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ANSWER THE CALL!

"When presses most necessity dire,
Quick comes help of those who aspire."

That, dear friends, is the inspirational message that we give to you in this final big plea of ours. All of you are by this time aware of the fact that the Institutional Synagogue would hold a \$100.-A Couple Dinner at the Hotel Astor on April 19th. Good cause for this dinner certainly appears to our Board of Directors. These able men knowing full well our sore needs have done all in their poor power to help lessen the burden. Members of the staff have gone for weeks and sometimes months without receiving a penny of salary. Creditors' bills have been unsatisfied. There are perhaps several solutions to the problem, yet perhaps one of the best and most important of all these solutions is the dinner.

Then comes the question—"What can you show for the money expended?" May the INSTITUTIONAL extend this answer?

The other day a parent came tearfully into the building exclaiming that his son was about to be put away at the Hebrew Protector Home—that all his other previous efforts to get the boy out of the jurisdiction of the court had failed—that he did not want the stigma of the Reformatory on this Jewish boy—that the parents would do all in their power and anything asked of them if we could only save the boy from being sentenced. Through the medium of our Social and Educational Department this boy has been taken from the prison atmosphere, has been saved from the obviously miserable career and has once more been given the chance to hold his head up in the world. This only happened three days ago.

Comes sundries other boys and plead that they desire a Jewish education but have not funds to pay for it. Nevertheless they are entered into our Talmud Torah.

Then appears on the scene the ogre of crime, misery and selfishness waving a pointed sceptre along a path of devastation and destruction. Wherein lies the help for our religiousness of the future? Wherein lies the help of the moral well-being of our children? Where shall our young folks turn for their recreation? What of the physical well-being of the Israel of to-morrow? And above all from whence shall come forth the message of centuries of persecution, "Here, O Israel, The Lord Our God, The Lord Is One."

Dear friends, have not we vividly painted the other side of the scale? Have we shown you the balance to offset our heavy indebtedness? Institutional Synagogue stands on a

RELIGIOUS NOTES

THIS SATURDAY MORNING
RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Will Preach

Light Candles Today at 5.52 P. M.

record of tremendous accomplishments. "The Lighthouse of Harlem." What a worthy name and a deserved one. Bringing health and happiness to its children, joy and enlightenment to its young folks and the message of Jewish posterity to its elders—shedding a sombre light of protection over those who would avoid crime and casting the reflection of traditional Judaism to those who would know and understand.

Build the Melting Pot Now! Come to the Big Dinner!

If sacrifice is the only thing it means to you to come to that dinner, then you are merely repeating what the Jews have done for thousands of years. Do you feel with us? Do you know that our cause is right? Do you feel that the men who are carrying this great burden deserve your assistance? Do you believe that our creditors should be pacified? Do you believe that our staff should be paid? Do you want to pay your obligation to Judea, to the nation of which you are an integral part? Be then a helper—be then an aspirer. Necessity Calls! Answer! Help us build the melting pot!

INTERMEDIATES WILL HOLD FOURTH DEBATE

Palais Will Debate Sachem Club

The Palais Club will meet the Sachem Club in the fourth round of the Intermediate Council Debating Tournament this Wednesday evening, March 25th, when the teams discuss the topic: "Resolved, that capital punishment be abolished."

The affirmative side will be assumed by the Sachem Club with the teams consisting of Ben Serrant, Harry Wilner and Jack Leff. Refuters, Ben Serrant and Jack Leff. Alternates Mac Daniel. The negative side will be taken by the Palais Club with the team consisting of Nat Robbins, Irving Zwerin and Nat Elston. Refuters, Nat Elston and Irving Zwerin.

The debate promises to be a very interesting one. All are cordially invited to attend.

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INTERMEDIATE ATHLETES HAVE BUSY SEASON

Basketball and Baseball Under Way

The Intermediate Council Athletic Committee through its chairman, Al Hershkowitz of the Harso Club, announces that the annual Basketball Tournament has been under way with the following results:

On March 8th the Celmor Club defeated the Harso Club by the score of 10-5 and the Paramount Club defeated the Palais Club by the score of 19-4. The Crescent Club won by forfeit from the Sachem Club.

The final round of the Tournament will be held on March 22nd. The three teams entered are the Celmor, Paramount and Crescent Clubs. Opposing teams will be chosen by lot on that day.

The Committee also announces that negotiations are under way for the purpose of securing a permit for the use of baseball fields in the public parks in order to conduct the regular Baseball Tournament.

It will be remembered that Rabbi Goldstein offers a Baseball Cup annually to the winning team. A call for candidates has also been issued for the house team for Intermediates and practice is now being held in the Gymnasium.

The Committee which has undertaken the task of promoting inter-Club Athletic Activities, in addition to the Chairman, consists of Manny Silver of the Paramount Club, Si Mayer of the Delphi Club and Ben Serant of the Sachem Club.

I. S. TO HOLD HUNDRED DOLLAR DINNER AT HOTEL ASTOR

The Institutional Synagogue will hold a One Hundred Dollar-a-Couple Dinner at the Hotel Astor, April 19th, 1925 at 7:30 P. M. The money thus raised will be used exclusively to build the melting pot to pay off our heavy indebtedness.

Members and friends are requested to get in touch immediately with the following members of the committee:

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COME TO THE BIG DINNER!

GOOD BOOKS

Edited By Solomon Klein

FOLLOWING THE DRAMA

The Goose Hangs High—Lewis Beach

Here is a play which scored a huge success on Broadway last year. It deals with the carefree college boy and girl whose "Goose Hangs High." Mr. Beach strives hard to bring out a moral. Do the average boys and girls realize how much worry and money is spent on them for their education? The answer is in the play. We would advise every mother, father, son and daughter to read this timely criticism. Although we would not classify it as a masterpiece, it is well cut, clear, pleasant, life-like and above all has a definite purpose.

Quality Street—James Barrie

Quaintness of characters, beauty of thought, clever annotations and a good theme are the reasons why we choose this play for our column this week.

Barrie has a way of expressing himself that we cannot but help admiring. Had another author written this play, we wouldn't have even glanced at it but Barrie has an irresistible attraction — intangible — unseen. Perhaps it's his name. Barrie sacrifices truth for some of the plot. Barring this, one will undoubtedly find it enticing, especially when there are old maids to be dealt with. Barrie is a playwright who cannot be appreciated unless his plays are both read and reviewed on the stage. The reason for this is the habit of putting into the play extraneous expressions which help color the general theme. They are not directions to the players but are for the reader, giving him humorous or pathetic glimpses of the characters. All in all, we found this particular play very good.

(Both "The Goose Hangs High" and "Quality Street" are procurable at the Public Library, 124th St. Branch.)

HARSO CLUB ENTERTAINS AT SOCIAL HOUR

Presents Presumptuous Play

The Harso Club were hosts at the regular Intermediate Council Social Hour on Sunday afternoon, March 15th. The chief attraction was a play called "The Last Rehearsal." The cast consisted of Milton Berger as Manager, Louis Golsant as General, Al Hershkowitz as Spy, Louis Taxier as Carpenter, Al Milstein as Orderly and Sol Sacker as Ashman. The play was very excellently presented.

In addition to this entertainment the Palais, Celmor and Crescent Clubs contributed to the meriment.

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COLLECTED PENS

METHUSELAH

A Selection of the Talmud

In the Talmud are found innumerable quaint and interesting legends, most of which point some moral. Amongst the many concerning Methuselah is the following:

One day, Methuselah, who had already passed his four hundred and sixtieth year, sat under the shade of his vine and fig-tree. A long day well spent in useful labor had left him pleasantly weary, and he rested in the cool of the evening. Over the distant hills the fast-sinking sun cast a rosy glow, birds sleepily chirped as they sought their nests, and the lowing of cattle emphasized the peacefulness of the scene. But in all this calm the heart of Methuselah was not satisfied. Although blest with length of years beyond the ordinary mortal lot, he feared Death—he longed for eternal life.

Suddenly all sounds ceased, and, raising his eyes to discover the cause of the sudden stillness, Methuselah saw a radiant Presence, which he instinctively felt was a messenger of the Lord.

"What wilt Thou with me?" he cried.

"The Lord hath commanded that thou shalt build a house for thee and thine," replied the Angel. "Let it be strong to withstand the tooth of time, and firm to resist the elements, and beautiful to be a joy to future generations."

"A House! I to build a house! Will not the Lord first grant me to know how much longer I shall live?"

"Still five hundred years shalt thou dwell in peace and happiness with thy kindred."

"But five hundred years? And Death then claims me! Of what avail, pray, to build a house for others to enjoy when I shall have so little use of it?"

The Angel spake no word, but disappeared as silently as he had appeared. Long into the night Methuselah sat and pondered, and ever he repeated, "Only five hundred years more! What can a man do in such a short time? 'Tis but a breathing space."

The Angel never again appeared. The five hundred years passed, Methuselah was gathered to his fathers, and still the house remained unbuilt. Instead of leaving behind him a token of his thought for others, he left only the memory of a long life lived selfishly.

'Tis but a legend, but the moral is there like the meat in a nut. Well have the poets praised aged men who plant orchards, the fruit of which they can never hope to eat, but which their children will enjoy. Were we never to do any work but such of which we alone might reap the benefit, the world would, indeed, be a dreary place. We dare not live for ourselves alone. Only he who forgets himself and works for the good of others is truly happy.

—Anonymous.

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INTERMEDIATES CELEBRATE PURIM MASQUE

All Had Gala Time

The Intermediate Council during the occasion of its Second Annual Purim Masquerade had a gala jubilee last Saturday evening.

The Gymnasium was fittingly decorated and the attendance was colorfully and humorously attired as befitted the theme of their particular costume. An added attraction of the evening was several spotlight dances quite favorably appreciated by the dancers.

The Intermediates presented a very unique dance card from which we notice that the Committee consists of George G. Rudikoff, Arthur Finkelstein, Marvin Richwald, Selma Nitzberg assisted by Francis Davidoff, Sam Fein, MacFeld and Harry Hott.

Then came the big parade of costumes. Mr. Rubin Richman of the Board of Directors and Mr. Judah Katz, who headed the Intermediate Department last year, acted as judges. They awarded their first prize for the prettiest girl's costume to Louise Zaimant as Peter Pan; for the funniest costume to Edith Shinkman as Lizzie Tish. - First prize for boy's prettiest costume to Louis Hellman as a Spanish Nobleman and the funniest costume to the Two Politicians, Louis Goldstein and Al Herschkowitz. Honorable mention for club presentations were given to the Sachem bartenders and the Delphi minstrels.

Then, added to the other surprises came refreshments, the Hamantoschen being supplied through the very kind courtesy of the members of the Sisterhood.

As expressed by Miss Beatrice T. Martus, head of the Intermediate Department "They all had a dandy time."

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THE POET'S CORNER

SABBATH THOUGHTS

Grace Aguilar

I bless Thee, Father, for the grace
Thou me this day hast given,
Strengthening my soul to seek Thy face,
And list the theme of heaven.

I bless Thee that each workday care
Thy love hath lul'd to rest,
And every thought whose wing has prayer
Thine answering word hath blest.

I bless thee, Father! Those dark fears
That linger'd round my heart,
That called for murmurs, doubts, and fears,
Thy mercy bade depart.

O Thou alone could'st send them hence
On this bless'd day of peace,
And with Thy spirit's pure incense
Bid workday turmoils cease.

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