born. Even today a wall is pointed out to tourists which is said to be the wall pushed back by Rashi's mother.

It is told that Rashi, in order to com-

plete his education, travelled through many countries. During his travels in the orient he met a monk with whom he debated the respective merits of Christianity and Judaism. When the monk suddenly took sick, Rashi stayed with him and cured him of his illness. Rashi refused to accept anything in return except that he requested the monk to render aid to any Jew in misfortune that he might come upon. After several years, Rashi, returning home, passed through Prague. The excitement and joy expressed by the Jews of that city upon the arrival of such a distinguished scholar aroused the animosity of the Duke Vratislav. He had the Rabbi brought before him under arrest and started to question him in the presence of his advisor, the Bishop of Olmutz. The Bishop recognized Rashi as the one who had saved his life. Therefore, he pleaded in his behalf and succeeded in securing Rashi's freedom.

Though the extent of Rashi's travels is questionable it is quite certain that he studied and taught in various places and spent a good number of years in Worms. There is standing today a Synagogue with a small chapel known as "Rashi Chapel". In this is a chair called the "Rashi Chair" which is claimed to be the seat he used as teacher. At Worms, Rashi studied Bible and Talmud under the tutelage of Jacob Ben Yakar. It was during this period that he began to compile his Biblical and Talmudic commentaries.

## Hebrew U. At Mount Scopus Celebrates 15th Anniversary



The fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Hebrew University, which is being marked this week, calls for a further examination of the work of the University and its significance to Judaism both in Palestine and throughout the world.

Hebrew University on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem, formally inaugurated in April, 1925, is a living symbol of the age-old longing of the Jewish people for learning and is the crowning cultural achievement of the Jewish community in Palestine. It serves the youth of Palestine as its own institution of higher learning and in the direction of research has proved to be a center where the agricultural, industrial and economic problems of the land are investigated and solved.

The University serves Jewish youth throughout the world by lending inspiration to Jewish youth outside of Palestine, by enrolling those who wish to come, and in recent years by affording a haven of refuge to students and scholars from Eastern and Central Europe who have been barred from the universities in their own countries.

The University is an experiment in cooperation between Arab and Jew, where Arab students may pursue their studies and research side by side with Jewish students, and thus make for a better understanding between the two groups.

## Fifth Article On I. S. Work Stresses Service-At-Large

In an effort to acquaint friends of the institution with I.S. activities, the "Institutional" offers this article, prepared in tabular form, as the fifth of a series.

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**Daily Services** are held in accordance with the orthodox ritual, mornings, afternoons and evenings.

**High Holy Day Seats** are made available gratis to pious Jews who are financially unable to purchase seat tickets.

**Publications Department** issues a weekly publication, containing accounts of current activities in the I. S. and articles of general Jewish interest, and issues publications of Jewish interest.

**The Henning Programs** is an annual series of evenings devoted to the best in Jewish culture and art, featuring well-known personalities and groups.

**Motion Picture Series** are conducted annually and are open to the public.

**Passover Relief** is provided for needy families in the Harlem area.

**Social Service Information Bureau** gives advice on personal and family problems and referrals are made to social and welfare agencies.



**The I. S.  
Serves**

**The Community-At-Large**

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## Calendar of Services

Light Candles Friday Evening... 6:05  
Friday Evening ..... 6:00  
Saturday Morning ..... 7:00 & 9:00  
Sedrah: Tazreah  
Sunday Morning ..... 7:30 & 9:00  
Weekday Mornings ..... 7:30

## In Memoriam

SADIE BONIS ..... April 7th  
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