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SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT PLANS GALA YEAR

Will Combine Join Week Campaign Soon

The Social and Educational Department takes this means to acquaint the members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue with the plans for the coming season pending the announcement of a tremendous campaign soon to be waged for the benefit of the entire building. This Department announces the formation of Clubs and Classes including the following activities:

The Curricula this year calls for five different departments. The Clubs are concerned with four of these—Religious Activities, Social Activities, Literary Activities and Extra Curricula Activities.

Religion

A Religious Director has been engaged, whose chief functions will be to induct a Jewish program into the work of all the Clubs in the building. He will hold Jewish Festival parties and by the medium of slides and moving pictures, explain the significance of various holidays. He will organize the Friday Evening Home Night at which time the members will give up their evening to the discussion of things Jewish, of singing Hebrew melodies and to listening to interesting sermons. He will organize Hebrew study circles for those of our members who are interested in taking up Hebrew studies and haven't very much time otherwise at their disposal. He will permeate the ideals of a Jewish Culture through a medium of our various other activities.

The Social Activities, as planned, are many and varied. They include the opening of the Ladies' Social Parlor in Room 203, the opening of a Men's Smoking Room in the adjacent foyer to Room 203, the opening of an Intermediate Social Room and the Junior Game Room. A series of dances are called for as follows:

On Saturday evenings each of the Clubs will be given a turn to present a Dramatic Performance in the Auditorium, to be followed by a dance in the Gymnasium. On Sunday evenings, during the progress of the Forum in the Auditorium, there will be a basketball game by Clubs in the building and other Institutions, to be followed by dancing. On Sunday afternoons the Intermediates will have a Social Hour. A grand formal entertainment and dance will conclude this phase of activities near the close of the season. It is hoped that we will soon be in possession of a Moving Picture Ma-

chine for the exhibition of Educational as well as entertaining films. The Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will each conduct their activities through the medium of a Council at which two of their representatives will be present.

Literary

The Literary Activities include the Library in Room 204, open to Juniors from 4 to 7:30 and for Intermediates and Seniors from 7:30 to 9:50. A Debating Coach will form various house teams for inter-settlement debates and conduct debates amongst Clubs in the Institution. He will also conduct a Declamation Contest and a Public Speaking Class. The Dramatic Coach will present the histrionic abilities of our members. All Jewish Holidays will be represented in plays and tableaux, as well as the American Holidays. A grand summary performance of the building's activities will conclude the program. Each of the Councils will maintain a monthly publication as well as the Clubs who will have their individual weeklies. The building, as a whole, will be represented by the INSTITUTIONAL and a publication at the end of the season known as the Year Book, which will contain pictures and accounts of the season's activities. The Seniors will conduct a Smoker once a month at which prominent men will address them, and the women will conduct a Social Tea at which prominent women will address them. A Playgoer's Club for those who are interested in the theatre will also be formed.

Curricula

The Extra Curricula Activities include the Big Brothers and Big Sisters work, Boy Scout and Girl Scout work, promotion of the ideals of Orthodox Religiousness amongst High Schools and College groups and the promulgation of the idea of permanently establishing a boy, girl and adult camp.

The second part of these activities includes the Educational Classes. They are as follows:

A Musical Director will lead an Orchestra, provide for a Choral Society, conduct Concerts and Operettas, provide musical instruction in Violin, Piano, String Instruments, Brass Instruments and Voice. There will also be dancing classes in Classical Dancing for adults and children and in modern Ballroom Dancing for adults and children. There will be a class in English to Foreigners and a class in Citizenship. There will be an Arts and Crafts Class including a class in Fine Arts, a Poster Club, a Camp Counselors Course and a Novelty Making Group for

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WATCH FOR THE BIG WORDS!

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SUPPRESSED EXCITEMENT

A great many adherents to excitable impulsiveness have taken their stand recently in our Institution.

Of late we notice that our members are all busy wondering about and anticipating some momentous thing that is about to happen. A few boards decorating the exterior of the premises, 37 West 116th St. create more excitement, although this excitement is not entirely as obvious than if the Prince of Wales had paid us a visit. Just what constitutes massed excitement, to the extent that some under-current thought seems to gain momentum, is a question that excites our curiosity. Still the world is based in its progressiveness on things that the future holds in store. What we do not know excites our fancy. There is always the feeling that something important is impending. Added to that feeling are the abstract ideas born of individual minds, yet which when collected somehow in some way bring forth at least one thought present in the minds of all these individuals.

This little bit of psychological reasoning is equivalent to the hearth of a fireplace containing the smouldering embers of a fire which soon, fanned by the draft of mutual desire, bursts in grandeur into a flame which smacks of unlimited energy.

This under-current feeling of something impending, this invoked curiosity, this untiring hearth which mothers the smouldering embers will soon give way in so far as our own Institution is concerned to a brilliant flame that will light the path to the achievement of a great deal.

AROUND AND ABOUT

After an exceedingly FOODLESS Fast Day we don't feel very much like getting Around and About, however, this column must be filled, so here goes.

First let us answer a pressing question which seems to have come to the front of late. So many people have accused the writer of being the person who writes the material for this column that he wishes to ease their minds by emphatically denying that he is responsible for these articles. Therefore the writer of this column enters a denial of these accusations. Now figure it out for yourself.

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Mrs. Reuben Metchik, heeding the pleas of sundry young men that they were very much taken up with her tremendously popular daughter, decided that the best way to settle the matter would be to secure an equally charming daughter. Both mother and baby are doing well.

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We give up! In walks a young lady with a charming personality, leans over the desk and says, "Good evening." Well, if it isn't Miriam Finkelstein. A half hour later in walks another charming young lady, similar in features but dressed differently. "Hello, Helen," we say. "Helen," she replies; "why, Helen told me she was in here a half hour ago!

Let somebody please tell us when Helen is Helen and when is Miriam not.

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By the way, Abe Bursky denies that his first name is Abe, so we guess it must be Falk.

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Our idea of a good debate would be Doc Goodman and Leo Abkowitz on the question of "Popularity and Oh, You Collegiates!"

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We bet our bottom dollar that there is a certain young lady who would root very strongly for at least one of these participants.

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We have been waiting for quite some time to get back at a certain young gentleman. At any rate here is a question for Mr. Gerson Wald. "Does an eight bulb super-hetrodyne sing sweeter music in the presence of a certain club leader of our Institution, than it would to a regular customer?"

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We guess it's time to sign off for the week.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The Parents' Association held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday, October 1st, at which time Rabbi Israel Klein addressed the members.

Mrs. I. Stein, the President, welcomed the Rabbi on behalf of the organization. Rabbi Klein selecting as his topic the subject of "Talmud Torah" stressed the necessity of co-operation in this great charitable work. The Rabbi's talk was very well received by the goodly crowd who attended.

Mrs. Isaac Siegel, Vice-President of the Association, also emphasized the need for further co-operation.

The Junior League of the Parents' Association held an important open meeting on Sunday evening, October 5th.

Miss Eva Stein, President of the organization, emphasized the necessity of immediate action in the disposal of tickets and securing ads for the affair which the organization is holding on Sunday evening, December 7th at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The proceeds of the affair will be donated to the building to assist in the Talmud Torah and the Synagogue in general.

The following are members of the General Committee who are striving to make the coming affair a huge success: Misses Edith Finn, Gladys Weichselbaum, Frieda Berstein, Mildred and Kate Rosenbach, Sarah Pearlman and Messrs. Abe Tamor, Julius Levy, Willie Finn, Perry Frucht, and Drs. Joseph Brener and Edward Klein.

DAN CUPID IN THE CLUBS

Nothing pleases us so much, nor do we feel happier in making any announcement than in the fact that two members of two of our oldest Clubs have plighted their troth. We extend sincere congratulations to Herman Reisman of the Zenithian Club and Sarah E. Kavesh of the Topaz Club.

Good Luck and G—— Bless You Both!

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. There will be classes in Public Speaking, taking up the fundamentals of speech and advanced oratory. There are a series of Religious Classes lead by Rabbis Goldstein and Goodman, including Bible, History, Elementary Hebrew, Codes and Messages of the Prophets. There will be a class in Club Leadership. This practically sums up all of the activities which are scheduled for the coming season.

The requisite for those who wish to participate in these activities is simply that they satisfy the membership requirements of the general office. Registration books are now open and members and friends are invited to come around and talk their problems over. Special inducements are offered to those who enter the building in groups and class themselves as Clubs.

SISTERHOOD APPOINTS FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Sisterhood of the Institutional Synagogue held its first important meeting of the season recently.

Plans were discussed for the decorations and accommodations in the Succah. In order to make every one as comfortable as possible the Sisterhood decided to co-operate by helping to enlarge the size of the Succah.

One of the chief matters under consideration was the appointment of a Financial Secretary to fill an unexpired term. The Sisterhood then appointed Mrs. David L. Messing of 235 West 110th Street to serve this unexpired term.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of the Institutional:

I read with interest in the "INSTITUTIONAL" of Sept. 19th a plea for "Jewish University." A Jewish University is sadly needed; yet, in my opinion, Jewish parochial schools are needed still more. One must first lay a strong foundation before he is ready for the superstructure. There are in this country any number of Universities whose authorities are liberal-minded enough to admit the Jew, and it is possible for him to round out his education in all branches of knowledge: Medicine, Law, Philosophy and Science.

The trouble seems to be that when the Jew reaches the University he is Jew in name only. His education in things Jewish has been sadly neglected and his love for Judaism killed. The fault lies in our lack of preliminary education. Let us take an example from our Catholic neighbors who give secular and religious training at the same time without unduly prolonging the daily sessions at school or of too arduous post-school work. The young student, with even the best of intentions finds it rather strenuous to spend a good part of his day in public school, then to go to Hebrew School, then to do his public school homework and lastly to do his Hebrew school homework. I am sure that some arrangement can be made with the Department of Education whereby part of the expenses of such schools be defrayed by the State and part by the parents of every child going to school. Such expenses are generally very slight to each individual. This is the solution not only to the "Jewish University" idea, but also of the future of Jewry in America.

I have just scratched the surface in the few foregoing remarks. The question is a big one and will eventually be solved.

Very truly yours,

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(Editor's Note:

The INSTITUTIONAL has invited men and women interested in specified lines of endeavor, in professions and writers to contribute articles, the nature of which would be of interest to our readers. Each week we hope to publish an article by another individual and topics will cover a wide range. Your ideas of the subjects touched upon will gladly be published in our weekly, irrespective of the views which you take.)

EMPIRE BUILDING

By Harry Gell

of the Joint Distribution Committee

The rebuilding of Palestine as a Jewish homeland depends upon three fundamental elements; materials necessary for the success of the undertaking. They are the human material, economical or commercial and the financial means to accomplish the task.

As to the first; the human material. My activity in Central and Eastern Europe in the reconstruction program of the American Joint Distribution Committee, afforded me the unexcelled opportunity of studying Jewry at first hand and to analyze the character of the men and women prepared to emigrate to Palestine as well as those who had already gone. Excellent material! Not only idealists and students, but artisans and farmers. Sub-Carpathia, Galicia, Roumania, Bessarabia are overflowing with splendid human material which has the will to rebuild a Jewish homeland. In fact the number is too great, and many must and will be disappointed. Selective immigration is the absolute necessity.

Economic and commercial resources of the country. The best proof of the pudding is the eating thereof. What better argument can one give than to point out what has been accomplished in the older and more recent colonies in the way of agricultural development. In the span of a few years some eighty odd points on the Palestinian map have been converted from waste, desolate, rock soil to producing centres! Orange, almond and olive trees, wheat, Indian corn, tobacco, vineyards and a variety of other products of the soil are found in Palestine to-day, where none existed until the burning fire of idealism and the sweat of the Jewish pioneer brought forth these products.

Malarial swamps have been irrigated, roads built, power plants installed. The automobile is in universal use, as is electricity and modern agricultural machinery. Modern

buildings have been constructed; modern system of commerce is evident. The railroad built by the military during the War surpasses many which are found in Central and Eastern Europe.

Of course, commercial, industrial and agricultural activities are conducted on a small scale when compared to our own. However, it is sufficient indication that Palestine can be made to flourish as a Jewish homeland thru Jewish thought, effort and aid.

It depends upon Jewry throughout the world. The man power is there, the land can be made productive and Palestine made to support a large number of Jews. What is necessary is capital. Yes, and in staggering quantities! Millions upon millions! But it is worth while. Jewry is being tested. Jewry must demonstrate to the world that it can build and be a constructive force in the world. Palestine is our opportunity. No Jew dare stand aside.

Broad vision, patience and tact are necessary. It is a big job, difficult, and requires stout hearts. It is not a work of a day. Yes, years will be required to accomplish the task; but it is worth while even though we may not live to enjoy the fruits of our prayers and efforts.

The poet has said: "Vedi, Napolie e poi mouri." "See Naples and then die." My advice is to see Palestine and want to live!

SERVICES COMMITTEE SERVE WELL

It might be interesting to our readers to become acquainted with the names of the gentlemen who helped observe decorum at our services during the High Holy Days and who strived to make things as pleasant as possible for all.

The services were in direct charge of Messrs. Isadore Brody and Abraham Bernstein.

The Ushers who assisted them were Messrs. Falk Bursky, Max Cohen, Meyer Dundon, Moe Goldstein, Archie Harris, Harold Kaplan, Jacob Levine, Jacob Levow, Ruben Metchick, Louis Reisman, Sam Mann, Herman Stutz, Sam Schiller, Harry Ward, and Martin Weisberger.

WOMEN OF UNION CELEBRATE

The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America began its activities for the season with a Succoth festival reunion, which was held in the historic Succah of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, 2 West 70th Street, on Thursday afternoon, October 16th, at 2:30 P. M. An interesting and enjoyable program made the afternoon a genuine treat to all who attended.

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