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MANY SIGN UP FOR CLASS IN INTERIOR DECORATING

The announcement in last week's INSTITUTIONAL concerning the formation of a class in Interior Decorating under the direction of Messrs. N. Lowell and Carl G. B. Knauff, instructors at the Hunter College Evening Division, proved to be very fruitful. It will therefore be necessary to limit the class to applicants applying within the next week or so. The term will begin on Jan. 15.

The class is for beginners who wish to take up interior decorating as a profession or for those who seek to decorate their own homes with artistic discrimination.

The class will take up studies in furniture, hangings and decorative arts in general. There will also be lectures and lantern slides with occasional trips to the Museum of Art. Classes will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. and the fee is \$10.00 per term.

Both of the instructors are able men and will give the exact same course that is being taught at Hunter College at the present time.

Address inquiries to Dorothea Aber, Registrar, c/o Institutional.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT HOLDS CHANUKA ENTERTAINMENT

U. O. J. C. A. Adds Two Branches

The Intermediate Council of the Social and Educational Department held its Annual Chanuka performance last Sunday afternoon in the Auditorium, and the Wadleigh and Clinton Chapters of the High School Branches acted as hosts. An elaborate program which was printed in last week's INSTITUTIONAL was presented and Dr. Henry S. Morais was the speaker of the occasion, reciting an excellent moral story of the significance of Chanuka.

Following the program, which was excellently presented, a dance was held in the Gymnasium.

The specific result of the entertainment was the formation of two new Chapters, one designated as the High School of Commerce Chapter and the other as the Julia Richman Chapter. Both of these organizations will meet in the building and become members of the Intermediate Council.

The Wadleigh and Clinton Chapters are continuing their program of expansion under the direction and guidance of Mr. Lou Simon, who represents at the same time the Social and Educational Department and the Union. They expect to form further branches in the building.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

THIS SATURDAY MORNING RABBI ISADORE GOODMAN Will Preach

Friday Evening Circle at 8:30 P. M.
Host: YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE
Light Candles Today at 4:22 P. M.

THEATRE PARTY TALENT LIST GROWS

January 18th the Big Night

The Theatre Party Committee announces that it is daily signing up an exceptionally fine list of talent. The Committee promises that it will be able to produce a show that will excel any previous affairs given by them.

Some of the best known Broadway stars, many of whom are old friends of the Institutional Synagogue, have promised to appear and the Committee is also contracting for an exceptionally fine special performance which they will not disclose until next week.

We are sure that all of our friends, realizing the fact that all of the profits accruing from the Theatre Party are going into the coffers of the Institutional Synagogue to help lessen the enormous debt which we now have on hand, will co-operate with us to the extent of securing and selling as many tickets as possible for that evening.

One of the features of this year's Theatre Party will be an exceptionally fine journal. The Journal Committee, headed by Mr. Isidore Brody, advises that they are securing a very fine response to their appeal for advertisements and feel that this year's journal will exceed all others. They have decided to enlarge the journal and are therefore open for additional advertisements. In order to assist us in having a fine appearing journal our friends are urged to secure their ads as soon as possible so as to allow a sufficient time to make corrections and additions.

Tickets may be secured at the Institutional Synagogue or can be reserved by telephoning University 6729.

The Committee on the Theatre Party consists of Mr. Morris Jablow, chairman; Mr. Isidore Brody, Journal Committee; Mr. Jack Levine, Talent. All are putting their best efforts forward to make this affair a huge success.

COME TO THE THEATRE PARTY

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AT THE DAWN I SEEK THEE

At the dawn I seek Thee
Refuge, Rock sublime;
Set my prayer before Thee in the morning
And my prayer at eventime.

I before Thy greatness
Stand and am afraid;
All my secret thoughts Thine eye beholdeth
Deep within my bosom laid.

And, withal, what is it
Heart and tongue can do?
What is this my strength, and what is even
This, the spirit in me, too?

But, indeed, man's singing
May seem good to Thee;
So I praise Thee, singing, while there dwelleth
Yet the breath of God in me.

—Solomon Ibn Gabirol, 1050.

VIOLIN CLASS OPEN FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Kalman Eisler, instructor of the Violin Class, announces that he has a few more openings left for boys and girls who desire to secure proficiency in this art.

The fee is \$2.00 a month (which includes five lessons) and the course is especially designed for beginners. Instruments are supplied free of charge for those who haven't their own. Sign up at once!

GYM AND POOL CLASSES START MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Mr. Dreeben, Physical Director, announces that the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool classes will start on their regular schedule of work beginning Monday evening, January 5, at 5:30 P. M.

The attention of members is called to the following changes in the schedule as well as one or two changes in rates.

RATES AND SCHEDULE OF GYM AND POOL CLASSES

Seniors (men over 21)—

Notice—A special fee of \$5.00 per year will be charged for a full-sized permanent locker.

Fees—House, \$5.00; gym, \$10.00; total, \$15.00 per year.

Hours—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30 to 10 P. M.; Sunday, 10 to 12 A. M.

Intermediates (boys 16-20)—

Fees—House, \$3.00; gym, \$10.00; total, \$13.00 per year.

Hours—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7:00 to 8:30 P. M.

Juniors (boys 12-15)—

Fees—House, \$2.00; gym, \$4.00; total, \$6.00 per year.

Hours—Tuesday, Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00 P. M.

Seniors (female)—

Fees—House, \$5.00; gym, \$5.00; total, \$10.00 per year.

Hours—Monday, 5:30 to 6:30 P. M.; Wednesday, 8:30 to 10:00 P. M.

Intermediates (girls 16-20)—

Fees—House, \$3.00; gym, \$4.50; total, \$7.50 per year.

Hours—Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 P. M.

Juniors (girls 12-15)—

Fees—House, \$2.00; gym, \$3.00; total, \$5.00 per year.

Hours—Wednesday, 6 to 7 P. M.

CLUBS

Seniors (men over 21)—

Fees—House, \$5.00; gym, \$1.00; total, \$6.00 per year.

Gym Hours—Sunday, 10 to 12 A. M.

Intermediates (boys 16-20)—

Fees—House, \$3.00; gym, 50 cents; total, \$3.50 per year.

Gym Hours—Sundays, 12:00 to 2:00 P. M.

Juniors (boys 12-15)—

Fees—House, \$2.00; gym, 50 cents; total, \$2.50 per year.

Hours—Sunday, 2:00 to 3:00 P. M.

Seniors (girls over 21)—

Fees—House, \$5.00; gym, \$1.00; total, \$6.00 per year.

Hours—Wednesday, 8:30 to 10:00 P. M.

Intermediates (girls 16-20)—

Fees—House, \$3.00; gym, 50 cents; total, \$3.50 per year.

Hours—Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 P. M.

Juniors (girls 12-15)—

Fees—House, \$2.00; gym, 50 cents; total, \$2.50 per year.

Hours—Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 P. M.

SIGN UP FOR INTERIOR DECORATING

WE ARE ALL RALLYING AROUND I. S. ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

ENTERTAINMENT EXTRAORDINARY

Sunday Evening, January 18, at the

MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE

We are **CONTRACTING** for the best talent available. Watch for the list of prominent actors who will appear.

Call University 6729 and Reserve Your Tickets Now!

THE JEW IN AMERICA

Editor's Note—The INSTITUTIONAL will print, each week, a brief synopsis of contributions that Jews have made to the making of America. Your comments on these articles, which are taken from the writings of various Hebrew scholars in America are invited.

PRESIDENTS AND JEWS

When Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States the Jewish congregations of Savannah, Ga., Newport, R. I., Philadelphia, New York, Richmond and Charleston addressed letters of congratulation to him. Several extracts from Washington's answers to these letters are here given:

"I rejoice that a spirit of liberality and philanthropy is much more prevalent than it formerly was among the enlightened nations of the earth, and that your brethren will benefit thereby in proportion as it shall become still more extensive."

"The liberality of sentiment toward each other, which marks every political and religious denomination of men in this country, stands unparalleled in the history of nations."

Major Mordecai M. Noah delivered an address at the consecration of the Mill Street Synagogue, New York, in 1818. He sent copies of this address to ex-Presidents John Adams, Jefferson and Madison.

Jefferson wrote in reply: "Your sect, by its sufferings, has furnished a remarkable proof of the universal spirit of religious intolerance inherent in every sect, disclaimed by all while feeble, and practiced by all when in power. Our laws have applied the only antidote to this vice, protecting our religious as they do our civil rights by putting all on an equal footing. But more remains to be done, for although we are free by the law, we are not so in practice."

Adams wrote: "You have not extended your ideas of the rights of private judgment and the liberty of conscience, both in religion and philosophy, farther than I do. Mine are limited only by morals and propriety."

Madison wrote similarly in acknowledgment of the copy of a discourse delivered by Dr. de la Motta at the consecration of the synagogue at Savannah in 1820. "Among the features peculiar to the political system of the United States," wrote he, "is the perfect equality of rights which it secures to every religious sect. And it is particularly pleasing to observe in the citizenship of such as have been most distrusted and oppressed elsewhere, a happy illustration of the safety and success of this experiment of a just and benignant policy. Equal laws, protecting equal rights, are found, as they ought to be presumed, the best guarantee of loyalty and love of country, as well as best calculated to cherish the mutual respect and good-will among citizens of every religious denomination which are necessary to social harmony and most favorable to the advancement of truth."

The notorious Damascus affair of 1840 took place during the administration of Van Buren. In a letter addressed by John Forsyth, Secretary of State, to David Porter, United States Minister to Turkey, instructing him to use his good offices with the Sultan in behalf of the accused Jews, occur these words: "The President is of the opinion that from no one can such generous endeavors proceed with so much propriety and effect as from the representative of a friendly power, whose institutions, political and civil, place upon the same footing the worshippers of God of every faith and form, acknowledging no distinction between the Mohammedan, the Jew, and the Christian."

Upon the death of President Harrison in 1841 his successor, John Tyler, issued a proclamation to the people to observe a day of mourning; in this proclamation he called this nation a "Christian people." In response to a letter of protest against the use of the term as applied to the American people, from Mr. Jacob Ezekiel, of Richmond, Va., the President wrote: "In speaking in the first paragraph of the duties of Christian people, I meant in no way to imply that similar duties should not be performed by all mankind. The last paragraph is an invitation to all and excludes the idea of any special invitation. For the people of whom you are one, I can feel none other than profound respect."

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THE HUMANITY OF JEWISH WISDOM

By Maxim Gorky, 1916

In my early youth I read—I have forgotten where—the words of the ancient Jewish sage—Hillel, if I remember rightly: "If thou art not for thyself, who will be for thee? But if thou art for thyself alone, wherefore art thou?"

The inner meaning of these words impressed me with its profound wisdom, and I interpreted them for myself in this manner: I must actively take care of myself, that my life should be better, but I must not impose the care of myself on other people's shoulders; but if I am going to take care of myself alone, of nothing but my own personal life, it will be useless, ugly, meaningless. This thought ate its way deep into my soul, and I may say now with conviction: Hillel's wisdom served as a strong staff on my road, which was neither even nor easy.

I believe that Jewish wisdom is more all-human and universal than any other; and this not only because of its immemorial age, not only because it is the firstborn, but also because of the powerful humaneness that saturates it, because of its high estimate of man.

TREASURE HIDDEN BY GERMANS SOUGHT IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, —A treasure, hidden by German officers in the soil of Palestine, is now being sought by government officials as a result of information submitted to the authorities.

The authorities were informed that in 1918, a few days before the Turkish army was compelled to evacuate Palestine before the conquering troops of General Allenby, German officers who were attached to the staff of the Turkish army buried near Genin two cases containing 100,000 Turkish pounds in gold.

Excavations which have been started have not yet led to any discoveries.

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JEWISH WORKINGMEN DEMAND COLLEGE IN YIDDISH

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga.—A workingmen's college in the Yiddish language is the demand of the Jewish Communists in Odessa, where 80 per cent of the general workingmen's class are Jews.

Recent examinations in the Workingmen's College in Odessa proved that many Jewish workingmen, proficient in their subjects, fail owing to their insufficient mastery of Russian or Ukrainian.

SHOMRIM SOCIETY FORMED BY JEWISH MEMBERS OF NEW YORK P. D.

The Shomrim Society will be the name under which 700 Jewish members of the New York Police Department will be organized for the purpose of strengthening religious spirit among them, according to an announcement of Dr. Isidore Frank, Jewish chaplain of the Police Department.

The organization is being formed with the consent of Commissioner Enright and will function similarly to the Anchor Club, the Knights of Columbus Organization of Policemen, the Masonic Society and the Square Club. At the first meeting held in Liberty Hall, Houston and Norfolk Streets, 240 Jewish policemen joined the society. Lieutenant Jacob Kaminsky was elected president, Sergeant Morris Greenberg, first vice-president, Patrolman Harry Schreiber, second vice-president, and Detective Morris Borkim, recording secretary.

MOVEMENT LAUNCHED TO BUILD TEXTILE TOWN IN PALESTINE

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Nov. 13.—A movement for establishing a big textile industry in Palestine has been launched here by the Rosenberg Brothers, prominent textile manufacturers of Lodz, the great textile goods centre of Poland, who are now in Palestine in connection with their scheme. The project concerns the establishment in Palestine of a special town completely given over to the textile industry in the same way as Lodz is given over to it in Poland. As a beginning, about 200 to 300 small textile manufacturers will be invited to settle in Palestine and establish their factories there while preparations are being continued for the development of the industry. The project has received the approval of the Zionist Executive.

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