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TICKETS FOR THEATRE PARTY SELL RAPIDLY

Expect Capacity Crowd at the Broadhurst On December 20th and 21st

The Theatre Party Committee, through Mr. Lester Udell, Chairman, announces that tickets are selling very rapidly for the Annual Theatre Party, which will be held on Monday Evening and Tuesday Evening, December 20th and 21st. The show, "Broadway," which is now playing at the Broadhurst, has met with considerable amount of approval on the part of the most critical New York audiences. The play is the best obtainable on the boards in New York today.

The Committee is present at the synagogue every evening in the week, and members are requested to make immediate reservations for desirable seats. All that is necessary is that you drop us a line or telephone University 6729 or University 2547.

THEATRE JOURNAL COMMITTEE SOLICITS ADVERTISEMENTS

Expects to Produce Exceptionally Large Journal for This Theatre Party

Mrs. Mose Goodman, a prominent member of the Sisterhood, has been appointed Chair-lady of the Journal Committee for our Annual Theatre Party. If her past activities are an indication, we are sure that this journal is going to shine out as the best one that we have had so far. We wish Mrs. Goodman every success and assure her of our co-operation.

Members will find an advertising blank on the back page of this week's INSTITUTIONAL. Your co-operation is earnestly solicited. Knowing that the theatre party will be held on two successful nights, and the fact that the Broadhurst Theatre has such a large capacity, we are sure that you will see the business advantage of such an advertisement.

SEDURIM AND TALASIM

ARE DONATED

Additional Prayer Books and Bibles Are Sought

In response to our recent appeal, we are pleased to announce the donation of one dozen Sedurim for the Synagogue and two dozen Sedurim for the Talmud Torah Children, the gift of Joshua and Harold Levine, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine.

We trust that this example will be followed by other members of our congregation.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

This Saturday Morning
RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Will Preach

Light Candles at 4:20 P. M.

INTERMEDIATE COUNCIL PREPARES SEASON'S PROGRAM Elects Officers and Selects Committees for Ensuing Year

The Intermediate Council is well under way and prospects are very bright for a banner year. An unprecedented number of clubs have registered in this section of the Social and Educational Department, and things are beginning to hum.

At the second meeting of the Council the following officers were chosen for the coming half year:

President: Mr. Murray Chester—Harmony Pals.

Vice-President: Mr. Moe Goldstein—Harmony Pals.

Secretary: Miss Irene Cantor—Alhoa Club.

Treasurer: Miss Doris Schneider—Winona Club.

The first of the Intermediate Social Hours, which will be continued throughout the season every Sunday, proved very successful. Plans are being formed for an Oratorical Contest, a Chanukah Celebration, and the Friday Evening Forums. Beginning Monday, November 15th, the Intermediate Social Room on the second floor will be the setting for an Intermediate Get-Together Week. All Intermediates are invited to come down to meet old friends and make new ones. Different clubs will be hosts on various evenings, and we are looking forward to a very active and interesting week.

THREE NEW CLUB LEADERS VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Three new club leaders have volunteered their services and have been assigned to lead Junior organizations.

Mr. Gilbert Israel, one of our former Talmud Torah pupils, will direct the Cardinal A. C., and Mr. Murray Elkins will direct the Panther Juniors. Miss Marion Rovenger, an old club member of our building, is leading the Symeeha Club.

The work and service of these leaders is inestimable, and they are to be highly commended for their patience and fine spirit in volunteering. We trust that many others will follow suit, as there are many clubs without leaders. The work is not difficult and is very interesting.

CHAMPIONSHIP DEBATE POSTPONED TO SAT. EVE., NOV. 20th!

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JEWISH WELFARE BOARD PREPARING FOR CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

The coming Chanukah holiday, which begins this year on December 1st and ends on December 8th, will be observed by the Jewish Welfare Board in both aspects of its work as a national agency.

As the national parent body for the Jewish Community Centers, YMHAs, and YWHAs, the Jewish Welfare Board is assisting these associations in their plans for the celebration of this holiday, and is providing them with a variety of helpful and appropriate materials. Attendances of over 50,000 have been reported in the last few years at the Chanukah celebrations conducted by the constituent societies of the Board.

In addition, the Jewish Welfare Board, in its capacity as the national agency for service to the Jewish men in the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and in Veterans Bureau hospitals, is arranging through its representatives and community committees for appropriate Chanukah activities for the men. Religious services, entertainments, and social hours will be provided, not only in the United States, but at outlying points, such as Manila, Hawaii and Panama.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTES

Mr. Max Sanders Elected to Board—Mr. Richman Donates Athletic Equipment Various Committees Report Progress

Mr. Max Sanders has been unanimously elected as a new Director on our Board of Directors. We want to take this opportunity of congratulating him, and we trust that we shall secure his ever-present and earnest co-operation.

At the recent meeting, an announcement was made to the effect that Mr. Reuben Richman, Chairman of the Committee on Athletic Activities, has presented the gymnasium with some athletic material including handballs, gloves, boxing gloves, etc.

Mr. Richman's sincerity in his task meets with our unqualified approval.

Interesting reports were made by the following committees: Mr. Felix Gouled, Chairman on Federation Activities, reported on the splendid convention. Mr. Udell rendered his regular report on the Theatre Party. Mr. David H. Gluck reported on nominations for the ensuing year, and Mr. Richman discussed the various improvements now taking place in the gymnasium and swimming-pool.

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

Seniors Start Their Tournament Nov. 15th

The seniors of the Physical Education Department will start their Handball tournament November the fifteenth. These tournaments will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, between the hour of seven-thirty and eight-thirty only. A week preceding each contest, there will be posted on the bulletin board of the gymnasium, the names of those to play.

The following men have signified their willingness to participate: Messrs. Hirsch, Kriloff, Solomon, Roth, Kaplan, Hollander, Cohen, Levine, Cohen, Eisereke, Siegel, Dolinger, Malden, Edelman, Davis, Korin, Lewis, Herbert, Leavitt.

The Juniors of our gym are now engaged in a most interesting tournament which is to decide the best all-around athlete of that department. This past week they had a boxing contest.

UNVEILING

There will be an unveiling of the headstone of our late member, Lazarus Shapiro, at Washington Cemetery, Section 2, this Sunday afternoon, November 14th, at 3 P.M. Members of the Synagogue are requested to attend.

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.

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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CHAMPIONSHIP DEBATE

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WOMEN AND TORAH

By Marion S. Lubetkin

Every nation has one binding force, one thing that holds it together. The United States has its constitution; Judaism its Torah. The Declaration of Independence was a wonderful document, full of fire and enthusiasm, but the Declaration of Independence could not have made the United States a great, free and unified nation, the dry matter-of-fact laws set down in the Constitution have done that. So it is with Judaism—our Bible, full of inspiration and beauty, could not make us a unified nation; the explicit laws given in the Torah bind us together.

The Torah must never be allowed to become a meaningless set of rules, for, when Judaism forgets the word of the Torah, then Judaism cannot exist. It is up to the woman, the wife, mother and sweetheart, to teach and to see that those with whom she comes in contact, keep the Torah a living document. Women in the past, especially during Talmudic times, have proven themselves the backbone of our nation. Within this period of our nation's sorrows and great afflictions the women stand out as heroines, martyres and sources of inspiration.

Women have held every position of honor in our history; there have been women counselors, women executives and even women prophets. To the Jew there is no position so high, so exalted, as that of the prophet for the prophet has reached that stage of spiritual perfection second only to the angel. Miriam, who cared for and trained her brother Moses, was a prophetess; Deborah, who inspired Barak to defeat the Phillistines, a feat he could not have accomplished were it not for her, was one of the Judges.

The story of Hannah and her seven sons, is familiar to all of us. We all know and revere the martyr mother who sacrificed her sons rather than have them forsake their religion and their God. One by one they marched up and, before her eyes, were slain while she cheered them and tried to comfort them.

Though her heart was torn with anguish she stood there, never flinching, staunch, brave and true to her God. As we read the book of the Macabees, "With spirit hard as adamant, leading on that number of sons to immortality, adjured them to die for the faith."

For generations, woman had played but a small part in the political history of our nation. Then came Queen Salome Alexandra, who was enabled by her executive ability and personal charm to rule her country wisely and well through many years of war and devastation.

Rachel, Rabbi Akiba's wife, has always been held up as the model wife and helpmate. Rachel was the daughter of a very wealthy Jew. She married Rabbi Akiba against her father's wishes and suffered all manner of privations that he might continue his studies unencumbered by family responsibilities.

Beruria, Rabbi Meir's wife, is without a doubt one of the most talented, lovable and human of all women in Jewish history. Her piercing wit gave her a place in the most learned circles of her day. Her feminine tenderness prevents her from ever becoming harsh. It is said that she knew no fear and that she often corrected the sages. One of most characteristic stories known of her is the one telling of the death of her sons.

One day, while Rabbi Meir was at the Academy, her two sons died. They were her only children and she was naturally greatly wrought up over their death. She laid them, however, in her bedroom and when Rabbi Meir came home and asked for them she responded: "Why, they must be at the academy." She gave him some food and said to him: "Rabbi, some time ago a friend gave me some jewels to keep for Him and now He asks for them back. Shall I return them to Him?"

"I am surprised," said the Rabbi, "that you should ask me such a question," can there be any doubt in the matter?" She then led him to her room and showed him his sons. His wails and cries of lamentation filled the house and she tenderly said: "My husband, did you not say that we should return without complaint what has been entrusted to us? The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

These few types of Jewish Womanhood are noble patterns such as cannot be found among the inspired creations of poetry or prose, but only in our own history and prove that the true Jewish woman embodies the virtues of which we read in the "PROVERBS (10-31) xxxi." A woman of worth, who can find? For Her price is far above rubies.

"Women in the past have proven themselves. How are we of the present and future going to prove ourselves their worthy successors?"

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL CLASSES!

SYMEEHA GIRLS HOLD ANNIVERSARY MASQUERADE

A most delightful surprise greeted the Junior Leaders when, on Saturday Night, November 6th, the Symeeha Girls conducted their first Anniversary Party and Masquerade.

It was really a bewitching sight to see the 25 girls of the party bedecked in enticing costumes of a most original nature. The costume contest was a problem in itself because of this fact. However, the judges finally did come to a decision when they chose for the first place The Pirate, Evelyn Gold; Sylvia Rosenblatt, who came a close second, was The Siren. A beautiful Fortune-Teller's costume won third prize for Ruth Krongel.

The party is a forerunner of the Junior Purim Masquerade, which we are contemplating. However, Juniors will please remember that this affair depends entirely upon their conduct for the next few months. A word to the wise is sufficient.

PIANO CLASS SHOWS PROGRESS

The Piano Class, under the direction of Miss Ida Berson, has been making excellent strides. This class is for girls who have not taken up piano instruction before. The fee is only \$1.00 a month. The class meets regularly on Wednesday nights, and is still open for registration. Inquiry should be addressed to the Social and Educational Department.

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