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GALA PURIM CELEBRATION TO BE HELD THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH.

Intermediates and Sisterhood Entertain

The Institutional Synagogue will quite suitably celebrate the festival of Purim this Sunday afternoon when an extensive program will be given.

At 2:30 P.M. the Clinton and Wadleigh Chapters of the U. O. J. C. A., together with the Intermediate Council will be hosts to High School groups throughout the city in a Purim entertainment to be held in the Auditorium. This entertainment will probably be over at 4 o'clock. At that time in the Gymnasium the Sisterhood will be hosts to the entire building including the clubs, Parents' Association and other members of the building in a gala joint celebration. There will be plenty of music and refreshments, as well as some novel entertainment. The High School affair will consist of several musical selections as well as the story of Purim with an exhibition of stereoptican views.

The Sisterhood is desirous of making this affair a genuine get-together and family party and trusts that all the officers, members, leagues and auxiliaries of the building will consider this announcement a personal invitation and make every effort to attend. Admission is free.

GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL DRIVE TO BE CONDUCTED

Your Co-operation Solicited

A drive to secure new members for the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool is being conducted in the following manner:

Members entering into the Gymnasium for the next two weeks will be asked to write out on a sheet given to them at the desk in the locker room, the names and addresses of friends whom they believe would be interested in joining our wonderful Gymnasium and Swimming Pool. Within a few days a new pamphlet is to be published concerning information about the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool as well as general information about the building's activities will be sent to all of these people. An invitation will also be extended to them to personally inspect our equipment.

Members are requested to co-operate by supplying these names in this way. It is expected that the membership list from the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool will be increased considerably. Inquiries are solicited.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

THIS SATURDAY MORNING RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN Will Preach

Friday Evening Circle at 8:30 P. M.

Host: All Clubs—Award Night

Light Candles Today at 5:35 P. M.

I. S. DEFEATS H. H. I.

Score 27-23

In a fast game in which many exciting and intense moments were featured the I. S. defeated the H. H. I. Basketball aggregation to the tune of 27-23. This marks the last of the season's games on the part of the Intermediate Basketball Games of the I. S.

The box score was as follows:

Line up:

I. S.	H. H. I.
Baronsky	F..... Reisman
Goldstein	F..... Korsin
Toroker	C..... Rubin
Hershkovitz	G..... Alley
Finkelstein	G..... Pick
I.S. Subs: Dunkel, Kirk.	H.H.I. Subs: Cohen, Silverman.

Field Goals: I.S.—Goldstein, 4, Toroker 7, Hershkovitz 1; H.H.I.: Pick 4, Alley 3, Reisman 1, Cohen 1.

Fouls—I.S.: Goldstein 2 out of 3; Toroker 1 out of 2. H.H.I.: Alley 2 out of 4; Pick 2 out of 3; Korsin 1 out of 2.

First Half, 15-15. Second Half, 27-23.

Referee, Jack Ballas. Scorer, B. H. Booth. Timer, Abe S. Klinger.

SENIOR COUNCIL HOLDS GALA DANCE

All Clubs Represented

The Council of Senior Clubs held a gala Dance and Jubilee last Saturday in the Gymnasium. The purpose of the dance was to secure money for the fixing up of the Social Rooms and the purchase of a Radio machine.

The Dance was well attended, about a hundred couples being present. Music was supplied by seven pieces from the exceptionally fine Palais Dance Orchestra. Two features of the evening were a fox-trot contest and a waltz contest. The judges consisted of Mr. Isadore Brody, Max Cohen, Esq., and Mr. Sidney B. Alexander.

The Senior Council expects to run some other novelty affairs to increase the amount of money collected for this fund.

Parents Assoc. Purim Dansant, This Saturday

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ELOCUTION CLASS OPEN FOR MEMBERSHIP

New Class Formed By Popular Demand

Because of the number of inquiries made regarding the possibility of such a class, the Social and Educational Department announces that the registration books are open for those who desire instruction in Elocution. Miss Lillian D. Tuchman will be the instructress.

The courses are open immediately to children under the age of sixteen. Tuition fee will be \$2.00 per month including five lessons which is considerably lower than the ordinary charge for private instruction.

An outline of the class's activities will be:

1. Delsarte—consisting of physical exercises for the development of bodily ease and grace.
2. Voice work—Breathing exercises—control of breath—tone placing—articulation.
3. Simple pantomimes for stimulation of imagination.
4. Alphabet stories for development of emotions.
5. Picture poses for grace.
6. Dialogues and poems—a recitation for each child.

Registration will be open for one week. Please make inquiries immediately of Dorothea Aber, Registrar.

NEW YORK JEWISH WOMEN ORIGINATE COUNCIL SABBATH

This Saturday Is Designated

The National Council of Jewish Women composed of 228 Sections throughout the United States, Cuba, Canada, Europe and Australia—annually designates the Sabbath of Purim as "Council Sabbath,"—it being essentially an occasion when the heroism of a Jewish woman gives an illuminating example of the service that woman can perform.

The New York Section of the Council of Jewish Women asks you to participate, with the other congregations of the country, in dedicating an address on "Council Sabbath" to the women of this congregation, makes a special appeal to them as Jewish women for increased religious responsibility and more devoted service to the Jewish cause. It is particularly to the women of Israel to draw closer to the Synagogue.

That you may understand from whom this appeal comes, a word about the Council of Jewish Women. It is an organization of more than 50,000 women of every shade of religious opinion united on the platform of Jewish purpose. In New York City alone there are 6,000 members—the largest women's organization in the Country. Women of the I. S. attend special services this Saturday.

CRESCENT TO DEBATE PARAMOUNT SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 8TH

In the third round of the Debating Tournament of the Intermeditae Council the Paramount will meet the Crescent Club on Sunday evening, March 8th. The topic for discussion will be "Resolved that the United States be officially represented in the World Court."

The negative side will be taken by the Crescent Club and the speakers will be Samuel Cohen, Louis Hellman and Abraham Brown. The refuters will be Louis Hellman and Brown; alternate, Ben Gelard'n.

The negative side will be taken by the Paramount Club and the speakers will be Arthur Finkelstein, Marvin Richwald and George Zukerman. The refuters will be Arthur Finkelstein and Marvin Richwald; alternate, Harry Kirp.

All are cordially invited to attend.

The judges for the occasion who have been selected are Messrs. Marcus Klein, Meyer Lobelson and Fred Hess.

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PURIM

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Purim is here now at last and gain comes the wonderful day,
Bringing us memories we cherish, and bidding all cares pass away!
Purim has come as a joy-day, to fill us with thoughts of great deeds,
Telling of victories triumphant they won without bloodshed or war,
Showing how noble the heroes, how great is the God we adore!
Purim's reign is here again; everything to-day Strives to shine with the joy divine, seeming now to say,—
"Good Purim! Good Purim! Happy day of gladness!"

Good Purim! Good Purim! Drive away all sadness!
Once a year, filled with cheer, Purim's here,
A welcome, gladsome purim!
On high, aloft, let's raise our voices,
The sky smiles soft when youth rejoices,
O welcome, gladsome Purim!
Good Purim! Good Purim! Happy day of gladness!
Good Purim! Good Purim! Drive away all sadness!"

GOOD BOOKS

BOLSHEVISM—*John Spargo.*

Here is a text which has been of current interest for the last decade. Using Russia as an example Mr. Spargo tries to simplify this seemingly incomprehensible problem. Because of its Bolshevistic attitude, Russia's position in the affairs of the world has been decidedly precarious.

JEWISH HISTORY—*S. M. Dubrow.*

This book does not contain Jewish History but rather an essay in the philosophy of history. It is well suited to the student of law and lore. The student of Judaism should not fail to read this well expressed treatise. It deals mainly with the different eras of Jewish History and the possibilities they offer for expansion and material.

TALMUD TORAH CHILDREN ENTERTAIN

Last Saturday's Shalashudas Party was a huge success.

The occasion was graced by the attendance of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Rabbi Isadore Goodman.

Miss Eva G. Stein conducted the usual Saturday Afternoon Stories and Mr. Dott, who is in full charge, also led the singing.

Mrs. I. Stein on behalf of the Parents' Association catered the affair.

COLLEGIATE BRANCH TO HOLD DANCE

At St. Regis April 4th

The Collegiate Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, will hold a members dance on Saturday night, March 14th, at the Jewish Center, 131 West 86th Street, New York City. The attendance is limited to members only and they will receive complimentary tickets through the mail.

CULLED FROM COLLECTED PENS

THE FESTIVAL OF LOTS OR PURIM

By Nathan Meyerowitz

Again the gladsome Feast of Lots or Purim is here with all its ample inventive to rehearse.

The Festival of Purim is our annual commemoration of the ancient defeat of the enemies of the JUDEANS. It was instituted 2400 years ago (approximately). It is a holiday of gratitude dedicated to the Eternal for the deliverance of the weak and oppressed from the smiting hands of the ruthless architect of murder and rape.

We, therefore, seize upon Purim with the piety-laden avidity to make the days of its celebration: "Days of feasting and joy." We take advantage of every opportunity for the pleasant custom of indicating love and friendship, by means of "sending portions to one another." "Gifts to the poor" we are giving with a glad hand and feeling heart as never before.

Purim demonstrates the power of heroism in JEWISH WOMEN. ESTHER is a heroine who was ready to forfeit her rights to queenship, and even to sacrifice her very life upon the sanguiferous altar of Moloch for the salvation of her people. Though she realized how perilous was her HERCULEAN TASK, she assumed no picturesque attitude of death-defying heroism. Her duty was clearly defined, and she met it with grave and almost sombre simplicity: "I will go in unto the King," she said with great emotion, "which is not according to the law; and if I perish I perish." Her loyalty and faithfulness to her Haman-decreed brethren, correspond and deserve King Solomon's eulogy on a highly ideal woman: "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

Much, doubtless, may be said concerning Hamans of modern times whose paramount reason for their terror-spreading existence on this beautiful earth, is their reptilian object to destroy Jews. As long as the JEWISH people has its ESTHERS, we need not fear Hamans. A generation of Hamans will come and play its venom-scattering, a devilish role on the anti-Semitic stage, until a dark-haired, soulful-eyed ESTHER with her captivating, angelic profile, will appear "in the inner court of the King's house," and it will disappear like a dawn-dream upon the approach of the galloping sun in the eastern sky. While the JEWISH SPIRIT (like the "SPIRIT of GOD moved upon the face of waters") is buoyant and floats above the raging waves of the weltering ocean of racial prejudice, impregnated and infested with Hamans and Czars. The JEWISH SPIRIT of the ORTHODOX TYPE, as it stands humanized in its FAITH and self-sacrifice of ESTHER, will go on forever.

The Meaning Of Purim To The Young ISRAELITES. Purim is a religious and secular holiday. Its prologue is anxiety, its epi-

THIS SUNDAY AT 4 P. M. ALL WELCOME

logue is gratitude. Its secular aspect is its inspiration to generosity and altruism.

In the celebration of the national Feast of Purim, second to the most important FIGURE that stands out in the Megillah, is that of MORDECAI—the MAN at the Gate. Without pressing the symbolism too fast, there is a democratic touch about the position of MORDECAI, which renders him peculiarly sympathetic to American Jews in so far as he represents the MAN—who by virtue of his own abilities rises from the position of the man at the Gate to him that standeth before kings, leaving the jealous and howling anti-Semite at the foot of the ladder of success. "The KEEPER of ISRAEL does neither slumber nor sleep." "HE casteth down the proud and exalteth the humble." (We say it in our daily prayer.)

The contrast between MORDECAI and Haman is typical in many ways of the difference between the high-placed anti-Semite of all time and the steadfast Jew—who chose his duty to his own people and to his own country, and by that means saved both. Haman is the type of those men—who cannot permit the JEW to come between the wind and the nobility. He utterly despises the Man at the Gate and when he finds him doing good work for the State which he himself ought to have done, is incensed beyond measure and allows his venom-laden hatred to spread from the man to the people to whom he belongs.

But meanwhile MORDECAI, the MAN at the Gate, is content to do his duty, careless whether it is properly recognized and recompensed, and in the final issue his faith in the right ruling of the world is justified.

We must bear in our receptive minds that, in the days of the direst persecution, the JEW could always draw a solace divine, a strength unspeakable from poring over the pages of the Pentateuch and Talmud—which have the power of soaring aloft the wings of fancy and imagination. As it is said in Proverbs iii:1: "She (Pentateuch) is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is every one that retaineth her." Moreover, the Pentateuch and Talmud kept the intellect of the JEW alive, when many a time the torture prolonged from age to age, would have sufficed to stupefy and deaden all his higher faculties. No weapon ever forged (not even such as were invented and utilized by the Inquisitors of Spain in the Dark Ages) against the Jews could prosper so long as ISRAEL could regale his soul on the spiritual delights of the Talmud. In fine, the Talmud is alongside the Bible, "more precious than fine gold or gems," the living monument of the characteristic culture of the JEW. It found easy access to all, and remained to this very day a perennial storehouse of edification, and it is the perpetual KEY to the understanding of JUDAISM.

If the golden pillars of JUDAISM had not been upheld by MORDECAI and ESTHER, where would we have been now? . . . What would have occurred to our Pentateuch and wisdom-laden Talmud? . . .

"ISRAEL'S salvation is GOD'S salvation." (Midrash Tehillim 91). Let us adhere to JUDAISM with all the fibres of our hearts, with all our souls and with all our might; with the same indivisible tenacity as MORDECAI and ESTHER did, so that we all may continue to emulate their immortal SPIRIT.

Our PURIM should correspond to the Shushan Purim that was celebrated by the JUDEANS of yore:

"The JEWS had light, gladness, and joy, and honour."

AMEN!

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

March 1—Intermediate Social House—Basket Ball Game, H. H. I. vs. I. S. (Int. Team)

March 6—Final Friday Evening Circle — Awarding of Prizes.

March 7—Purim Dance—Parents' Association, Junior Council Meeting.

March 8—2:30 P.M., U. O. J. C. A. Purim Play in conjunction with the Intermediate Council; 4 P.M., Gala All I. S. Get-together Purim Party; 7 P.M., Debate Paramount vs. Crescent Club. Play by Junior Dramatics, Talmud Torah Children.

March 9—Council Meeting.

March 10—Purim Play by Junior Dramatics Society.

March 14—Purim Masquerade Intermediate Council.

March 15—Social Hour, charge of Harso Club.

March 16—Debate, Palais vs. Sachem.

March 17—Beginning of Chess and Checker Tournament.

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