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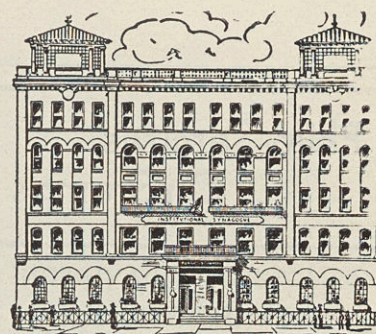
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I.S. League Calls Meeting For October 31st

Hotel Hamilton To Be Scene Of Social

The I. S. League will hold a card party at the Hotel Hamilton, West 73rd Street, on October 31st, at which plans for the coming season will also be outlined.

Primarily Social

The October 31st meeting of the league is to be primarily of a social nature, it was announced by Dr. I. J. Silverstein, acting leader of the active I. S. adjunct. Card-playing and mah jong will be the features of the evening.

Business To Follow

Plans for further meetings of a more serious nature will, however, be discussed. The League, formed last spring, is composed mainly of former I. S. members, present members, and friends. Built about a social program it also has definite functions and objectives which aid the home building.

Meeting By Invitation

The meeting to be held at the Hotel Hamilton is by invitation only. There is no admission fee. Those who are interested in attending are asked to call the I. S. office, UN-4-6729, where tickets are being issued.

Midtown Mizrachi To Honor Rabbi Gold

Members of the Institutional Synagogue have been invited to attend a meeting of the Mid-Manhattan Mizrachi in honor of Rabbi Wolf Gold, the President of World Mizrachi. The gathering is to be held at the home of Dr. Samuel Friedman, 7 East 89th Street on Saturday evening, October 28th, at 8 p.m. There will be no appeal for funds.

Jewish Education Group To Honor Prizewinners

Prizewinners in the Jewish Education Association's contest will meet at the Washington Irving High School on Sunday afternoon, October 29, to receive their rewards. This annual affair is looked forward to by competing children of the Talmud Torah.

"Everything For A Mother" Is Medoff Family's Vehicle

Second Performance In Henning Series Is Popular One-Act Musical Comedy

Appearing as the second feature on the Henning Programs for this season, the Medoff Family will, tomorrow night, be seen on the stage of the I.S. Auditorium interpreting M. Polonsky's well known musical comedy, "Everything for a Mother". The Medoff Family which has appeared before the I. S. and received excellent notices in the Yiddish Press, will present the play at 8:30 p.m.

All-Star Night Of Free Sons A.A. Called For Monday

Awards For Athletic Prowess To Be Made

The Free Sons Athletic Association, which avails itself of I. S. gymnasium and swimming pool facilities, has announced that it will conduct its Annual All-Star Night on October 30th, at the Free Sons Building, 257 West 93rd Street, at 8 p.m.

Winners To Be Honored

Winners in the various athletic competitions and tournaments which are held by the Athletic Association at the I. S. gymnasium are to receive prizes. The Free Sons basketball tournament, particularly, has been a hotly-contested series of games.

Sportsmen To Speak

Well known figures in the world of sports are to be present at the All-Star Night, and some are scheduled to address the Free Sons members and friends. Members have been invited to bring both men and women friends to the gathering.

Ta-a-noog Extension Sees Educational Talking Film; Received Enthusiastically

The boys and girls of the Camp Ta-a-noog extension program had a special treat last Sunday when the group witnessed a showing of educational talking pictures which were shown in the I.S. auditorium.

The films, which dealt with New York City, were designed to increase the children's appreciation of the phenomena around them. A Harlem sequence brought forth loud cheers.

The films were shown through the courtesy of Consolidated Edison Co.

Hazomir Group Lauded
The Third Series of the Henning Programs opened on October 21st, with the performance of the Hazomir Choral Society under the direction of B. A. Rabinowitz. The evening's choral recital was received enthusiastically by a large audience.

Other Features Scheduled

Next Saturday night, following on this week's performance of the Medoff Family, will see the Pearl Winters Troupe in a dramatic performance.

On November 11th, Corinne Chochem and her Dance Group will interpret the Modern Hebrew dance, and this performance is to be followed by Lillian Zahn, guitarist and vocalist. Morton Shanok, Irving Davidson, and the Institutional Synagogue One-Act Play festival are also scheduled in the Third Series.

Tribute To Mrs. Henning

The Henning Programs are a tribute to the late Mrs. Fanny Henning, I. S. benefactress. It is through funds endowed by Mrs. Henning that the series is made possible.

Habonoth Girls Elect Officers At First Meeting; Libby Begun Is President

Holding its first meeting of the year the Habonoth Girls, a new club at the I.S., made up of a membership of younger girls, held elections and planned a program for the year.

Libby Begun was voted to the presidency of the group, while Stella Matza was named to the post of Secretary-Treasurer. The club meets on Sundays at noon, and is under the leadership of Miss Rika Podvoll.

At the next meeting awards are to be presented to the girls.

Jewish Youth To Hold Forum On November Sixth

Vital Issues To Be Aired In Informal Discussion

"Why Are Jews Persecuted?" is to be the subject of the first forum of a series to be held for boys and girls of high-school and collegiate age at the Institutional Synagogue on November 6th.

Informal Atmosphere

Believing that an informal atmosphere is best suited for the fluent exchange of ideas on controversial issues, an evening has been arranged in which thought and fun will each find a place.

Friends Are Invited

Young men and women who are not members of the I. S. have been invited to join in this forum. Games, dancing, and community singing are to round out the evening.

On Election Eve

It is especially fitting that this forum should be held on the eve of Election Day. Election Day, which symbolizes American democracy, also sharply marks the distinguishing characteristics of the U. S. A. which differentiate this country from totalitarian states in which such a discussion could not take place.

Admission to the evening is free. The evening is scheduled to begin promptly at eight-thirty.

Henning Girls Hold Open Meeting

The Henning Girls held an open meeting and dance on Thursday evening, October 26th, at which the guest of honor was Mrs. A. Burstein, Directress of the Habonoth Organization.

Girls of the group who participated in the successful program included Yetta Pressman, Rika Podvoll, Ida Finfang, and Diana Fine. Rabbi Goodman delivered the Welcoming Address.

Condolence

The Board of Directors, Members and Staff of the Institutional Synagogue extend their sincerest condolences to the family of the late C. Joshua Epstein. Mr. Epstein, who was at one time a Director of the I.S., was an important figure in orthodox Jewish affairs.

Philo-Semites ... On Stamps

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON

I. John Sobieski (King John II) of Poland



Stamp of Austria showing John Sobieski saving Vienna from the Turk

One of the noblest figures in all history is that of John Sobieski, who in 1683 forced the Turks to abandon their siege of Vienna, which probably changed the whole course of civilization.

It is noteworthy that the Poland of Sobieski which saved the Austria and Germany of the seventeenth century from annihilation, only recently followed Austria in being gobbled up by the modern Attila, the human fiend who is to go down in history as Adolf the Mad.

Poland is down for the time being, the same as she was in 1772-1793 and 1795. She is, however, far from being out, since no people which can produce a Boleslav (who issued a charter to the Jews), a Sobieski, who prevented the frame-up against the Jew Bezalel (see Jewish Encyclopedia under Bezalel), a Pulaski, who gave his life for American independence, and a Paderewski, whose young heart and aged brain still throb for mutilated Poland, can die.

At the Battle of Kotin, Sobieski with 40,000 Poles, inflicted a defeat on the Turkish Army which resulted in over 40,000 Turks lying dead on the field of battle. That same spirit may re-awaken in our day, and no doubt the Polish battalions being raised in France, Canada and England to-day, who are on their way to join the Allies in France, will give as good an account of themselves as did Sobieski's cohorts, both at Kotin and at Vienna.

(Editors Note:—This is the first of a series being written exclusively for the INSTITUTIONAL. The next column in the series will deal with "Masaryk, Humanitarian and Friend of Israel.")

Turning The Pages

By Ben Tovim

JEWS IN THE PROVINCE OF POSEN. By Dr. Michael M. Zarchin. Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning. Philadelphia. 115 Pages. \$2.00.

"Jews in the Province of Posen" presents interesting studies in the communal records of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. This work is based upon forty-two manuscripts, dated from 1706 to 1884, to be found in the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Herein is revealed sincere attempts for Jewish community organization. Such matters as membership, taxation, relief, economic occupations, and education, are part and parcel of the Kehillah's domain. Of particular interest is the chapter on the Tailors' Guild of Kurnik, which reflects a valuable commentary on the economic and social life of a community.

JEWISH ODDITIES

(Editor's Note: — To mark the eighty-first anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, which occurs on October 27th, 1939, the INSTITUTIONAL takes pleasure in reprinting the "Jewish Oddity" which deals with the great statesman's high opinion of American Jewry.)



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.

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 was made a lieutenant by his leader.

In a letter written 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."

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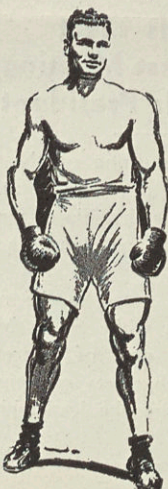
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