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MANHATTAN-BRONX-WESTCHESTER TITLE DEBATE

I. S. vs. MT. VERNON Y. M. H. A.

THIS SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 27th

FINAL SEASONAL REPORT—1925-1926

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Gym has had a most successful season. There are many ways of measuring success. To some minds success in the Gym Department means winning championships. While I consider that of least importance, we have incidentally won the Senior Basketball Championship of the Community League and came within five points of the City Championship; we won the swimming title of the Community League last season and that of the Metropolitan League (equivalent to the City and N. J. Championship of Jewish Institutions) this year.

But championships are of minor importance. I am proud to state that 95 per cent of all those members of our department who were unable to swim have learnt to do so here and the other 5 per cent have been unable to attend regularly.

I am proud to state that most of our members who have joined with physical defects, such as spinal curvatures, over-weight, under-weight, flat feet, etc., have shown marked improvement.

And I am proud to say that all our boys have shown a splendid spirit of good sportsmanship and friendliness and loyalty to the Institution.

The Gym Department aims to develop good health, character and sociability. That this aim is being achieved is evident to all those that attend.

It will be a pleasure to me to discuss with parents the physical welfare of their children (whether or not the children are members of the Gym) and to discuss with adults their own health problems. I extend a hearty invitation to all our readers and their friends to visit the Gym.

WILLIAM DREEBEN,
Physical Director.

AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT APPEAL

As I have been sending out bills to all members and seat-holders for their membership dues and pledges.

I would ask all those concerned if they would be good enough to send in their payments promptly. We are in great need of funds, as we are very much behind in the running expense of this building, and have not paid the salaries for June 1st.

I hope you will all try to do your utmost and send in your donations and dues.

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director.

SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The close of the ninth annual season marks the advent of continued success on the part of the Social and Educational Department in promoting its respective activities. The chief function of this department is to maintain a recreational center for the Jews in this community and to develop, in a cultural way, those of our members who have no other means of coming into contact with their fellow-beings.

Again severely handicapped by the lack of a sufficient staff and basic materials with which to work, the department has proudly recorded meetings of sixty-three clubs, many of whom have been with the building for a period of five years, and in some cases longer. Many of our Intermediates have functioned with pleasing results as directors of Junior clubs. While the club work in itself presents the acute problem of providing competent leaders, the mass activity work has suffered greatly this year, IN SPITE OF INCREASED MEMBERSHIP, because of a curtailed budget. To that extent we have been forced to forego a great deal of our Dramatic work, eliminate much of our Debating activities and virtually suspend most of our Educational classes—including the popular classes in Music, Dancing, and the Art courses.

In spite of this situation, the staff, having the confidence and the interest of the members as their chief assets by reason of years of association with them, have provided the members with an excellent program of activities, thus, to the best measure within their power, shouldering the burden of the numerical handicaps. Not the least of their efforts have been in the promotion of Social Service activities.

The Junior and Intermediate Club Councils have maintained their annual contests in Debating, Essay, Declamation, Religion, Bible, Chess and Checkers and in the many other interesting activities.

The Intermediates again successfully conducted their Sunday Afternoon Social Hours, capping the season with an unusually brilliant Purim Masquerade. There has been a remarkable development among the Intermediates in holding "open house." This gives their friends in the neighborhood an opportunity to visualize the scope of their work here. The Juniors have inaugurated this same spirit of Social Hours as part of their regular curricula.

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LOOKING FORWARD

This is the final issue for the year 5686. Most of our members will seek some rest or vacation during the summer. I urge them to spend some time with themselves in solitude and reflection. These moments of reflection will be well spent if they will clear the brain and make it alert for new resolutions for betterment in every way.

The regular activities of the year put all of us in a rut. There is need annually not only for spring cleaning of the physical, but for seasonal cleansing of the soul.

I pray that all our members and friends may be granted a healthful and pleasant summer.

Faithfully yours,

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,
Rabbi.

EDELMAN BROTHERS WIN HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Senior Doubles Handball finals, which had been postponed for some time due to the illness of one of the finalists, was played off last Monday night.

It took three tough games to decide the match, which was won finally by the Edelman brothers, Norman and Al. The losers, Joe Leonard and Al Lewis, put up a hard fight.

The final scores: 15-7, 11-15, 21-5.

Handsome medals were awarded to the winning team.

ANNUAL REPORTS

(Continued from page 1, column 2)

A program of religious activities was put into the hands of the club leaders at the beginning of each week. This series of programs have borne fruit in the splendid Bible Contest essays written by the club members and a marked increased interest in the Friday evening forum activities.

Another outstanding development has been the renewed interest in club journalistic endeavors. Many of the clubs have proudly displayed their own publications on the bulletin boards.

In addition to these accomplishments, we have been active in Inter-Association activities. Many of our boys and girls have won prizes in inter-association competition, both in Literary fields and Music contests. The Debating team, which I have had the pleasure of building up from the time that the respective members were Juniors four to five years ago, is about to engage in debate with Mt. Vernon Y. M. H. A. this Sunday for the Manhattan-Bronx-Westchester Title.

A last word in conclusion I want to take this opportunity of thanking the members of my staff for their splendid co-operation and the members of the Intermediate clubs for their personal assistance in helping to carry on activities meant for the supervision of a larger and more experienced staff. I particularly wish to extend the sincere appreciation of the members of the staff and of the club members in particular to those unselfish individuals who have given of their time, to assist us in directing clubs. For his usual and kind assistance in promoting liberality in co-operation for the activities of this department, we are all deeply indebted to Mr. Abraham M. Davis, Chairman of the Board of Director's Committee on Social and Educational Activities. I trust that the example he has set will merit a more progressive attitude on the part of all toward this work in the future. May I at this time caution our young folks' leagues and club members against the decided evils of "mushroom growth"? A creative thought is wasted, if attempted to be put into active expression prematurely.

Although it is with keen regret that I am forced to announce that most of my staff will not return next season, I want to take this means of assuring our good members that the usual cordial greeting and willingness to co-operate will be manifested next year.

My kindest wishes for a happy summer and absorption of renewed vigor for the good work of our beloved I. S.

SIDNEY B. ALEXANDER,
Director Social and Educational Department

A SPECIAL NOTICE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ALL MEMBERS AND SEAT HOLDERS

The Religious Committee is now reserving seats for the High Holy Days, and therefore ask every member and seat-holder, before leaving the city, to come in and see the committee, in order to be assured of your choice seats.

SIGN UP THAT NEW MEMBER

REPORT OF PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Parents' Association and Junior League June
Outing Huge Success—Talmud Torah
Children Have Wonderful Time

How anxiously and breathlessly the children waited. "Would it rain on Sunday the 13th?" But, the Almighty was good. Sunday dawned—clear and beautiful and warm.

How hard the members of the Parents' Association and Junior League worked the night before and that very morning, to make the Outing a success! It was well worth the effort.

Mrs. I. Stein, the president of the Parents' Association, had worked ardently to put the affair over and beamed proudly as she saw the results of her work. It was through her efforts that donations of milk, cake, etc., were obtained. The arrangements were practically faultless.

Miss Eva G. Stein, president of the Junior League of the I. S., did everything in her power to make this outing "the Outing of Outings." It was through her efforts that donations of lollipops, fancy paper hats and toys were obtained.

Miss Stein proudly led the procession to Central Park, North Meadows, where the children disbanded. There were almost 1,000 children present and on the Meadows they were served with the milk galore, cake, lollipops and then they received beads, toy wrist watches, balloons, and other novelties. The fancy paper hats were given to the children as they left the I. S. Some of the children then had a baseball game, and the winning team, which was Mr. Freiman's, were awarded with medals.

Mrs. Vosberg, Mrs. Kahn, Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Mrs. Korngold and Mrs. I. Stein rode down to the field in a car alongside the parade in order to help insure the children's safety. Mrs. Neuvirth, Mrs. Vogel, Mrs. Gruber, Mrs. Hollander and Mrs. Wallach, and the above-mentioned ladies were also on the field and lent their aid.

The Junior League members who were on the field were Mr. Abe Eagle, Miss Sternberg, Mr. Irving Shapiro, Mr. George Walden, Miss Selma Weller, Miss Esther Mound, Miss Edith Finn and Miss Gertrude Stein.

Honorary President of both organizations, our worthy Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein honored us with a visit. Other visitors were Rabbi M. Schuchatowitz, our director and executive secretary, Mr. Bernstein, and Mr. Datt, principal of the Talmud Torah.

Mrs. I. Stein led the parade on the way home. At the Institutional Synagogue, at about 7 o'clock in the evening, they disbanded with cheers for the I. S. Parents' Association, and the Junior League of the I. S.

As a result of the success of the annual Strawberry Festival given by both the above organizations, the sum of \$200 was donated to the I. S. as part of the profits to help pay the teachers.

The Junior League held their closing meeting of the season last night. Thursday, and quite a crowd was present. The young men and young women members present were very much in favor of a motion to celebrate the winning of a silver cup awarded to the Junior League as first prize for their Friday evening Forums.

THE JEW IN AMERICA

IN AMERICAN LITERATURE

Samuel Roth, Elias Lieberman, Franklin P. Adams are known to many readers of recent verse. The latter is also one of the most successful columnists in America, the widely quoted F. P. A. who has made "The Conning Tower" an established institution in American journalism.

A striking example of the versatility of the Jewish mind is shown in the work of Ezekiel Leavitt, who has written original plays, poems, and essays in four different languages: Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian and English.

Morris Ryskind is a master of clever quips. Oscar Williams, Michael Golc, Milton Raisin, Samuel Hoffenstein, Joseph Auslander, Gustav Davidson, Martin Feinstein, and an army of poets of lesser renown, contribute continually to the various American periodicals.

Simultaneously with appearance of a host of Jewish writers in contemporary American literature there has been developing within the past few decades a voluminous literature in the native Yiddish tongue of the Russo-Jewish immigrants. Yiddish itself has definitely passed the stage where the term jargon or dialect could be applied to it and has become an instrument for the creation of literary and cultural values. The Jews in this country have produced novelists, playwrights and poets of considerable power and ability.

Abner Tannenbaum has translated into Yiddish the best of French and German novels while Philip Krantz has written extensively on the cultural history of mankind. Alexander Harkavy is a Yiddish encyclopaedist. Leon Korbin, I. Oportashu, Alter Epstein, Ossip Dimow, B. Gorin, Israel Zevin, David Pinski, and a host of others fill the columns of the Yiddish press with splendid short stories. But Sholom Asch perhaps is the outstanding Yiddish fiction writer. A number of his works have been translated into the European languages.

The Yiddish language is becoming enriched with noble poetry. Morris Rosenfeld, one of the earliest of the Yiddish poets in America, achieved considerable fame by his "Songs of the Ghetto." His works have been translated into English, German, Polish, Roumanian and Bohemian. The chief theme of his poetry is the misery of the toiling masses in the sweatshops where he spent a portion of his life as a tailor. Occasionally he bursts into a more joyous song and voices the hopes of his people for their national redemption.

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