

Spring Activity Engages Clubs; 'Hanita' Founded

New Group Meets Sundays At 2:00

I.S. Clubs moved into spring activity last week as several groups undertook outdoor work, while others planned for the bright spring days.

The latest addition to Club Activity, the Hanita Girls, a group designed to bring girls between the ages of 12 and 15 into an organized club program, also came into being last week. Under the direction of Miss Bella Baily, the new group chose officers; as follows: Pres.; Libby Begun, Vice-Pres.; Betty Dorzback, and Sec'y-Treas.: Gertrude Fried. Other charter members of the group which will meet on Sundays at 2 o'clock, include Stella Matza, Selma Schlestein, Margot Adler, Beatrice Gabor and Anita Feld.

Club Spades reports that it is now engaged in its annual intra-club tournament.

Ground Is Broken For Franklin H. S.

Rabbi Philip Goodman Delivers Invocation

Predicting a renaissance of communal activity in the Harlem area, a ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 17th, in celebration of the breaking of ground for the new Benjamin Franklin High School to be located at the East River Drive and Pleasant Avenue, between 114th and 116th Streets. At a luncheon following the ceremony, Rabbi Philip Goodman delivered the invocation. Among the other speakers were Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs, Dr. Leonard Covello, Principal of the high school largely through whose efforts the building has begun, and Mr. Leopold Philipp, President of the Uptown Chamber of Commerce.

Isaacs Scores Anti-Semites

Borough President Isaacs scored anti-semitic dissemination of a supposed letter of Benjamin Franklin's urging the limitation of Jewish immigration. He pointed out, in his speech, that Franklin's ideals were of tolerance, not of hate.

Speedy Recovery

The I.S. takes this opportunity of wishing Theodore Rosenthal, who is now recuperating at Sydenham Hospital a speedy recovery.

Board Of Directors To Meet May Second

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on Thursday evening, May 2nd, promptly at 8:30, at the Institutional Synagogue building, 37-43 West 116th Street.

I. S. Youngsters "Feed The Animals"

Circus Enjoyed By Large Group

A large group of I.S. children saw the elephants, fed the animals, giggled at the clowns, and generally had the traditionally gay time, when they attended the Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus. Children's day is now an annual event at the Circus, and I.S. youngsters anticipate the day with keen interest.

Excitement pervaded the group from the minute that they left the I.S. Building last Monday morning, supervised by staff-members, until the tired return some few hours later.

A Tribute To Col. Michael T. Friedsam

Nine years have passed since the death of the late Col. Michael T. Friedsam, but the devoted interest which he showed during his life to the cause of religious education, is now flowering into fruitful and active work. Col. Friedsam's concern with the religious education of our youth was so great that he left various bequests to be used precisely for that work. Among them was the million dollar grant which, through the kind offices of Mr. John Burke, is being used to sponsor the work of the Jewish Education Committee of New York City. It is significant that Col. Friedsam should also have left sums of money to be used for the same work among other religious denominations. His ideal of tolerance and cooperation between creeds may well be furthered through the efforts of the committee and like bodies in other religious groups.

In 1931, shortly after Colonel Friedsam's death Judge Isaac Siegel epitomized what all who knew Colonel Friedsam felt. In his article Judge Siegel wrote:

"He loved to be generous without display... To help folks along with 'a hand and with a song' was what actuated him, typifying real religious thought which

Reunion Of Leaders' Council Takes Place Tomorrow Night

Talmud Torah And Youth Forum Mark Passover

Model Seders Held As Groups Meet

Two groups marked the Passover holidays last Saturday night and Sunday morning, as the Jewish Youth Forum and Talmud Torah held fitting meetings and discussions.

At the Jewish Youth Forum the "Third Seder Haggadah" was used. Among those who participated in the program which was followed by dancing were Moses Finfang, Harry Goldstein, Harold Borko, H. Erstling, Rika Podvoll, Elaine Schlestein, Ruth Gittleson, and E. Finkle.

T. T. Holds Model Seder

On Sunday morning the Talmud Torah held a model seder in which, among others, Abe and Stella Matza, Libby and Phyllis Begun, Gertrude Fried, Selma and Elaine Schlestein, participated.

To Employ Form Of "Third Seder"

A reunion of the Leaders' Council of the I.S. will take place tomorrow night at 8:30 when former members and friends of the Council meet to participate in a "Third Passover Seder". Tickets for the event are still available at \$.25 each.

Passover Program Planned

The program is to be modelled on the "Passover Haggadah" for group use, compiled by Rabbi Philip Goodman, and published by the I.S. Appropriate songs, stories, and selections dealing with the Passover holiday will be rendered by participants.

To Participate

Among those to participate will be Miss Bella Baily, Charlie Cohen, Joe Kopelman, Abe Rhine, Abe Roht, Milton Rosenberg and, as chairman, Jerry Margulies.

Passover Relief Is Administered

Worthy Work Again Performed

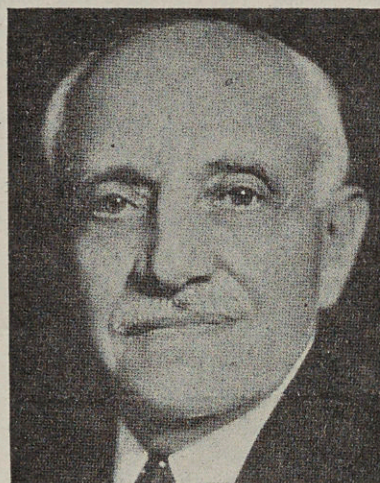
The Harlem Joint Passover Relief Committee, of which Mrs. Cecil Endel is chairman, and Mrs. Annie R. Morris is secretary-treasurer, again cooperated with the Institutional Synagogue this year in making it possible for financially-burdened Harlem families to observe the Passover holidays.

Among others who cooperated in this work which has been conducted at the I.S. for many years were Mrs. Leon Kohn, Mrs. Rosalind Haskell, Mrs. Lipps, and Mrs. S. H. Sternberg.

Volunteer Counselors For Camp Ta-a-noog Being Interviewed

Volunteer counselors to serve at Camp Ta-a-noog, the I.S. Home Camp, this summer, are now being interviewed by Rabbi Philip Goodman.

Applications may now be obtained at the office for a few positions which are still vacant. Appointments for interviews may be made by telephoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729.



humanity can never forget; hence it is that we believe that he came into this world inspired with the thought that he was born to bring sunshine in every way, during the time that he was to sojourn here.

"Well may every boy study the life work of Michael Friedsam and follow in his footsteps. We, of the Institutional Synagogue, will never forget him."

Ashamed To Be Jews

By Sidney V. Hirsh

Our Jewish Scout glanced in the windows of the restaurants of the Jewish districts during the past week. In the less fashionable districts the matzoh boxes formed a distinctive feature of the display, but in the neighborhood of the "all-rightnickers" the Jewish restaurants displayed one little lonesome matzoh box, half hidden under a foliage of celery and soupgreens. We wonder why. We wonder whether the acquisition of wealth marks the diminution of Yiddishkute. It is strange that we should be ashamed of our dietary laws. Our friends, the Gentiles do not hesitate to use large signs advertising hot cross buns, yet some of our people are forever concealing their religious customs as though they were badges of shame. Let a Gentile say a single derogatory word, and all Jewry is in arms. We are ashamed of ourselves, but wish others to be proud of us.

If a law should be passed FORBIDDING us to eat matzoths every Jew as a matter of principle would chew them in the buses. This has been the rule of history, without exception.

Three years before the Christian era, under the son of Herod the Great, Judea rocked with civil war, one of the reasons being that the king forbade the celebration of the Passover.

In the middle of the Sixth century the Jews protested bitterly at an edict of the Emperor Justinian which forbade them to

celebrate Passover before the Easter of the Christians.

Few of us who know anything at all of the history of our people fail to recollect the story of the Inquisition. At the price of their lives, Jews by the thousands submitted to forcible conversion. Surrounded by spys and eavesdroppers these Christians (?) risked the rack and the thumbscrew and the dungeon to celebrate Pesach, so that the informers of the king reported early in the Sixteenth century they were still secretly observing the Passover.

It needs danger to bring the unconquerable spirit of the Jew to the fore. At the close of the eighteenth century, France was bathed in the "Reign of Terror" and Jews no less than Christians suffered from the excesses of the fanatics of "liberty." So strong was the feeling that the Jews dared not bake matzoths for fear of offending the authorities. The French revolutionists preached and practiced the doctrine that all religions were fetters upon the limbs of liberty. At last in the town of Metz a Jewish woman summoned courage to go before the Revolutionary tribunal and defended boldly the eating of the Passover Matzoth, explaining that the unleavened bread was ever a symbol of liberty—a reminder of the release from the Egyptian yoke.

Three cheers for the little French Jewess, three more for the Yankee Israelite unashamed to be a Jew.

PASSOVER ODDITIES



CAUCASIAN JEWS OBSERVE the SEDER CEREMONY with a unique custom. Several families assemble together in the home of their Chacham (Wise Man). In the midst of the service, an impressive dramatization is enacted . . . A knocking, made by one of the young men masquerading as a poor traveller from the Holy Land, is heard at the door. When no answer is forthcoming, the young man calls and asks for permission to enter. Following a lively conversation in which the traveller gives evidence of the fact that he is a Jew, he is admitted into the room. He brings hearty greetings from the sages of Jerusalem and assures the gathering of the speedy redemption of all Israel.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEDER SERVICE, each male Jew of Morocco places a staff and pack over his shoulder and rushes into the street shouting these words of the Haggadah: "In this manner our forefathers went out of Egypt, their kneading troughs bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders."

ACCORDING TO FRED MARGARETEN of Horowitz and Margaretten, the consumption of unleavened bread may be taken as a barometer of Jewish conditions. He states that "we have found that we can tell where Jewish immigration has increased by simply noting where the consumption of matzoh has increased. Thus, in the past few years, there has been a great gain in Mexico and Cuba. At times, too, a decrease may be indicative of another trend in Jewish life. Sometimes such a decrease signifies a diminishing of the religious consciousness."

"CHAD GADYA," the concluding hymn of the Haggadah, written in Aramaic, served to interest children as it is written in the same style as the nursery rhyme, "This is the house that Jack built."

Another song of the Haggadah begins with: "Who knows one? I know one: One is the Eternal, who is above heaven and earth," and continues asking and answering questions up to thirteen. It is said that this was written especially as a children's song, to keep them interested in the Seder towards its end.



I.S. Cue

Putting one little letter after another . . . gives you the following . . .

Phylis Scharfberg . . . saw one of the clerks mailing letters and inquired why nobody sends her mail . . . the giggle is that she is only six years of age . . . (you remember her as the cute Miss Liberty in the recent Lincoln Day Celebration) . . .

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Have you seen . . . obtained . . . read . . . JEWISH ODDITIES . . . the demand from all over the country is terrific for this interesting little booklet . . . better obtain your copy . . . before it is too late . . .

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Leslie Zieger . . . the well-dressed man is complaining . . . it seems he forgot to wear his spats the other day . . . result . . . a cold . . .

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Milton Teitel is greatly subdued these days . . . on account of that handball fiasco . . . it seems he challenged George Granat and the former gave the latter a twenty point handicap . . . a large audience witnessed his humiliation by the score of twenty to twenty-one . . . what rankles deepest is the fact that a dinner was involved . . .



The Key

Part Two

THE STORY THUS FAR:

Martin, an American correspondent in Paris, meets Ronny, a British Jew, and laments the state of the world and his own loss of his original faith learned as a child through religious training. Together they go through the first air raid on Paris. Martin promises to phone Ronny if he must leave Paris.

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. . . Odeon quatre-vingt dix quarante neuf."

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. . . Allo!

. . . Allo. S'il vous plait appelez Monsieur Ronny Veltman.

. . . Un moment, M'sieu!

. . . Hello!

. . . Hello, Ronny? Martin.

. . . Are you all right? How bad is it?

. . . I'm fine. And you?

. . . Never better. How bad is it?

. . . Bad. Very bad. Every quarter of Paris is affected.

. . . The Sorbonne was hit.

. . . I know. Never mind that now, though. Look. I'm leaving for Metz tonight. Do you want to come?

. . . Can I get papers?

. . . I think I can arrange it. Why don't you meet me at the Prefecture's in an hour.

. . . Fine, I'll be there.

. . . Good. Au revoir.

. . . Au revoir.

None who were in Metz that morning could have believed that the sunny after-

noon would have brought chaos and destruction from the sky. But so it happened. Untouched thus far the city found itself under intensive aerial bombardment at three that afternoon. There was no let-up. By sundown the city was a shambles.

Martin lost no opportunity in sending his despatches on the attack on Metz as rapidly as possible. At seven-thirty, he and Ronny were picking their uncertain way through the smoking city in search of further human interest news possibilities. The bombardment was still going on but it was less organized, more fitful. Men were fighting fires, women were rescuing precious furniture, squads of volunteers were clearing the streets of debris, and all of this activity was proceeding without benefit of illumination except from the uncertain glow of the fires ignited by incendiary bombs.

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In Memoriam

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