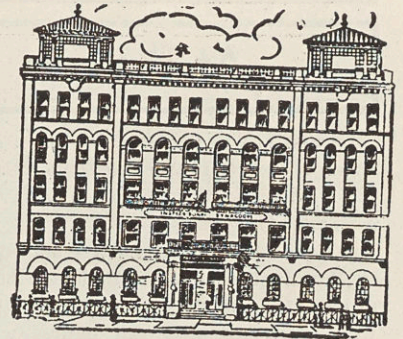


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I.S. Magazine to Mark 22 Anniversary

Advertising Space Available For Special Issue

To commemorate the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of the Institutional Synagogue a Literary Magazine composed entirely of contributions by active members of the Institutional Synagogue is to be issued by the organization.

Advertising space in this periodical is now available. In another part of the "Institutional" a contract for such space may be found. Complimentary, as well as business advertisements are acceptable, according to the Business Manager of the magazine. Friends of the I.S. are urged to reserve space as soon as possible.

The contents of the commemorative issue will include original poems, short stories, articles, and reviews.

Children of the Talmud Torah will also make their contribution to the literary issue. In keeping with the desire of the editorial board to consolidate and demonstrate just what active members of the I.S. are thinking, a prize essay contest is being conducted among the children of the Talmud Torah. The winning competitor's essay will be printed in the anniversary magazine.

Barbers And Scholastics Emerge Victorious

The BARBERS and SCHOLASTICS emerged victorious in the second round of the inter-club basketball tournament, played on Sunday, January 8th. Both these matches were hotly contested with startling plays being performed by all teams. The Barbers were hard-pressed by their younger opponents, the Cardinals, and were compelled to exert themselves to the utmost to win by a score of 27-15. The Scholastics won an easy victory over the Elks, to the tune of 49-19. The score, however, does not reveal the fact that the Elks were seriously handicapped in that several of their star players were ineligible for this game.

The schedule for the next two weeks follows:

January 15th
Elks vs. Barbers—1-1:45
Spades vs. Scholastics—2-2:45
Cardinals—3-3:30
January 22nd
Spades vs. Elks—1-1:45
Cardinals vs. Scholastics—2-2:45
Barbers—3-3:30

Varsity Basketeers Open Court Season With Bronx Y Quintet As Opponent

Subscription Tickets Available For Entire Sunday Evening Game And Dance Series

This Sunday evening, January 15, will mark the opening of the "At Home" series of basketball games and dances, featuring the I. S. Varsity Basketball Team. The basketball squad has been in strict training

Notice

The Annual Meeting of the entire membership of the Institutional Synagogue will take place on Thursday evening, January 26th, 1939, at eight-thirty o'clock promptly. The main business of the meeting will be the election of the members of the Board of Directors. All members in good standing are urged to attend.

Scout Troop 555 Is One Year Old

In an impressive and enjoyable service the Scouts of Troop 555 and their Scoutmaster, Mr. A. Tannenhaus, marked the first anniversary of the founding of the Troop at the I.S. on Thursday night.

The progress of the Troop was marked by the inauguration of a new branch of its activities. A Cub Pack for boys between the ages of nine and twelve was formed with a nucleus of ten members.

Skits were enacted by members of the Troop on the points of the Scout Law. They showed, in dramatic form, that a Scout is, "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent."

Candies, cookies, soft drinks, and other refreshments were partaken of with much gusto by Scouts of the Troop and their friends.

Club Spade To Meet Cardinals On January 29 In First Round Of I. S. Inter-Club Debate

The CLUB SPADE will open the Inter-Club Debating Tournament, on Sunday afternoon, January 29th, when they will argue the affirmative of the topic, "Resolved that President Roosevelt Be Candidate for a Third Term of Public Office." Upholding the negative of the contention, the CARDINALS will bring their best arguments to convince the judges that such a course is not only di-

rectly contrary to American tradition, but would be unwise and impractical.

Immediately following the above debate, the ELKS will meet the SCHOLASTICS on a topic of similar interest and scope. Topics for the debates may be selected from a list obtainable in the office, or chosen by the participants. In the latter event, the topic must be approved by the Director of Club Activities.

during the past few months in preparation for these tournament games and is looking forward anxiously for its start. The first opponent in the series will be the Bronx "Y" quintet. This game is part of the Metropolitan Section of the Jewish Welfare Board's inter-community center basketball tournament. On the four Sunday evenings following, the I. S. aggregation will face the National A. C., the Lavenberg Corner House, the Federation Settlement and will complete the series by playing the Central Jewish Institute team on February 12th.

The I. S. varsity is being coached by Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg, Gymnasium Director. The squad consists of: B. Rosenbaum, S. Grosshandler, M. Margulies, J. Ross, H. Simon, J. Levine, S. Shapiro, L. Finkelstein, A. Trow, H. Perman, J. Altman, D. Olster, J. Schmitzer and S. Wolfgang. Bernard Feinberg is the manager.

In addition to a spirited basketball game, arrangements have been completed for dancing to be held before and after the games.

Tickets for the entire series are now available at the very nominal subscription price of fifty cents. Tickets of admission for the individual games may also be obtained at the price of fifteen cents in advance and twenty-five cents at the gate. Tickets will be on sale in the office, at the advance rate sale, until seven o'clock Sunday evening.

All club and gym members are urged to come out and root for our team which shows great promise. Lend your support and encouragement by attending regularly.

Mickey Rooney Star Of First Film

Five Free Talkies Start On January 26th

"The Healer," starring Mickey Rooney, will be the first in a series of talking pictures scheduled to begin next week. This film is a feature length comedy, which will bring many a hearty laugh from the audience when it is shown on Thursday evening, January 26th, immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

The second picture of the series will be the cinematic version of Louisa M. Alcott's famous novel, "Little Men," featuring Frankie Darro. This is a stirring characterization of the lives of a group of children, and has a universal appeal. It will be flashed across the silver screen on Saturday evening, February 4th. The remaining pictures of the series will be shown thereafter on Saturday evenings, promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Admission to these performances will be by invitation only. Cards of admission may be obtained free of charge upon application at the office.

Other pictures to be shown are "The Hoosier Schoolmaster" on Saturday, February 11th; "Lost Jungle," starring Clyde Beaty, on Saturday, February 18th; and the film version of Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop" on Saturday, February 25th.

Jewish Arbor Day To Be Observed By Centers

The hundreds of Y.M.H.A.'s, Y.W.H.A.'s and Jewish Centers will join other Jewish groups in observing Chamisho Osor Bishevat, Jewish Arbor Day, which falls this year on Saturday, February 4th. In connection therewith, the Jewish Welfare Board, national organization for Jewish Centers, has issued a publication entitled, "Programs for Chamisho Osor Bishevat." It contains an outline of the main facts regarding the significance and observance of this minor festival, suggested programs for mass and club celebrations, selections in prose and verse for various age groups, music, including text of songs in English, Yiddish and Hebrew, tableaux, dances, plays, pageants, games, slides and motion pictures, together with lists of appropriate subjects for essays and addresses, and a variety of material helpful in planning programs.

The present drive for the planting of trees in Palestine offers another theme.

... At The Fair

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with aspects of the World's Fair which will interest Jewish readers).

Standing solidly behind a giant figure of Washington on the mile-long Constitution Mall of the World's Fair there will be erected four tall figures which represent the foundation strength of our government. They will be Freedom of Press, Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of Religion.

Freedom of Religion will be a female figure of pure, girlish type, with her face raised worshipfully toward the sky and a prayerbook clasped in her hand. On the base, various types of religious structures will indicate that freedom of worship in the United States is not confined to any one creed or sect.

The calm postures of the four statues, known as the Friedlander group, were intended by the sculptor to express the sense of peace and security fostered by the constitution of the nation.

According to Grover Whalen, who has recently issued a statement on the motif of the Fair "... It is our hope that the New York World's Fair will prove an inspiration to peace in the world and a better understanding among peoples."

JEWISH WIT

When the famous Gaon, Rabbi David Solomon Eibshutz, of Saroki, left his town for Safed, Palestine, great honor was bestowed upon him by all the people of Saroki; the inhabitants of the town accompanied him a considerable distance out to bid him farewell. As the Rabbi turned and gave a last look at Saroki, he remarked to the dignitaries standing around him: "What a wonderful town Saroki is!"

"But, Rabbi," said they, "you used to complain that our city was deficient, full of evil, etc., etc." "Yes," answered the Rabbi, "but understand me folks, as long as you were all there it was so; but now that you are all out here, Saroki is certainly a wonderful place!"

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JEWISH ODDITIES

The part of America first inhabited by large groups of Jews was Brazil. Brazil was discovered by a Spaniard in 1499, and independently discovered by Pedro Alvarez De Cabral, a Portuguese, in 1500. Among those to accompany De Cabral was a Jewish mariner, Gaspar.

Portugal sent annually two shiploads of Jews, and also deported persons who had been condemned by the inquisition.

As early as 1548, (and according to some 1541) Portuguese Jews, it is asserted, transplanted the sugar-cane from Madeira to Brazil. Whether this assumption is correct or not, by the first half of the seventeenth century nearly all of the large sugar-plantations in Brazil belonged to Jews.

The greater number of these Jews were Maranos who quickly returned to Jewish custom and ritual once their religious freedom had been assured to them.

So extensive was the emigration of Jews from Portugal to the Portuguese



—Courtesy of Pillsbury

colonies that in 1557 on June 30th of that year an edict was issued forbidding Maranos to leave Portugal.

The first Jews in North America arrived at New Amsterdam in 1655. They comprised a group of twenty-three who came from either Brazil or Cuba.

Turning The Pages

—by Ben Tovim—

TWENTY YEARS OF JEWISH THOUGHT. By Dr. Adolph Lichtigfeld. Shapiro, Valentine and Co. London, England. 166 pages.

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"Twenty Centuries of Jewish Thought" is a small volume which encompasses a wealth of material on the religion and philosophy of Judaism. With quotations from the most eminent writers on the subjects, the scholarly author shows the Jewish attitude towards God and the World, the Law, Man's Duty in the World, and other fundamental concepts of Jewish thought.

The selections from the Bible, Halevi, Maimonides, Hertz, Hirsch, Graetz, and countless others, included in this anthology, must play a heavy role in any dis-

cussion of the influence of the Jewish religion on thought through the ages.

With one sweeping movement, the reader is given a comprehensive idea of the achievements of the great thinkers in Israel. Here is a warm defense of the indictment that the tradition of the Jewish religion is outmoded. Furthermore it is an answer to the anti-Semitic peoples of the world who disclaim the significant contributions to civilized thought made by ancient and modern Jews.

Reading this book, one can understand the failure of the anti-Jewish persecutions during history, and the utter fallacy of its acts at the present moment in Europe.

Professor John Macmurray, in his foreword to this volume, writes: "It is significant that the new anti-Semitism is explicitly directed against the influence of Jewish culture upon the non-Jewish peoples of Western Europe..."

The Jews, for centuries steeped in the highest modern conceptions of religion, cannot lose their distinctiveness.

This volume is an outstanding contribution to the present school of Jewish thought and should serve as a bulwark against anti-Semitism.

THE UNKNOWN JEW

When searchers visited the ruins of a burnt-down Synagogue in the Hubergasse, in Vienna, following the pogroms, they found the dead body of a Jew, holding in his hands a Scroll of the Law, which he had evidently tried to rescue from the flames.

The man was so burnt that his identity could not be established; but the Rabbinate decided to bury him, together with the Scroll of the Law, in a grave of honor in the Jewish cemetery.

Poet's Corner

(Editor's Note: This poem by Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), a famous American Jewish poetess, is engraved on a tablet at the base of the Statue of Liberty which towers over New York City's Upper Bay.)

THE NEW COLOSSUS

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land,
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
command
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
The air-bridged harbor that twin-cities
frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!"
cries she,
With silent lips. "Give me your tired,
your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe
free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming
shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to
me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

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