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METROPOLITAN LEAGUE TO HOLD FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centers will hold its First Annual Convention and Banquet at the 92nd Street Y. M. H. A. October 31, 1926.

This League is composed of community centers of the metropolitan district affiliated with the Jewish Welfare Board.

The program of activities has been divided into three parts and includes the following:

10 A. M.—Morning Session Sol M. Stroock, Presiding

1. Opening Prayer by Rabbi.
2. Greetings:
 - (a) On behalf of the City of New York—The Mayor or his representative.
 - (b) On behalf of Y.M.C.A.s.
 - (c) On behalf of K. of C.s.
 - (d) On behalf of Jewish Welfare Board—Judge Irving Lehman, President.
 - (e) On behalf of 92nd Street Y.M.H.A. Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, Pres.
2. Reports:
 - (a) Annual Report of the President of the Metropolitan League.
 - (b) Report of the Field Secretary.
 - (c) Brief reports of various committees.
4. Appointment of Committees:
 - (a) Committee on Credentials.
 - (b) Committee on Resolutions.
 - (c) Committee on Nominations.

1 P. M.—Luncheon

2 P. M.—Afternoon Session

Educational Conference—Constructive Suggestions for Jewish Community Associations.

- (a) From the standpoint of the Board of Directors.
- (b) From the standpoint of executive secretaries.
- (c) From the standpoint of the active membership.
- (d) From the standpoint of the Jewish community.

4:30 P. M.—Business Meeting

1. Reports of Committees:
 - (a) Committee on Credentials.
 - (b) Committee on Resolutions.
 - (c) Committee on Nominations.
 - (d) Committee on Citizenship and Americanization.
2. Election of Officers.

7 P. M.—Convention Banquet

An Exhibit of the work of associations in the Metropolitan League will be placed on display.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

This Saturday Morning
RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Will Preach

Light Candles at 4.42 P. M.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THEATRE PARTY "Broadway" Chosen as the Show for This Year—Called Leading Play in New York by Critics

The Board of Directors, through the chairman of the Theatre Party Committee, Mr. Lester Udell, announces that it has completed final arrangements for securing the best show in New York today, as an inducement for the annual theatre party.

The show chosen is called "Broadway," said by leading New York critics to be the greatest show on the boards today. It is playing at the Broadhurst Theatre, Broadway and 44th Street, and even at this date tickets are selling weeks in advance. We have bought out the entire house for a two-night run. The first night will be Monday evening, December 20th, and the following night Tuesday, December 21st. Tickets are ready for immediate distribution, and they will be distributed in the order in which requests are made for reservations. Since the popularity of the show means that it will probably have a long run, we expect an unusually heavy demand for tickets. We will reserve the best seats for one week for our members. After that the tickets will be sold to the general public indiscriminately.

Mr. Udell, with his usual peppy methods, has already started on a campaign to make both nights a complete "sell-out." The INSTITUTIONAL wishes him merited success in this worth-while of his many activities on our behalf.

DEBATING TEAM PERFECTS PLAN OF ATTACK Expects to Put Up Exceptional Good Fight for Championship

Mr. Charnas, the Debating Coach, informs us that the Debating Team is very busy burning the midnight oil in preparation for its momentous meeting with the Borough Park Y. M. H. A. to determine the championship of Greater New York.

The debate will be held at our auditorium on Sunday evening, November 7th, at 8 o'clock. Tickets are now ready for distribution and may be acquired by application to the Registrar at the desk, or by mailing request to the Social and Educational Department.

CLUB ROOMS AND CLASS ROOMS NOW OPEN!

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JEWISH WELFARE BOARD SOCIETIES
BEGIN ACTIVE SEASON

With the opening of the new season of the Jewish Community Centers, Young Men's Hebrew Associations, and Young Women's Hebrew Associations, in numerous cities, which are constituent societies of the Jewish Welfare Board, the Board reports that there are strong indications of an unusually active year.

A larger number of the constituent societies than in previous years have sought the aid of the Jewish Welfare Board in planning and carrying out their programs of educational and recreational activities during the coming season. The tendency has been marked on the part of these organizations to plan their year's work definitely in advance, and the Jewish Welfare Board has assisted them in doing so by issuing concrete materials on various aspects of the program. Under the encouragement and stimulation of the Board, a more pronounced Jewish character is being infused into both the mass and the club activities.

The Lecture and Concert Bureau conducted by the Board is likewise reaching an increasing number of associations, which are making use of its services in arranging well balanced programs of lectures and concerts, in which themes of Jewish interest predominate.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

Talmud Torah Pupils Edit a Newspaper

The staff of the Talmud Torah congratulates the pupils of the higher classes in their efforts in editing a pupil's paper, which is called the I. S. T. T. News. The enterprise was due to the initiative of the pupils themselves, their energetic management Hyman Silverman, who is editor-in-chief; Hattie Clark, assistant editor; J. Frank, business reporter-manager; Jacob Feinsilver, manager of reporters, and Emanuel Hreenberg, literary editor. Others who take an active part are H. Hyman, Brenner and J. Silverman. The paper is intended for the benefit of the pupil. Each edition will contain an editorial addressed to the pupils, stories for the boys of the higher classes and others for boys of the lower classes. A story in Hebrew relating to the weekly portion of the Bible, besides jokes and humorous material. The first issue is a successful product of their efforts and is surely a reward for their labor. We anticipate great success in this undertaking.

This Sunday, the 31st of October, there will be held a Prize Winner's Festival in Wadleigh High School for those pupils who distinguished themselves in their attendance, progress and conduct during the year 5686. As reported in the last weeks INSTITUTIONAL we are well represented in this affair, being the largest Institute in Harlem, Yorkville and Washington Heights. Our President, Hon. Isaac Siegel, will deliver the main address and Mr. Samuel N. Samuels, one of our active directors, who will distribute the medals. An address will be delivered by one of the prize winners (Bible's) Gertrude Siegel. Ushers will be the Boy Scouts of our building.

MOZELTOV!

We are indeed happy to announce the impending marriage of our dear Club leader and member Bertha Leibovitz to Mr. Louis B. Levy.

The wedding will be performed on Sunday Evening, November 7th at Braun Mansion. Miss Leibovitz had been the leader of the Aloha Club for the past few years. The success of her endeavors is found in the attraction that these girls have in their leader. As a member of the congregation, she has been an active participant in all of our many fields.

The congregation wishes her every happiness and prosperity.

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!

IN MEMORIAL

The Abraham Lincoln S. C. mourns the loss of

LOUIS SHEIN

Deceased Oct. 16, 1926

one of its outstanding members.

GYM NOTES**Juniors Begin All-Around Tourney**

The Junior Gym Club will start its all round championship next Tuesday. It will last for fifteen weeks. Each week a new event will be contested. Junior Gym members use the Gym and Pool every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8. Join now if you want to get the benefit of the winter's competition.

The Senior Gym members are going at a rapid pace. Commencing the evening's work with handball, boxing, shooting at the basket, weight pulling, bag punching and apparatus work they then go through a half hour of calisthenics using wands, Indian clubs and dumbbells. Their evening's work is concluded with a lively game of basket ball and a rejuvenating plunge in our crystal pool.

The invincible Benny Leonard is a consistent worker in the gym, going through all the preliminary work and taking an active interest in Joe Herschel's class work. He usually winds up the evening with a few rounds of boxing with the members of the Benny Leonard Club.

Last Tuesday evening Mr. Leonard instructed the members of the Gym the art of using one's "mits." The gratitude showered on Benny by the members, showed the intensified interest in the Leonard Method of Boxing. Come down and learn self-defense in true Leonard fashion.

WITH THE JUNIORS**Will Offer Chanukah Entertainment**

Back into our portals have come most of our junior standbys of last year. It is a great sight to see, among others, the Cardinals, Merrymakers, Symeeha, Panthers, Manhattan, Model Athletic and, of course, the famous Boy Scout Troop, meeting again, functioning as if there were no summer and as if they had been meeting right along.

From these clubs we expect to get our material for the cast which is going to produce a play on December 4th; that is Chanukah week.

At the last meeting of the Junior Council plans were discussed for the year. Among these comes a big surprise. The Juniors may conduct their own Purim Masquerade, which heretofore has been a strictly Intermediate and Senior affair. However, that will depend on the way the Juniors conduct themselves during the season.

Now, Juniors, get busy and put yourself in a position to get this great treat!

JUNIOR LEAGUE TO HOLD ANNUAL DANSANT

On Saturday Evening, January 29, 1927, at The Greystone Hotel

The Junior League of the Parents Association, of our Talmud Torah, will hold its gala annual invitation dansant on Saturday evening, January 29, 1927, at the Greystone Hotel.

The success of these affairs in previous years warrants our statement that this affair will outshine all previous dances, according to the plans that have been made. The Junior League has resumed its very active program, witness the fine attendance at the meetings. In addition to this all-important dance, many delightful social affairs have been arranged for the benefit of the members. The League continues its active participation, under the very able leadership of Miss Eva Stein.

WILL TEACH ELEMENTS OF PIANO PLAYING**New Class Meets on Wednesdays**

The new class, having for its purpose instruction in the rudiments and fundamentals of piano playing, held its first session last Wednesday evening in the Social Rooms. This class is under the leadership of Miss Ida Bersin.

This new class has an excellent program of instruction, and is open for immediate registration. The fee is very small, giving our boys and girls an opportunity to get a fair knowledge of music within their financial means.

Registration is now open. Inquiries should be addressed to the Social and Educational Department.

BROWNIE PACK TODDLES INTO SEASON**The I. S. Darlings Relate Summer Stories**

The Brownie Pack No. 14, which is a sort of midget organization, affiliated with the Girl Scouts, returned to the fold last Sunday.

This organization consists of little girls about eight years old, whose chief efforts are along the lines of Girl Scout activities. They are taught games, and above all, self-reliance. From these small beginnings eventually come splendid examples of American Girlhood. Aside from the cuteness with which they attack their interesting program, the organization is to be commended for its nicety of purpose. These girls are under the leadership of Miss R. R. Froimowitz, and under the special guidance of Miss Naomi Kerner, for many years the Girl Scout Leader in this building.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL CLASSES!

THE JEW IN AMERICA

THE JEWS IN THE MAKING OF AMERICA

After his return Columbus began preparations for his second journey. The first financial resources having been exhausted it became necessary to look about for new wealth which might be utilized for sending forth the squadron again. Ferdinand did not have to seek far, for he had ascertained that the Jews, expelled from his kingdom, had left behind them money or its equivalent in real or personal property as well as many debts which they had been unable to collect. Accordingly a royal order was issued, in which the authorities were commanded to confiscate for the state all the property which had belonged to the Jews, including that which had been forcefully taken from them by Christians. Even those valuables which the fleeing Jews had left with their baptized relatives were seized and converted into money to meet the expenses of the expedition. Mantles which had been used to cover the scrolls of the law were seized and sold to provide money. According to a royal order of May 23rd, 1493, it was from this fund that 10,000 maravedis were paid to Columbus upon his return as the reward to him who would sight land first. This second successful consummation of the voyage was made possible to some extent with money directly taken from Jewish sources.

Was Columbus himself a Jew? The most crude protagonist of this theory is the learned Spanish churchman, Don Celso García de la Riega, a scholar famous for his researches on the life of the great discoverer. By referring to documents in the town of Pontavedra in the Province of Galicia, he demonstrated that the family of Colon (the Spanish form of Columbus' family name) lived there between 1428 and 1528. The first names found among them were the same as prevalent among the relatives of the Spanish admiral. These Colons and the Fonterossa family intermarried. The latter, asserts García de la Riega, were undoubtedly Jewish or had been recently converted to Catholicism. Christopher's mother was a Fonterossa. When disorders broke out, the parents of the discoverer went from Spain to Italy and settled there. Furthermore, asserts this scholar,

both the Jewish appearance of Columbus and the great familiarity which he displayed with the Bible tend to conform the theory of his Jewish origin.

(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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