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INTER-ASSOCIATION CONTESTS GET UNDER WAY

The annual contests arranged by the Metropolitan Association of Social Service Workers has been announced and arrangements are being made for the promoting of these contests within the next few months.

The first contests scheduled are the series of debates between the various institutions. These contests to be arranged between the months of February, March and April, will decide the Champion Debating Team of the Metropolitan District.

The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will be held on March 14th at the 92nd Street Y. M. H. A. Each institution will be entitled to a representative. Ten topics have been submitted as follows:

1. The Effect of the New Immigration Law on Jewish Life in America.
2. America and the World Court.
3. The Jew and World Peace.
4. The Public and the Coal Problem.
5. The Influence of the Jewish Center Movement on the Development of American Jewish Life.
6. Jewish Contributions to the Growth of Democracy.
8. The Hebrew University.
9. Palestine—Its Future.
10. Disarmament and International Security.

The speaker representing each house must prepare himself to talk on any of these ten topics. One hour before the contest the topic he is to speak on is chosen by lot. Last year Abie Brown, although not quite old enough to be classified within the division in which this contest was promoted, nevertheless managed to secure a medal for third place. Brown will have a lot of keen competition in the building this year, however, to decide who shall be the representative of the institution.

A one-act play contest for the various centers is also under way and will take place some time in March. In the interim the Intermediates are conducting a one-act play contest of their own.

A music contest for vocal and instrumental musicians is also under way, and the date is to be announced. Gold medals will be given to winners of first, second and third prizes in all cases.

Members of the clubs who are anxious to get into these contests should consult the Social and Educational Director immediately. They are required also to submit their applications for a position on any of the teams representing this institution in writing, together with proof that they have been a member of the building for at least sixty days prior to March 31st.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

This Saturday Morning
DR. BERNARD DRACHMAN Will Preach

Friday Evening Circle at 8:30 P. M.
Host: FRATERES
Light Candles Today at 4:40 P. M.

SOCIAL HOUR
Sunday at 3:00 P. M.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION HOLDS KOFFEE KLOTCH

The Parents Association of the Talmud Torah held its annual Koffee Klotch a week ago last Tuesday, when 200 members and friends of the organization gathered together in the Social Rooms on the second floor.

The purpose of the meeting was to interest parents of the children attending our Talmud Torah in the various activities fostered by the Parents Association. As a result of the membership drive that they have been waging, 50 new parents have been added to the roll.

The speakers of the evening were Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, our president, Hon. Isaac Siegel, Mr. Datt, Talmud Torah Principal, and Mr. Wartels and Mr. Udell of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Stein, the enthusiastic and hard-working president of the Parents Association, thanked the members of the organization and the committee for their endeavors during the past season, especially Mrs. Winokur and Mrs. Vosberg. On behalf of the Parents Association she presented Mrs. Gruber and Mrs. Hollander with a silver vase for their fine work. The Rabbi and the Congressman inspired the workers to renewed efforts, and thanked them on behalf of the Board of Directors for their past endeavors.

The Parents Association has been doing exceptionally fine work for the Hebrew school. They contribute medals, books and other prizes to encourage proficiency amongst the students. They arrange parties on Saturday afternoons after shul, and also assist the Social Department in securing refreshments for the Friday Evening Forums.

It is fitting at this time that due acknowledgment be made to the Parents Association for their fine gift in the sum of \$500 toward the Building Fund. Added to their past contributions, the gift shows that the Association is heart and soul in back of the building in its work. The organization pledged their best efforts to secure more funds for the building as far as possible in the future.

Parents of Talmud Torah children are invited to join the association, and their sons and daughters between the ages of 19 and over are invited to join the Junior League of the Parents Association. Inquiries may be addressed to Miss Eva G. Stein, the president.

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TALMUD TORAH HOLDS ASSEMBLY

An assembly of unusual importance took place on Sunday, January 10th, in the Auditorium of the Institutional Synagogue. The occasion marked the awarding of medals and certificates given by the Jewish Education Association. There were twenty-five medals and seventy certificates distributed to the best pupils of the Talmud Torah. An announcement was made at the same assembly to the effect that ten cash prizes amounting to \$10.00, \$7.50 and \$5.00 will be given to the best pupils of the Talmud Torah at the Purim Festival. Three of the prizes are the gift of Mr. Zamory, and the remainder are to be donated by the Parents' Association, who work conscientiously and arduously for the welfare of the Talmud Torah children.

The assembly was addressed by the Principal, Mr. J. Datt, Rabbi Goldstein, and by Mr. Hunt, Secretary of the Union of Good-Will Between Jews and Christians. The speakers all congratulated those pupils who were so proficient in the past, and who merited the prizes given by the Jewish Education Association, which are given only to those who are excellent in deportment, scholarship and effort.

HOUSE DEBATING TEAM TO BE CHOSEN

For the purpose of choosing a Girls Team and Boys Team to represent the building in its inter-association debates, a meeting of all candidates for this team will be held during the last week in January.

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AROUND AND ABOUT

CONDOLENCE

We are greatly grieved to learn of recent bereavements in the family of our beloved Rabbi, and the Hon. Sol Bloom of our Board of Directors.

The Rabbi recently lost his brother, and the death, being sudden, was a shock to the family and friends. We extend our sincerest sympathies to the Rabbi and to his parents.

Congressman Bloom recently lost his brother, Henry T. Bloom. The congregation extends its sympathies to the bereaved family.

Congratulations to Judge Levine

We are proud at this time to offer our sincere congratulations to General Sessions Judge Max S. Levine upon his recent elevation to the Criminal Court Bench from the Magistrate's Court.

Judge Levine has been a member of our Board of Directors for some time, and has always been an ardent enthusiast in the activities undertaken by our organization. We recall at this time—at one of our annual dinners, he made the statement, "While I may not be actively with you all the time, my heart is always with the Institutional Synagogue."

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Many of our members are not as yet acquainted with the fact that Mr. Joseph Datt, formerly Senior Teacher of the Talmud Torah faculty, has now been officially appointed Principal of the Talmud Torah, taking the place of Rabbi Goodman.

Rabbi Goodman is now at the head of a large synagogue in Indianapolis. Congratulations are in order for the Rabbi on his recent appointment to professorship of Semitics at the university in Indianapolis.

Mr. Datt has been doing exceptionally fine work in the Talmud Torah.

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Miss Katz, the sister of our own Mr. Katz, travels down here every Wednesday evening to lead a class of girls in classical dancing. Thus far they have been making lovely progress. Each succeeding week brings out a larger attendance of enthused pupils. It seems a case of an excellent teacher for an interesting course. There is still some room for junior girls in this class. No fee is attached.

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This column is open to all members of the building, specifically for the purpose of announcing social events and personal items of interest to the members of our congregation. Your co-operation in submitting these items is earnestly solicited.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

INTERMEDIATES TO HOLD ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

The Intermediate Council, through its Social Committee, announces that it will conduct a one-act play contest amongst the clubs during the last week in February. The rules governing the contest are as follows:

1. All Intermediate Clubs in the building, and any club of any other division securing special permission from the Council, may enter this contest.

2. Each club may select a one-act play, or if they desire, write a play of their own.

3. The play must not exceed thirty minutes in duration.

4. The play must be approved as to its contents by the Social Department before being produced.

5. A Dramatic Trophy will be presented to the club securing first place, in the opinion of the judges.

6. From the casts will be chosen the official cast to take part in the big gala dramatic show that will be held in May.

All clubs are invited immediately to secure place or consult Miss Martus concerning matters pertaining to this contest.

JUNIOR COUNCIL ACTIVE

This year promises to be one of our most active seasons. At present the nineteen junior clubs, whose population includes about three hundred members, are in full swing. They are being led by an excellent corps of leaders who have been recruited for the main, from Intermediate clubs.

Mrs. Williams, who is conducting the Junior Dramatic Society, has already produced a play. It was held during Chanukah week and drew an excellent representation of juniors and parents. To all indications we are going to hear more from this department, and if we're not mistaken, in excellent form, too.

The Junior Division also boasts of an active council which is composed of representatives from the various clubs. Here, plans of contests concerning the entire division are discussed. For the next few months there will be held several contests, among which are included a Bible contest, an Essay contest, and an Elocution contest. The officers of the council are:

President, Leon Siegel—Panthers.

Vice-President, Mildred Zauzmer.

Secretary, Sidney Kaphan.

DEBATE NOTES

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All members between the ages of 16 and 22 are eligible to become members of this team. They should make application in writing, stating their qualifications with their name, and the name of the club of which they are a member, or their home address if they are not members of a club.

There will be four members chosen for each team, and the members of the team representing the house during the year will receive medals at the end of the year for their endeavors.

CULLED FROM COLLECTED PENS

SUCCESS

(From New York University Alumnus)

There probably is nothing in all the realm of human experience so elusive for those who do not attain to it and so impossible to elude for those who have it as SUCCESS. For those who have it there is no worriment as how they became possessed thereof, but for those who have it not—well, that is what this editorial is all about.

During recent years there have been many attempts to forge a key to open the door to that mystic chamber within which have entered illustrious mortals of all the ages.

Long, long ago there were those who insisted that as ran the lines on the hands of a man so ran his life. If the lines indicated SUCCESS the possessor of those lines would be successful. If the lines did not indicate SUCCESS the individual with that sort of a hand was in hard luck. The name of that key was Palmistry. There are those who still try to use it, but for the most part palmistry is no longer taken seriously.

Much more recently the matter of predetermining the possibilities of attaining SUCCESS was gauged by bumps on one's head. A bump at one point on the human skull indicated that the owner of that bump would be a SUCCESS as a financier. A bump located at another spot indicated something entirely different. That key was called phrenology, a "doctrine that the human brain is connected with the moral, intellectual and sensual dispositions of the individual, which are supposed to be indicated by the undulations on the cranium." A great many persons fumbled with that key until it was demonstrated that persons with "bumps" in entirely wrong locations had attained SUCCESS.

Another key was called physiognomy and the physiognomists insisted and still insist that the road to SUCCESS is discernible in the features of one's countenance. If one has a big nose he may be a SUCCESS in philanthropy, but it requires a small nose to become successful in the accumulation of wealth. Perhaps this is going a step too far, but you get the idea.

Opportunity until quite recently was supposed to be the master-key. Parents, preachers and teachers spent much time tinkering with that one. Youth was told:—"Opportunity knocks once at each man's door, if you are alert when he knocks at yours nothing can prevent you from becoming a SUCCESS. But if you happen to be asleep when Opportunity knocks—!"

Then, just yesterday, wasn't it somebody discovered Psychological Moment? That was only old man Opportunity in disguise. "Watch each fleeting moment," said the discoverer. "When the one marked Psychological comes along, launch your boat and float onward to SUCCESS."

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ATTEND SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL HOUR

THE JEW IN AMERICA

IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC LIFE

The United States Industrial Commission, investigating the status of the needle industries, remarks that this successful revolution is to be attributed to the willingness of the Russian Jew "to change the mode of production by using the sewing machine and the division of labor against which the native tailor showed a decided aversion." The basis idea of the factory system, specialization and division of labor was taken up by the Jew at his advent in the industry and by the utilization of this idea he transformed completely the entire industry and raised it to its present status.

The workmen in the men's clothing industry are organized in the Amalgamated, Clothing Workers of America, the presiding genius of which is Sidney Hillman. At the inception of the union sweating conditions were widely prevalent, but in the course of a few years these immigrant Jews completely standardized the industry, eliminated the intolerable conditions and enabled the workers to realize their ideal of an American standard of living. Now they rank among the best paid workers in America. Over nine hundred million dollars invested in the clothing business and great stretches of the business section of New York are occupied by Jewish clothiers. In Rochester, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Chicago and other large cities where Amalgamated is represented, a large percentage of the Russian Jews there are also occupied in the same branch of labor. The total membership of the Union is over 180,000.

Allied to the clothing industry are phases of economic life in which the Jews play a dominating role. The manufacture of all kinds of women's apparel, skirts, cloaks, the preparing of furs, etc., are in Jewish hands, as is also the means of their distribution to the general public. Here, too, a large union has been organized, the International Ladies' Garment Workers, allied with the American Federation of Labor. Its membership is largely Jewish and it has attained a standard of trade conditions equal to that of the Amalgamated. The total number of its adherents is about 140,000.

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But the most interesting key, it seems to us, is the one bearing the tag Personality. Try to fashion one. Here are some of the elements that must be included in the material from which it is forged:—Loyalty, Integrity, Initiative, Honesty, Health, Address, Imagination, Persistence. Put these in the crucible of Experience and apply the white hot heat of Will. There you are. Now make your key, apply it to the lock and enter the realm of accomplishment. You will be a SUCCESS.

Yes, indeed. That's it. But, what of the proportions, asks somebody who has worked with those ingredients patiently for many a year! Here is a suggestion:—

Let's make a study of any outstanding human SUCCESS that has ever lived—Moses, Confucius, Zoroaster, Mohammed, Buddha, in the realm of religion—Galileo, Copernicus, Newton, Darwin, Edison, Steinmetz in the field of science—Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Cromwell—not to make the list too long; any of those whose busts adorn our Hall of Fame. If we may discover certain elements common to each we shall have solved the secret of Personality. If we are able to reduce the secret to a formula which may be applied to any human life then we may accomplish mass production in the matter of SUCCESS.

Here is an attempt at a formula: (Imaginationⁿ × Willⁿ) + All the other things one has by nature + all the other things one may acquire = PERSONALITY. That is—the personality which makes it possible to attain SUCCESS.

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