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HEARING THE CALL

"Amongst all the most joyful songs of praise
That ere have sounded in harmony,
The heart's gratefulness in its song conveys
The most joyous sounds of human glee."

In response to the appeal in last week's INSTITUTIONAL for a request of "Answers To The Call" the editor is in receipt of the following letter:

Dear Sir:

It strikes me that the enclosed poem may help along the \$100-a couple dinner if published in your next week's INSTITUTIONAL.

Wishing you and the entire Dinner Committee much success, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

HARRY J. SAMUELS

Herein lies justification for the great work that has been carried on in this institution. Here is a member who is an aspirer, a gentleman exercising his own prerogative of his own accord, who finds that the answer comes, not merely in attending the dinner, but in giving expression also to his thoughts more beautifully put in the following poem.

TEAMWORK

The world is full of problems.

There's much to cause distress,
We all are bowed beneath the cares

That daily round us press,

There's only one solution.

'Tis simply stated thus:

"A little less of you or me,
A little more of us."

The rule of each one for himself

Most foolish is to follow;

It brings no savor to the game,

Its victories are hollow.

But the other plan has never failed

To bring satisfaction, plus:

"A little less of you or me,

A little more of us."

A flake of snow is very small

'Tis lost to sight quite quickly.

But many flakes, combined will fill

The roads and pathways thickly.

United we can face the fight,

Without distress or fuss;

"A little less of you or me,

A little more of us."

William T. Card

In the above poem by William T. Card is food for thought. So many cares and problems have we that if we were to worry about ourselves continually life would be emptiness and nothing more. If we were to work entirely for ourselves and not for others, what a hollow victory we would win. Little atoms by themselves are weak structures but many atoms together constitute a powerful unit; so with the many flakes of snow combined together, quantity and quality are present. To avoid these pitfalls the author makes that very fine suggestion "A little less of you or me, a little more of us."

It is not merely for us to appreciate the sincere spirit of our present benefactor but it

RELIGIOUS NOTES

THIS SATURDAY MORNING RABBI ISADORE GOODMAN

Will Preach

Light Candles Today at 5.59 P. M.

is for the rest of the members of the community to answer this call for this work must go on.

Another striking answer to the appeal was made at a recent wedding of one of our Directors. At that time most precious to man and woman, in the spirit of giving, in the knowledge that true happiness comes not merely in self-satisfaction but in helping others, the bride took a special occasion to use her name by signing a pledge and many of the guests followed suit.

This is not vindication for we need no vindication. We are being told, not by those who would seek to destroy but by the aspirers, by those who would discount the frailties of man, who would set aside the minor irritations and look with idealistic sight into a future depicting Institutional Synagogue in the glorious accomplishments of its four objectives for Religion to respect the Almighty, for Education for the knowledge we may secure, for Sociability so that our fellow-men we may know, and for Athletics so that health be always ours.

If you are inspired as many of our friends have been, make your answer a material one. The sacrifice is slight by comparison. Make the means to meet the need. "Will YOU Answer The Call?"

LAST MINUTE ITEM

Abraham Brown Wins Third Prize

Last minute notice is brought to the attention of our readers in the fact that Abraham Brown, representing the Institutional Synagogue in the Inter-City Extemporaneous Speaking Contest (an account of which appears elsewhere in these columns), was the winner of a bronze medal for third prize.

The topic that Brown picked to speak on was "The Effect of the World War on Jewish Life." This is usually a Senior Contest and Brown was put into the contest to groom him for future occasions. Very much to the surprise of everyone, he succeeded in winning a medal and third prize.

Only his immaturity in comparative age to the others and lack of natural suaveness, prevented him from winning first prize and there is no doubt of the fact that next year he will give a good account of himself.

Build the Melting Pot Now!

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SISTERHOOD ISSUES ANNUAL PASS-OVER APPEAL

Request Money and Clothing

The I. S. Sisterhood, in view of the approaching Passover Holidays, again appeals for money for the purchase of Matzoh to be distributed amongst the poor in this section. Friends are asked to contribute as much as they possibly can no matter how small, so that we can adequately cope with the great demand made upon us for Matzoh.

Contributions may be mailed to the office of the Synagogue or left there in person any time between nine in the morning until ten o'clock in the evening.

The appeal, signed by Mrs. Annie R. Morris, President, especially emphasizes the fact that we are obliged to appeal to members and friends for contributions as there is no standing fund from year to year. Clothing is also requested as that is usually demanded at this time of the year.

The Sisterhood anticipates your earnest co-operation.

I. S. ENTERS SWIMMING MEET

This Sunday afternoon at 1 P. M. the Community League of Jewish Centers will hold their first Tournament, The Swimming Meet. The New League is composed of the I. S., Central Jewish Institute, Emanuel Sisterhood, and the East Side Jewish Center. The events to be contested will be the 400 feet relay (4 men), 50 yard Free Style, 100 feet Breast Stroke and the Fancy Drive.

Mr. Herschel, our Swimming Coach, claims that we have a cracker-jack team and expects the boys to give a good account of themselves. Due to the fact that the standing space for spectators is very limited, only those holding invitations will be admitted.

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:

Aaron Wartels, Chairman
Abraham Bernstein
Henry Blankfort
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COME TO THE BIG DINNER!

HERMAN SACHS IS MARRIED**I. S. Director Joined in Wedlock**

Mr. Herman Sachs, heretofore known as one of our bachelor Directors was joined in wedlock last Sunday, March 15th, when he was married to Miss E. M. Levy at the Brooklyn Jewish Center. Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Landau officiated at the ceremony. A number of Directors of the I.S. were present.

The INSTITUTIONAL has received information to the effect that one of the novel features of the wedding was the occasion of the new Mrs. Sachs signing her name as such for the first time to a request invitation to the I. S. \$100-dinner. We are glad to say that quite a number of those present followed suit.

The members of the I. S. extend their most cordial felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Sachs on this happy occasion.

GREATNESS TO THE GOLDSTEIN FAMILY**Based on New Addition**

This puzzling headline may be easily solved for our readers in the fact that Borough President Miller and Mrs. Miller have announced the birth of a bouncing baby boy. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Rabbi Goldstein's brother or his niece, the birth of her son, therefore, making the Rabbi's father a great-grandfather.

If the blood of his parentage is the guiding norm, this boy should promise great things in the future.

ABRAHAM BROWN SPEAKS IN INTER-CITY CONTEST**Represents I. S.**

Abraham Brown of the Intermediate Department represented the I. S. last Sunday evening in the Inter-Association Extemporaneous Speaking Contest held under the auspices of the Metropolitan Association of Jewish Center Workers and the Jewish Welfare Board.

The contest was held last Sunday evening at the 92nd Street Y. M. H. A., and representatives were present from practically every Jewish center in the city. Each speaker was given a month in which to prepare all the data he could on ten topics. His particular topic was then picked out of a hat before the contest began and he was given one hour to prepare his data.

Brown, who is a member of the Intermediate Debating Team deserves a lot of credit for the exceptionally fine presentation he gave on the topic.

THE HOUSE BASEBALL TEAM

This Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the baseball team will hold their weekly practice. All members of the house who have not come out for the team as yet are urgently requested to report. Prospects for this year's team seem very bright and as Mr. Dreeben puts it, "One more championship more or less never hurts."

CONDOLENCE

The Board of Directors and members extend their heartfelt sympathies to Miss Julia A. Stich on the recent bereavement of her father.

Mr. Stich died a week ago Wednesday and services were held at their residence in Brooklyn as well as the Institutional Synagogue. Rabbi Goldstein presided over the services. Mr. Stich was in the early sixties and had been ailing for the past two years.

Julia Stich has long been an ardent worker for our cause and was the Captain of one of the original teams that helped build the Institutional Synagogue eight years ago. At that time her great work attracted considerable newspaper comment and she was head of one of the winning teams.

"May the Almighty in his infinite wisdom grant solace to the bereaved."

INTERMEDIATE CONDUCT CHESS AND CHECKER TOURNAMENT**Schedule Is Announced**

The Chess and Checker Committee of the Intermediate Council of which Max Feld is Chairman assisted by George Rudikoff and Charles Warshauer, announces that the first series of games in the Annual Chess and Checker Tournament will be held on April 1st in Room 202. The Clubs who will engage on that evening are the Sachem versus Crescent and Palais versus Harso. On the following night the Clinton Chapter of the U. O. J. A. C. A. will meet the Delphis and the Phi Land Delta will meet the Paramounts.

Under the rules each club will be allowed to have three representatives in the Chess and Checker Tournament, two for Chess and one for Checkers or two for Checkers and one for Chess.

A trophy is awarded each year to the Club that wins and medals are also given to the winners.

THE POET'S CORNER**A BIT OF OPTIMISTIC PHILOSOPHY**

It's easy to cry
That you're beaten—and die;
It's easy to crawfish and crawl;
But to fight and to fight
When Hope's out of sight—
Why, that's the best game of them all!
And though you come out
Of each gruelling bout
All broken and beaten and scarred,
Just have one more try—
It's dead easy to die—
It's the keeping on living that's hard!

(This week's poem contributed by
Miss L. Kessler)

ANSWER THE CALL!

THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ANNOUNCES PRIZE WINNERS IN JEWISH PLAY CONTEST

The names of the contestants whose manuscripts were awarded prizes in the Jewish Play Contest conducted by the Jewish Welfare Board, were made public by the Committee of Judges, consisting of Messrs. David Pinski, leading Jewish dramatist, Gustav Blum, playwright and producer, and Dr. Elias Lieberman, poet and educator.

Israel Goldberg, of Brooklyn, is the recipient of double honors. When the envelopes containing the real names of the authors were opened, after the judges had rendered their decision, it was found that Israel Goldberg had submitted four manuscripts in this contest, two of which had been awarded prizes. His play entitled "His Children," was the unanimous choice of the judges for the first prize, and a second play of his, "The Invader," had been awarded third prize.

Miss Edith S. Beck, of Cleveland, Ohio, was also found to have submitted three manuscripts, one of which, "The Old Order" was awarded Second Prize.

In addition, the following three plays were considered worthy of Honorable Mention: "The Under Dog", by Miss Carolyn Simon, of St. Louis, Missouri; "Lex Talionis", by Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, of Temple Beth El, Detroit, Michigan; and "The House Divided", by Mrs. Miriam Allen de Ford, of San Francisco, California.

The Board is planning to have the three prize winning plays produced in the fall, after which they will be made available to constituent societies.

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UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATION TO HOLD 25TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 25th Annual Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will take place in Baltimore, Md., in the latter part of May and will mark the beginning of an extensive campaign in behalf of organizing the forces for traditional Judaism in this country.

In making the announcement, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, president of the Union, and Rabbi of the Institutional Synagogue, New York City, said:

"The time has come for the Jews of America to organize for constructive Jewish religious work of the most intensive and extensive character. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America was founded 28 years ago for the purpose of preserving Jewish traditions by stressing loyalty to the ancestral faith of the Jewish people. The Union now plans through its constituent synagogues in every part of the country to engage in a great educational campaign. We feel that the better the Jew the better the America. The Jewish contribution to civilization has always been spiritual and this contribution must be continued in America.

PUBLIC SEDER MAY BE ARRANGED

Write Inquiries Immediately

There have been frequent inquiries as to the holding of a public Seder at the Institutional Synagogue. Those who are interested in this proposition are requested to please leave their name and address at the desk before April 1st.



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