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SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT SCHEDULES MANY DEBATES

The Social and Educational Department has completed arrangements for two debates to be held next month. The first of these debates will be a tournament contest to decide the championship of the Metropolitan District. The debate will be held on Sunday evening, March 7th, when the Institutional Synagogue takes issue with the Washington Heights Y. M. H. A. upon the topic: "Resolved, That a Constitutional Amendment Be Adopted Granting Congress the Power to Overrule by a Three-Fourths Vote Any Decision of the United States Supreme Court Declaring a Federal Statute Unconstitutional." The debate will be held at the Institutional Synagogue Auditorium at 8 p. m. The I. S. Team will assume the burden of proof, while the Washington Heights Team takes issue on the negative side.

The second debate will be with an old favorite rival, the Central Jewish Institute. The Debating Team will engage the Institute Team on Sunday evening, March 21st, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in our own auditorium. The topic for this debate will be: "Resolved, That Anti-Semitism Is Irradicable." The Institutional Synagogue will assume the affirmative, while C. J. I. takes issue with the negative side. This debate is not one of the tournament debates, but nevertheless promises to be quite an interesting encounter. The last time that our boys debated the C. J. I. they chose the question of the Practicability of a Hebrew University, and were awarded the decision of the judges.

A third debate, the time of which will be definitely announced in the near future, is to take place during the latter part of February, and at that time a mixed team of boys and girls will engage a representative team of the Bronx Y. M. H. A.

As a result of the call for candidates, many of our old-time standbys who have had the benefit of years of our coaching and who were members of the Intermediate Team, which in nine years still remains undefeated, have responded. They will again represent us, this time in the Senior Division.

THIS SATURDAY MORNING Rabbi HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN Will Occupy the Pulpit

Friday Evening Circle at 8:30 P. M.
Host: HARSO CLUB
Light Candles Today at 5:10 P. M.

SOCIAL HOUR Sunday at 3:00 P. M. Host: ALPHA PHI CLUB

INTERMEDIATES HOLD ANNUAL PURIM MASQUE

Repeat Annual Success

The Intermediate Council, through its Social Committee, announces that it will hold its Annual Purim Masquerade and Dance on Saturday Evening, February 27th, in the gymnasium.

There will be the usual prize awards for the best costume and for the most effective humorous costume. The Intermediates anticipate the good graciousness of the Sisterhood

in again supplying the Hamantoschen and the hanging of Haman in effigy, which will mark the end of the festivities for the evening. The "gym" will be brilliantly decorated, and the various clubs will each have posters, representing their activities hung about the walls. Tickets are seventy-five cents per couple, and only those in costume will be admitted.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Annie R. Morris, President of the Institutional Synagogue Sisterhood announces a Bridge and Whist Party which will be held on Monday, March 8th, 1926, at 2 P. M. at the Grand Street Boys' Club House, 106 W. 55th St., New York City.

A number of handsome prizes will be distributed and refreshments will be served.

The subscription of the Bridge and Whist Party is One Dollar and tickets may be secured at the office of the Institutional Synagogue or from Mrs. Morris.

We urge all the members of the Institutional Synagogue to help support this auxiliary which has done so much fine work for our Institution.

WANTED

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in the Senior or the
Intermediate Division
for the Editorial Staff
of "The Institutional."
Apply in Executive Office

GET-TOGETHER DINNER AND DANCE MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 22

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TALMUD TORAH

A magnificent program is being prepared for the Purim entertainment which will be given to the children of the Talmud Torah on Sunday February 28th at 8 o'clock.

A play, songs by the choir and recitations will be part of the program. Among those participating in the play are many who have distinguished themselves in the last Chanukah entertainment. The main roles have been assigned to the following: Emanuel Greenberg, Gertrude Siegel, Ephriam Weiswasser, Frieda Clark, Hattie Clark, Monroe Siegel, Jacob Feinsilver.

The little girls who astounded the audience last Chanukah in their impressive dance "Chanukah Candles" will appear again in some delightful numbers.

Prizes from the Parents Association to the best pupils will be distributed on this occasion.

The Talmud Torah is still continuing its drive for more children. Our aim is to have every child in Harlem receive a religious education. To attain this aim, we have resorted to various methods of advertising. Thousands of circulars have been distributed and several kinds of appealing posters are being displayed in the windows of stores and business concerns in the neighborhood. Slides are being shown in the local moving picture houses. We anticipate a phenomenal success!

I. S. SENIORS LEAD LEAGUE

By defeating the Community Center of the Bronx in an exciting battle last Sunday on the Bronx court, while the East Side Jewish Center was losing to Emanuel Sisterhood, our Senior Team earned a clear lead for the championship.

Our boys have five victories to their credit against one defeat. Our nearest rivals, E. S. J. C., have lost 2 and won 3.

Our Juniors ran into a surprise in meeting a new C. C. combination and were unable to overcome a poor start although they closed up rapidly in the second half. The final scores were 24-18 for the Juniors and 31-23 for the Seniors.

Much credit is due Al Solomon, Senior guard, for his splendid defensive work. Al had never played basketball before last season and in less than a year he has developed into a consistent, dependable player. Normie Edelman is rated as the best player in the league; Ben Klirfeld outjumped all his opponents; Lou Kriloff works smoothly with Normie; Harry Kirk and Joe Tuzil are strong defensive and offensive guards. Micky Baronsky can play any position equally well and Hy Freedman is another dependable utility man. Our Seniors should win the championship although meeting tough opposition.

Our next home game will be with the E. S. J. C.—the only team to beat us—at our court on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3:15 p. m. Admission will be 25c for members and 35c for others. Dancing follows both games.

We play Emanuel Sisterhood on Feb. 28 and Bronx Jewish Center on March 7—both games at our court, and close the season at the C. J. I. on March 14.

Senior Handball Tournament Draws
Big Entry

The Senior handball tournament now being conducted in the gym is arousing a good deal of interest. So far 48 men have entered the singles and 22 teams in the doubles. The first round is nearly over with some surprising results. Some of the stars have been toppled by newcomers. Twelve new entries will be accepted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Institutional Synagogue acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a large beautiful American flag, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Magnus of 110 Lenox Ave. We are happy to find such gratifying manifestations of interest on the part of members for our Institution.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

CULLED FROM COLLECTED PENS

BEST THINGS

"A firm faith is the best divinity; a good life the best philosophy; a clear conscience, the best law; honesty the best policy; and temperance, the best physic; living for both worlds is the wisest and best life."

What do you think are the best things?
How do you measure what is the best in life?

Most people are anxious to do the best things, but they are prevented from doing these things because of circumstances.

They would like to live up to the significant ideal of a real man or woman, but somehow, they do not seem to be able to achieve their object.

In order to better conditions, men go to war.

But when engaging in war, greater disaster results.

Yet, it is necessary to go to war when a principle is at stake.

How can both of these things be reconciled?

The pacifists say there should be no war. The militarists contend that there must be war.

They are both right. Each side is anxious to attain the best results in its own way.

If there was only one way about gaining the best things, there would be no worst thing or a thing that is neither good nor bad.

If all people were good and noble, there would be no preachers nor writers; if all men were honest there would be no lawyers.

Well, then, you will say, you must endeavor to attain the best thing.

You are right, of course. Therefore, you strive in your own way to gain the best thing, but your thought about what is right and proper is different from the other man's and therefore your goal is different.

If you are in the business world and it is pointed out that you must not do an act that is wrong in your business dealings, you laugh up your sleeve and say that those who preach to you and at you cannot understand life the way you do. If they did they would understand that one must meet competition if he would exist in a business sense.

You think that the preaching should apply to the other fellow but not to you, since it concerns the other fellow's pocket and not your own.

If you are a poet or an artist and people do not understand your poetry or your art, you become discouraged at mankind. You wonder why people don't pay you well for a work of art, for a work of genius, and you rail at life and human nature.

That is just it. People will not pay you money if the thing you do cannot be converted into money and bartered and ex-

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

The Birthday of America's Race Equalizer

By Nathan Meyerowitz

Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, born Feb. 12, 1809; died April 15, 1865.

From the Atlantic shore to the Pacific coast and from the Canadian border to the Mexican Gulf, the American people will celebrate Lincoln's birthday on February 12.

Abraham Lincoln lived in the heart of every school child, in the inspiration of every faithful public servant, and in the courage and patriotism with which the American of today meets his problems of 1925.

What makes his memory so immortal and so highly esteemed by the American people?

It is primarily because Lincoln appeals so strongly to the national spirit of the people, as a genuine product of American Institutions.

To every type of American, Lincoln teaches a lesson.

Abraham Lincoln was the American Moses.

Lincoln's ambition to achieve things that proved to others impossible, kindled with the unquenchable flame as that of the Burning Bush.

The enfranchisement of a nation of slaves trodden underneath the crushing, iron heel of mighty, military, egoistic plantation owners such was the titanic problems which presented itself to Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln was not merely an ardent believer in boundless liberty, but he even was an enthusiastic executor of the greatest biblical commandment: "Ye shall be slaves to no one," sounded by the Holy Voice at the Sinai Heights.

Lincoln was an exemplary and perfect soldier of the soil. He was laden with the savory odors of the balmy forests over-

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changed. If you could do that with a poem or a painting, you could get your money's worth or more, but the mass of people cannot understand your work and therefore what lies beyond their vision is an enigma to them.

But if the poem to you is the best thing or the work of art is the best thing, strive to reach this best thing by all means, for the payment you get is worth all the money to you—the payment is pleasure and joy which is wonderful because you collect payment with your soul and this transcends the material realm of dollars and cents.

Whoever you are whatever you do, work for the best thing as you see it, and that is all that any one can expect you to do. Only, do not think that your own wealth or position makes you a superior sort of person. The man on the other side of the fence has faculties or abilities that may be comparable to yours and his work may have a greater value than yours in the final verdict of posterity.

ATTEND SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL HOUR

grown with redundant vegetation—God's masterpieces. His hands were tempered and furrowed by toil. The lines of his face indicated hard and vigorous endeavor, for his character was moulded by his indomitable will acting on the environment of his youth. He had to strike with his right arm to gain whatever he could possess; nothing came to him by inheritance, save the birthright struggle for a hard and bare existence. Although his external aspect was not quite so polished as that of a complete aristocrat, yet within he possessed a noble soul, gentle heart, lofty spirit and delving brain. He could not speak of monarchs or autocrats, for his mother tongue was democracy. He came out of the west timidly and only after a long and bitter strife gained those unrivaled accomplishments which all Americans of today look upon with great admiration. He trusted, first, in Providence, and then, in his abilities. And the Lord was with him, and he was successful in all his enterprises. As it is said in Psalm 113, 5-6: "God raised up the lowly out of the dust and lifted up the needy from the dung hill; that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people."

Abraham Lincoln, with his lofty spirituality, with his fine sense of the rights of man, genial and filled to the brim with that human interest in his fellow-brother, which is the best sort of piety, stood as the product of American civilization.

Glorious as he was in his life throughtout, he was even more glorious when the high note of victory were ringing in his musical ears. He had malice toward none. His honesty and sobriety, his saint-like fairness to opponents and his unusual common sense marked him at once an uncommon individual. His attitude toward the misled men (who had stood against the Union), did more to cement the Union after the fires of the war

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There is such brotherliness about Abraham Lincoln that he endears himself to every people struggling for liberty.

His life should be prized by us as the most precious offspring of our American development, the richest treasury in the retentive memory of our progressive nation.

PROVERBS

You cannot drink water from an empty cup—neither can you drink the fluid of life from an empty soul.

It is to him who masters our minds by the force of truth, not to those who enslave them by violence. It is to him who understands the universe, not to whom disfigures it, that we owe our reverence.—*Voltaire*.

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