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YOUNG FOLKS' LEAGUE HAS AUSPICIOUS OPENING NIGHT

The Young Folks' League of the Institutional Synagogue held its opening meeting of the season on Thursday evening, October 23rd.

The meeting was one splendid evening of enthusiasm. At least two hundred friends and members were present when the president called the meeting to order. Rabbi Goldstein addressed the members and reviewing their activities in the past bid them renew their activities on behalf of their own betterment and that of the Institution for the coming season. Following an appeal by the president a number of new applications were received.

The Young Folks' League is holding its Annual Dance on Sunday evening, December 21st, at the Hotel McAlpin. Tickets may be secured from Emanuel Matskowsky, chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

BOKAYS AND BRIKBATS

Harry Burak seemed to be having his difficulties attempting to hold a pipe in his mouth and look innocently at the many fair young ladies.

However, we can very readily see that when a Dunhill is involved one of the opposite sex must also be involved.

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A heated discussion over in one corner of the room brought out the fact that Manny Matskowsky was as usual lauding the Young Folks' League to the skies.

You can't keep a booster down.

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The League was gracious enough to invite the Social League to attend the dance that followed their meeting. So we were able to notice Phil Harris, Falk Bursky and some more of the old guard in attendance.

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Along about ten-thirty one young lady was heard to exclaim, "What's it all about?" "Not so good," say we.

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And through it all Nat Silver smiled serenely.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

Light Candles Today at 4:38

Friday Home Night
At 8:15

Refreshments

THIS SATURDAY MORNING RABBI ISADORE GOODMAN Will Preach

COURSES APPEAL TO MEMBERS

The courses published in last week's INSTITUTIONAL have appealed to our members and they request further details concerning these courses. We call your attention to the following:

The Adult Classical Dancing Class offers a complete course for beginners in Aesthetic Dancing. The same is true of the Class in Ballroom Dancing.

The Novelty Class of the Arts Department offers instruction in the making of little nick-nacks for the home such as making lamp shades, painting handy-kits, etc.

The Psychology Lecture Group offers a series of Lectures and Discussions in the Elements of Psychology. This class will later be developed into a group in the study of Applied Psychology.

Special attention is called to the Piano Classes and Violin Classes for children. Individual instruction is offered at a very nominal fee.

The class on Monday in the study of Elementary Hebrew and General Jewish Knowledge given by Rabbi Goldstein will appeal to men and women who desire to be more informed in the various ceremonials attending the preparation of food and holiday customs in accordance with the Jewish law.

These courses are open for registration at once. For information apply to the INSTITUTIONAL.

RABBI AND MRS. GOLDSTEIN ENTERTAIN

Following their annual custom, Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein invited the members of the congregation to attend an "At Home" on Schmini Azeres.

The afternoon was well spent in a spirit of frivolity. Cantor Lauer and Ike Rosengarten entertained with popular Hebrew melodies and Messrs. Brody, Stavish, Silver, Bernstein and Kinzler, members of the Young Folks' League, the Social League, the Sisterhood and the Parent's Association joined in the chorus.

Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all. Our blessings on the Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

WATCH FOR THE **BIG WORDS!**

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MEETING THE OTHER FELLOW HALF WAY

If a great many of our friends would only try to make every effort to meet the other fellow half way what a much better world this would be. Is it human nature that impels a man to resist an attempt at agreement? Is it human nature that tells a man to say NO when he knows that saying YES will save a lot of time and troubles.

When two groups have opposing ideas the safest medium is a fifty-fifty conciliation. Of course we do not all think, or talk, or act, or live alike. Of course we do not all react in the same manner to a seeming utter disregard for our own feelings. It is peculiar that when a person or a collective group does a great many things that are for the betterment of all, these things are passed by unnoticed; but so many of us on the other hand are right there to register our complaint, to make public our grievance.

The type of conciliation that seems to be more dominant to-day is best illustrated by the following story.

A certain negro was in the meat business and manufactured rabbit sausage. So much sausage was being sold that after a while he began to adulterate it with horse meat. His customers thereupon had him brought before the local dignitary. Said the judge, "Tell me the truth now, Rastus. How much horse meat do you mix with the rabbit meat?"

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AROUND AND ABOUT

We've got so much to say this week of a spirituous nature that we hope some of our friends donate some liquid nourishment to the cause.

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The Simchis Torah celebration in Schul last week was the greatest ever. The proceedings started with a remark by a friend of ours as follows: "This is too dead. When I was younger we used to have a great time. Plenty of noise and plenty of fun."

Somebody once remarked that our friend Moe Goodstein was the Light of Israel—he proved it. He shone and shone and lit some more.

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No one put anything over on Ike Brody, anyhow. He brought his own along. Yes sir, we tasted it.

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The result of the holiday was the production of a new song by our Chazan, Mr. Cohen, entitled, "The Kinzle Blues."

We wonder whether that is any relation to The Purple Cow.

Mr. Kalman Kinzler admits having one rebel in his ranks. Falk Bursky wanted to start a choir of his own.

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Every once in a while someone would nudge his neighbor and say in a stage whisper, "Look at the Rabbi, look at the Rabbi." Poor Rabbi! He couldn't help himself, he just simply had to laugh.

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There must be some chimneys missing in the neighborhood judging by the number of stovepipes that were present.

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But the party that after was—wow, and another gallon.

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Cantor Lauer had a dispute with Moe Goldstein. Goldstein's choir won by sheer volume of noise.

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And the ladies laughed.

"About fifty-fifty, your honor," he answered. "What do you mean by fifty-fifty?" queried the judge. "Well," said the negro, "one rabbit and one horse."

Surely we must each equally give in to the other to effect progress. Why not meet each other half way, why not feel that perhaps the other fellow is at least fifty per cent in the right? Then all will be happy.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

CULLED FROM COLLECTED PENS

(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.)

ENGLISH TO FOREIGNERS

Its Benefits

By Saul Robins Lazarus
(Instructor Institutional Synagogue)

The immigrant coming to this country is in a different position from that of the American going to Europe to live. The American would naturally settle in the English-speaking quarter and at the same time get right to the task of learning to speak and write the language of the country.

Up to about five years ago, the direct opposite of the above was a typical case of the foreigner who landed on our shores. He found his group of people who were tucked away in a small section of a big metropolis. He worked with people who spoke the only tongue with which he was familiar. He worked hard and long. He was thrifty. His standard of living was no higher than on the other side, so he really did not benefit the community in bettering living conditions. His lack of knowledge of the new language was the cause of this. After he had saved a few thousand dollars, he would either send for his sweetheart in Europe or go across and bring her to the new country. He called it his home, but it was really only the community in which he lived which was "home" to him. He did not venture outside for any distance because he knew so little English. It was not until the second generation started to go to school that the real process of Americanization began.

Today the situation is better. In a city like ours there are over 100 schools and agencies which teach English to the new immigrant. The steerage passenger lists are secured by immigrant aid societies and circularized. The newcomer is told of the free instruction and where it can be had. It is a known fact that it is easier to teach English to a foreigner who has been here a few months than one who has been here for years. The former is in a receptive mood for instruction. The latter has been voiced in English in its most outcast form—as it is spoken in cosmopolitan communities.

It is natural that the instructor in work of this kind has many problems. One which gives the most trouble is the frequency with which the immigrant relocates. In most cases, he or she is alone, living in a furnished room, and moving merely means packing a trunk. The man who brings his family with him is

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COLLEGIATE BRANCH OF ORTHODOX UNION HOLDS REUNION

The Collegiate Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America held its fall reunion and Succoth gathering in the historic Succah of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Wednesday evening, October 15th. Several hundred students from Adelphi, Barnard, Hunter, Columbia, C. C. N. Y., N. Y. University and Teachers' Colleges were present. A splendid intensive educational program was decided upon for the ensuing year, to be combined with a series of large holiday gatherings to which all college men and women will be welcome.

Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes and Rev. Dr. David de Sola Pool each delivered a beautiful and inspirational talk. All who were present broke bread, partook of a repast symbolic of the different phases of the Succoth Festival, and the saying of the grace was led by Dr. Mendes, who was joined by all the college students. Mr. A. W. Binder conducted the community singing of captivating Palestinian songs and it was very near midnight when the young folks reluctantly departed from what all agreed to have been a most enjoyable, instructive and inspirational evening."

HIGH SCHOOL BRANCH

The Wadleigh and Clinton chapters of the High School Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America held a Succoth gathering on Wednesday evening, October 15th, in the spacious Succah of the Institutional Synagogue.

Several hundred high school students listened to the inspiring talks delivered by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Dr. Henry S. Morais.

An appropriate musical and dramatic program made the evening an instructive and enjoyable one to all who attended.

not so anxious to move since this would entail too much expense.

Something else which increases the difficulty of teaching is the lack of compulsory education in many European countries. Let us take Italy for example. A man living in most any part of the country cannot afford to go to a school. They are few and expensive. He talks the language of his community in a purely idiomatic way. These idioms, when translated, have no real literal meaning because they have no legitimate grammatical origin. An idiomatic expression in one province may not be understood in the next. Thus an immigrant of this class cannot really comprehend the elementary fundamentals of English grammar or the reason for it.

Such handicaps minimize themselves in the face of the satisfaction derived from turning a foreigner into an American citizen able to read, write and talk our language. It is the duty of all of us to help in this work. If you have any non-English speaking friends or acquaintances, send them to our Monday and Wednesday evening classes. There is no age limit. All that is required is the desire to learn. The instruction is free. Further information will be gladly given.

JOIN A CLASS

HENRY C. WALLACE

Born May 11, 1866

Died October 25, 1924

Washington is in mourning during this week because of the death of Secretary of Agriculture Hency C. Wallace, who died October 25 at the Naval Hospital. Death was due to toxemia poisoning.

Secretary Wallace, because of the fact that he was an outstanding figure in the agricultural world, was chosen by President Harding as a member of his cabinet. He was one of the most popular and outstanding figures in life at Washington. For the present at least, until after election, President Coolidge has appointed Charles M. Marvin, Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, as Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. Wallace leaves six children, three sons and three daughters. He was born at Rock Island, Illinois, on May 11, 1866, and died at the age of fifty-eight.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD TO HOLD BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Most of the 275 constituent societies of the Jewish Welfare Board, including the Young Men's Hebrew Associations, Young Women's Hebrew Associations and other Jewish community centers, located in cities throughout the country, are expected to be represented at the second Biennial Convention of the Board, to be held in the new building of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Philadelphia, Pa., at Broad and Pine Streets, on Sunday, December 21st.

The delegates will have the opportunity of inspecting a building that probably represents the largest outlay of any Jewish center building in the country, having been erected at a cost of approximately a million and a quarter dollars.

On the evening preceding the convention the Executive Council, the governing body of the Jewish Welfare Board, will meet in Philadelphia.

SIGN UP FOR A COURSE

The following courses are now open for registration. Kindly place a check in the box in front of the course or courses you desire to study.

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- ☐ Tuesday Night—Jewish History Rabbi Goodman
- ☐ Wednesday Night—Chevra Shass Study of Talmud Rabbi Goldstein
- ☐ Thursday Night—Psalms... Rabbi Goodman
- ☐ Saturday Afternoon—Ein Yakob in Yiddish..... Mr. Bleecker
- ☐ Saturday Afternoon—Chevra Shass Study of Talmud Rabbi Goldstein
- ☐ Saturday Afternoon—Books of Samuel Mr. Sol Lamport
- ☐ Friday Evening—Classes in Codes Mr. Abr. Goodman
- ☐ Sunday Morning—Bible Study Rabbi Goldstein

EDUCATIONAL COURSES

- ☐ Orchestra
- ☐ Public Speaking Class
- ☐ Cultural Talks Group
- ☐ Orchestra
- ☐ Choral Society
- ☐ Violin Class
- ☐ String Instrument Class
- ☐ Piano Class
- ☐ Adult Classical Dancing Class
- ☐ Adult Ballroom Dancing
- ☐ English to Foreigners
- ☐ Citizenship Class
- ☐ Fine Arts Class
- ☐ Poster Class
- ☐ Novelty Class
- ☐ Arts and Crafts Class
- ☐ Psychology Lecture Group
- ☐ Journalism Class

☐ JOIN A CLUB

Full Name

Address

Age.....

(Mail to the Institutional)

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

On November 4th Proposition No. 1, relating to the expansion of playground space in the Palisades Interstate Park will be offered to the voters. We call your attention to the fact that increasing the allotment for this park will help establish more camp and playground space for the Jewish boy and girl, and more convenient picnic ground for the family.

Vote YES on this proposition.



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