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BENNY LEONARD GETS INTO ACTION

Meets Our President and Promises Co-operation

The Physical Education Department seems to be very popular with our retired Lightweight Champion, Benny Leonard, for he appeared twice again in gym togs on our gym floor last week. To the edification and amusement of our members, he boxed a few rounds with our better athletes. The varying cries of "Come on, Benny, please knock him out" kind of discouraged these enthusiastic sparring partners, however.

Mr. Leonard's chief purpose in coming to our building is to popularize this dean of clean sports amongst the youth of Harlem. Judging from the increased membership during the last week, we might say that his efforts are worth while. Personally, he would like to see more of our Jewish boys interest themselves in athletics as a whole and develop their bodies in the proper way. Hon. Isaac Siegel, our President, had quite a lengthy talk with Benny Leonard along these lines, and secured his promise of continued co-operation. We shall, however, anticipate his regular attendance here hereafter on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Sunday mornings.

A great deal of his athletic training is done with the Benny Leonard Club, one of our senior organizations, of which his brother, Joey, is an officer.

NOVEMBER 7TH SET AS DATE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP DEBATE

Institutional Synagogue Will Meet Borough Park Y. M. H. A.

Sunday evening, November 7th, has been finally decided upon as the date of the championship debate to decide the leading team amongst the Y. M. H. A.s and Jewish Centers of this city.

The debate will be held in our auditorium, with the Institutional Synagogue assuming the affirmative side of the topic: "Resolved, That the United States Should Enter Into an Agreement with the Allied Powers for the Mutual Cancellation of Inter-Allied War Debts."

The members of the Institutional Synagogue Team will be: Louis Hellman, Samuel Cohen and Selma Nitzberg.

The members of the Borough Park Y. M. H. A. Team will be Donald Daniels and Samuel Edelman.

Kindly make your application for tickets by mail, or at the Information Desk.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

This Saturday Morning
RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Will Preach

Light Candles at 4.50 P. M.

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE APPEALS FOR PRAYER BOOKS, BIBLES AND TALASIM

To the Members of Our Synagogue:

In the name of our Talmud Torah children and our Club Department, we direct this appeal to all our friends to contribute to a really worth-while fund.

There have been a great many demands upon us for Prayer Books, Bibles and Talasim this season. This speaks well of our accomplishments in so far as the purpose of our building is concerned, but we are unfortunately unable to meet the demands, due to lack of funds. To show our sincerity in the need for these religious articles, we ask you, in lieu of a contribution, to purchase any or all of the articles yourself. We use the *Complete Daily Prayer Book*, published by the Hebrew Publishing Co. The Bibles are from the translation by Lesser, also at the Hebrew Publishing Co. This will allow us uniformity in our religious books.

Anticipating your co-operation in this Holy task,

Sincerely yours,
RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE.

Educational Classes Now Open

The Social and Educational Department announces the following classes now meeting or open for registration:

MUSIC CLASSES

VIOLIN FOR BEGINNERS, BOYS
AND GIRLS.

PIANO FOR BEGINNERS

VOICE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY
SINGING FOR ADULTS AND
CHILDREN.

CLASSICAL DANCING FOR ADULTS
AND CHILDREN.

BALLROOM DANCING FOR ADULTS

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES
CLASSES IN COSTUME AND DE-
SIGNING

ENGLISH TO FOREIGNERS AND
CITIZENSHIP.

Registration is now going on. Come
in and see us. Information gladly given.
Fees are small.

CLUB ROOMS AND CLASS ROOMS NOW OPEN!

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CRESCENT CLUB RESUMES
ACTIVITIES

Establish Branch on the Pacific Coast

The Crescent Club, one of our oldest and most active intermediates, startles us with the announcement that a branch of their organization will be opened in San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Abe S. Klinger, former president of the organization, who has recently taken up his abode on the Pacific Coast, is starting this branch. The club further announces many interesting plans for the coming season. The fifth anniversary, which approaches very soon, will be celebrated by a dinner dance. Other interesting events on the schedule include social meetings, smokers, parties, dances and other activities that will make for greater unity in the club membership. The club has received a great many new applications for membership. Several of the new members here recently added to the roster have shown their ability in organization work, and displayed splendid spirit in their spirit of co-operation with the other members.

We expect a great many things from the Crescent Club during their fifth anniversary season.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

HOLD KOFFEE KLATCH

Large Attendance Signifies Approval of Activities

The Parents Association of our Talmud Torah held their initial Koffee Klatch of this season in the restaurant last Tuesday evening, October 12th. The aroma of strong coffee and delicious appearance of tempting *Taglach* attracted the editor to the precincts of this organization. A bountiful supply of dainties met his eye, and an invitation to participate was eagerly accepted. However, the attendance being so large and the members so enthusiastic to hear from Rabbi Schuchatowitz, we were forced to depart, for only a Rabbi is privileged to attend women's "pep" meeting.

Judging by this show of attendance and the broad smile displayed by Mrs. I. Stein, the enthusiastic and energetic president of the association, we expect a great many things and a lot of co-operation from this splendid organization. We thank the members who contributed the refreshments. At any rate, we said so and wished them a sincere and deserved success in their future undertakings.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS ELECTS
OFFICERS

Mesdames Siegel, Stavish, Udell and Burnett Chosen

A most successful Bible Study Course has been instituted this year by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

It meets every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 P. M. at the Synagogue Building and takes up an intensive study of the Bible.

To quote the Rabbi, "There is too much said *about* the Bible and too little known *of* the Bible." Every verse of the scriptural lesson is read and commented upon in the class. At the last session Mrs. Isaac Siegel, wife of our President, was elected Secretary. Mrs. Sidney D. Burnett, Treasurer and Mesdames Max Stavish and Lester Udell, co-chairman on Hospitality.

The Bible Class is open to the Sisterhood, Parents Association, Synagogue members and their friends.

Refreshments and a Social Hour will follow every session of the Class.

Cemetery Plots Available

The Institutional Synagogue has a limited number of choice cemetery plots on Mount Zion Cemetery, which it is ready to dispose of. These plots may be secured in single graves or in family plots.

Information may be secured at the office of the Synagogue every day by calling University 6729 or 2547.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE TALMUD TORAH!

J. E. A. TO AWARD PRIZES

Hon. Isaac Siegel to Speak

The day greatly anticipated by the pupils of all Talmud Torahs has been finally set to be the 31st of October. On this day all the excellent pupils of the Hebrew Schools of Harlem, Yorkville, and Washington Heights will receive prizes. These prizes consist of Bibles, Medals and Certificates, given by the Jewish Education Association for good attendance, progress, and conduct during the year 5686. (School year 1925-1926).

The festival will take place in the Wadleigh High School, and is expected to be as impressive as it was last year. The Institutional Synagogue is highly represented on this occasion. The main address will be delivered by our President, Hon. Isaac Siegel and the prizes will be distributed by one of our directors, Mr. Samuel N. Samuels. Gertrude Siegel will speak in the name of the prize winners (Bible receivers). The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangement for this occasion is our principal, Mr. J. Datt. Invitations to this festival to the parents as well as to the pupils will be delivered during the coming week. The Jewish Education Association will give prizes at the end of this year too, prizes to the best boys of the Hebrew School. These prizes consist of sending a number of boys to a camp and distributing Bibles, medals, and certificates to the pupils who have a high attendance between 95 and 100 per cent, A or B in progress and A in conduct.

TRUE PALS CLUB TO HOLD
SECOND ANNUAL DANCE

The True Pals Club, one of the senior organizations of the building, announces that it will hold another dance in the near future. They hope to outshine their success of last December, when they ran their first affair at Carleton Hall.

As an initial step in their plans, they are engaging one of the ballrooms in the hotels downtown, and are developing their professional talent for an extraordinary entertainment. One of the interesting features concerning this club is the fact that eight of the members are professional musicians and one of them is a professional entertainer, who is now engaged in that capacity at one of the large hotels in Lakewood, N. J.

The officers elected for this season are:

Charles Gurock, President.

Max Straus, Vice-President.

Elias Cohen, Secretary and Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAKE
TENTATIVE PLANS FOR
ANNUAL THEATRE PARTYVarious Committees Discuss Building
Activities

The Board of Directors Committee on the Annual Theatre Party held a meeting last week, and is drawing up tentative plans for the coming season.

Other committees which met during the week are: Committee on Tenth Anniversary, Committee on Finances, Committee on Gym and Pool, and the Cemetery Committee.

SWIMMING TEAM ELECTS CAPTAIN

Mr. Herschel announces that the Swimming Team is making excellent progress under the tutorship of Harry Florence, the new coach. The team is getting into excellent shape for the coming A. A. U. meets, and is expects to show to great advantage during this season. Moe Rothman has been elected the captain of the I. S. Mermaids for this season. Rothman is also captain of the DeWitt Clinton High School Swimming Team. We hope that the team will turn in another championship for us at the end of the season.

TALMUD TORAH SYNAGOGUE
ATTENDANCE INCREASES

The attendance in the Shule this week was very high. The classes that distinguished themselves in the high attendance were among the boys' classes—class 5B, among the girls' classes—class 3AG.

The chazonim this week were: Philip Kaplan, Benjamin Weinstein, Mostofsky and Bernard Coopersmith. The reader was Jacob Feinsilver.

The classes having the highest attendance in the Talmud Torah during the week ending October 16, 1926, are: Among the boys classes—2A1, among the girls' classes 3AIG (100 per cent) and 1AIG.

Adult Hebrew Classes

Join one of the following classes:

<i>Hebrew for Beginners</i>	
Monday nights	Mr. Datt
<i>Bible Study for Women</i>	
Wednesday afternoons	Rabbi Goldstein
<i>Book of Proverbs</i>	
Wednesday nights	Rabbi Goldstein
<i>Talmud</i>	
Wednesday nights and Sat. afternoons	Rabbi Goldstein
<i>Hebrew Grammar and Conversation</i>	
Thursday nights	Mr. Datt
<i>Post Biblical History</i>	
Thursday nights	Mr. Datt
Registration fee of one dollar. Registration is going on now.	

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL CLASSES!

THE JEW IN AMERICA

THE JEW IN THE MAKING OF AMERICA

What were the motives which led Santangel, Gabriel Sanchez, Juan de Cabrero and these other Jews to support this expedition across the unfathomed deep? Why, one is impelled to ask, did the temporary severance of relations between the Spanish Court and Columbus make Santangel so sad that, in the words of Las Casas "he felt as much sorrow and distress as if he himself had been afflicted with some great misfortune."

No understanding of the forces that made possible the voyage of Columbus can be had without a conception of the position of the Spanish Jews. The very kith and kin of Santangel and the others were fleeing in every direction. The Jews were being exiled, but no haven of refuge was open. Here and there some refugees found a rest. Holland, Turkey, North Africa and Italy, where in the shadow of the Vatican they met with great tolerance, accepted a number. Others drifted aimlessly on the water, thousands of others were captured by pirates and sold as slaves.

More than once there must have entered in the minds of Santangel and the others that here in the country about to be opened up to international commerce a channel of escape might be created for the fleeing Jews; that now their sorely tried brethren would have a chance to find life and liberty. The expedition of Columbus was at least something to seize on, it offered some hope of a solution from the insoluble problem of how to save the remnants of a once proud and prosperous Jewry. This feeling for kith and kin may partly explain the deep-felt grief of Santangel at the temporary break-up of relations; this conception of their duty undoubtedly led these Spanish Jews to support Columbus and to make possible the discovery of America. The judgment of Santangel was vindicated by history, for no sooner was America discovered than large numbers of Jews flocked to the West Indies, where they introduced the cultivation of sugar.

Santangel was recognized by Columbus as being the personality instrumental in the success of the expedition. After the explorers had discovered land, he regarded

it as his duty to send the glad tidings if his success, not to the King or to the Queen, but to Santangel. He wrote a detailed account of his voyage. This letter was written in Spanish near the Canary Islands on February 15, 1493. He made another report to Sanchez. Later, both letters were sent to Ferdinand and Isabella, who received Columbus with much ceremony.

(To Be Continued)

Have You Paid Up Your Pledge?

To Members and Seatholders:

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time, owing to the unstable conditions evident in Harlem.

We therefore ask you to be sincere enough to co-operate with us by sending in your contributions as pledged, together with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thank you for the co-operation which I know I may expect from you.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director.

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