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I. S. WINS METROPOLITAN DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Samuel Cohen, Selma Nitzberg, and Louis Hellman Successfully Carry
Off Honors By Presenting Institution With Championship In
Debating For First Time In Ten Years.

LETTER TO MR. UDELL EXPLAINS THE POPULARITY OF THEATRE PARTY SHOW, "BROADWAY"

Even Speculators Fail To Secure Seats For
This Popular Entertainment.

Mr. Lester Udell,
c/o M. Udell & Sons,
189 Green Street,
New York City.

Dear Lester:

I wonder if you, as well as some of our people, know what is actually going on in the Theatre district in connection with the show "Broadway." Try and use all the influence you can and see if you can dig up a speculator in the whole city of New York that will sell you a pair of tickets during the next six weeks, price no object.

Ordinarily, if somebody were to tell me that speculators who invariably never take anything but the first ten rows in the orchestra—center—are selling balcony seats at exorbitant prices, I admit I would be skeptical.

But Lester, on my word of honor as a gentleman, and I am ready to take an oath, if necessary, this is what actually took place. The other night my brother was obliged to entertain a business friend who was very anxious to see "Broadway." All week he used every influence, ways and means, to get a pair of seats, but was unsuccessful. Like a miracle, while visiting in a speculator's office, someone returned a couple of balcony seats, for which he had to make a grab, paid the speculator \$9.90, and on his way out was offered a dollar profit by envious people who were trying to buy tickets in the same office.

Lester, I try not to flatter you, but I must tell you that since you joined our Board, I have been compelled to acquire a wholesome respect for your sound courageous business judgment in connection with ideas for raising revenue that you have advanced from time to time at Board meet-

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POOR MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE FAILS TO STIFLE ENERGETIC DELIVERY OF THE TEAM

The Institutional Synagogue Debating Team, consisting of Samuel Cohen, Selma Nitzberg, and Louis Hellman, ably coached by Mr. Theodore Charnas, Director of Intermediate and Debating Activities, won the Metropolitan League Championship last Saturday night. Mr. Charnas, for many years debated for the I. S.

The debate was the final one in the annual tournament of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centers of New York City and Vicinity. The I. S. has always been a strong factor in debating cycles, and for ten years, ever since the building first opened its doors, we have been striving to put our Senior Team on the topmost rung as the victor. Our Junior Team has always been victorious and still remains undefeated. As a matter of fact, our old successful Junior Team is now the successful new Senior Team which won the championship. Most of the members of the team have debated for this institution for a period of three to five years. Their gradual development has won them the long desired success. This championship means that we stand supreme as the debating institution among some twenty-seven Jewish community centers in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester, an enviable record indeed.

The only single thing that mars the complete success of our victory is the slight bitterness in the reflection of the poor support given our debaters on such a momentous occasion by the membership of the house and the various auxiliaries. There is really no adequate excuse for the failure of all of our organizations to attend at such an important function in the history of Institutional Synagogue annals.

The debate was ably presided over by our President, Hon. Isaac Siegel. He was very fortunate in having with him in the auditorium the components of an exceedingly

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ings. But when you tied up the Broadhurst Theatre management under contract for every seat in the house, and for two nights for the show "Broadway," then I say that Bernard Shaw ought to be ashamed of himself for accepting the Noble Prize for this year.

No wonder you told me the other day that the Broadhurst management were sorry they sold the house for a Theatre Party, and would be happy if you would call it all off and pay you a small profit. Why wouldn't they? The speculators are raising the devil. They have no tickets for these two nights.

Lester, I know that you could sell, yes, all your tickets at the I. S. prices to the speculators. But, of course, that is out of the question. It would be considered unethical on our part, and in any event, we would be in for a heap of criticism. Moreover, the fact that you made such a good buy—why should gouging head-hunting speculators get the benefit of it. Our people, I am sure, will appreciate it a great deal more.

Like the little cart peddler who felt he was offering good merchandise at bargain prices cried out "GEWALD YIDEN! WUS WAHRT IHR?"—I say to our people—"Snap 'em up while they last, folks."

Sincerely,

(Signed) DAVE GLUCK.

LESTER UDELL LEADS IN TICKET SALES

Theatre Party Sales Not Up To Scratch, Although Sellout Is Expected.

Mr. Lester Udell, Chairman of the Theatre Party Committee, still leads the leaders in ticket sales. He has already passed his allotment of \$2,500.00 in ticket sales, but is as yet dissatisfied and expects to double his record, if possible. Between now and December 20th and December 21st, the nights of the Theatre Party, he expects to lead the way for an unusually large sale of tickets.

Mr. Udell, however, would like more co-operation from the individual members. The chairman takes this opportunity of calling your attention to the fact that Mrs. Max Stavish is again leading, as in previous years, with the amount of ads secured for the Journal. The Sisterhood as a unit have also secured their allotment of \$600.00, and are still going strong. We are still waiting to hear from the Brotherhood, The Daughters, The Parents' Association and the Junior League. Every individual can do something to help make this theatre party a success. The sum of \$1.00 will publish your name on the list of the well-wishers in our Journal Honor-Roll. Get on the band wagon.

WIN DEBATE TITLE

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interesting and well balanced program. The judges for the occasion were able and certainly popular, (in spite of a pro or con decision,) with the entire audience. Witness the applause with which each one was received as he arose to pass comment on the proceedings of the evening. The judges were Justice Carroll Hayes, of the Municipal Court of the City of New York; Mr. John J. O'Reilly, Principal of Junior High School, P. S. 24, and Edward Potter, Esq., member of the New York Bar.

The topic for the evening was "Resolved: That The United States Should Enter Into An Agreement With The Allied Powers For The Mutual Cancellation Of Inter-Allied War Debts," and our team, debating on the affirmative of the issue, showed up to excellent advantage. They handled the situation like veterans, they knew their topic thoroughly, and their display of oratory, although mingled with nervousness at the seriousness of the occasion, justified the decision of the judges. Borough Park "Y" was represented by I. S. Worthman and Samuel Adelman on the negative team. Intermingled in the debate was an excellent musical program with the following entertainers: Piano Solo by Robert Kroll, Violin Solos by Albert Levine and Vocal Solos by Mrs. Rose Leopold accompanied by Mr. Julius Hoffman.

All in all this evening will go down in history as an hour of sweet victory and deserved victory for our institution. The members of the building, clubs and Board of Directors who attended are to be commended for their sincere support of the team.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE TALMUD TORAH!

HONOR ROLL OF AD GETTERS FOR THEATRE PARTY JOURNAL

Although the Ad Committee has just begun its work, the following list attests the splendid work being carried on by the members of the Committee. Let us all get together and make this a banner journal.

Yours for success,
MRS. MOSE GOODMAN,
Chairman Journal Committee.

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INTERMEDIATE GET-ACQUAINTED WEEK PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Members Contemplate Remodeling Social Room.

The First Intermediate Get-Acquainted Week of the season proved a remarkable success. The Social Rooms were crowded every night, every club in the building was well represented, and the spirit in the Intermediate Department reached the highest pitch yet attained. The Kroy Wen Club entertained Monday night, serving tea, crackers, and candy. Miss Miller, directress of the club, was kind enough to act as hostess. On Tuesday evening The Aloha group entertained their friends and gave out lollipops as souvenirs. The Harlbrons and Harmony Pals crowded the Social Rooms on Wednesday evening with their many friends. Cigars were distributed among the gentlemen and fruit was served to the ladies. A very interesting program was arranged and the evening was declared by all one of the most successful of the year. The Alpha Phi group ended up the week by acting as hostesses Thursday night.

All in all the idea has proved very popular among the Intermediates. The Social Room is thronged every night. The Intermediates are planning to improve its facilities and continue its use in the future.

Why Pay Speculators' Prices For "Broadway"

Get Your Tickets From Our Office
While We Have Them

LESTER UDELL,
Ch. Theatre Committee.

I. S. THEATRE PARTY
DEC. 21 and 22

They Did It!

Members of The Debating Team Who Brought Home The Metropolitan Championship To The Institutional Synagogue For The First Time In Ten Years.

Samuel Cohen

Selma Nitzberg

Louis Hellman

Theodore Charnas, Coach

HANDBALLERS VIE FOR MEDALS

Fifty Senior Men have entered the singles handball tournament conducted by Mr. Herschel every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The first round started last Tuesday. The results were as follows:

M. Cohen had very little trouble disposing of his namesake, E. Cohen, while Al Edelman had to give all he had to beat Eisereke. The Davis-Dolinger match was a nip and tuck affair, the winner not being known until the last point was scored. M. Glatter could not solve Sid Herbert's deft way of placing the ball, Sid winning very easily.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS NOW BEING PREPARED

Juniors Take The Lead In Supplying Food-stuffs For Needy.

The annual collection of foodstuffs for the purpose of making up baskets to be given to needy Jewish families in the community on Thanksgiving Day is again under way. This time the Juniors have taken the lead, and both boys and girls have contributed unstintingly for these baskets.

All of the members of clubs and in the building are invited to donate food for this distribution. The collection will continue during the coming week. Bring your donations of food and baskets around to the building any night in the week. Clothing is also solicited.

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.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL CLASSES!

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

A big Thanksgiving celebration was held on Thursday morning by the Talmud Torah.

After the reading of the chapter in psalms by Emanuel Greenberg, there were speakers on this occasion. Rabbi Goldstein delivered, in his usual manner, a very enlightening and inspiring speech that touched the hearts of all the pupils and he addressed the children of the neighborhood who did not attend the Talmud Torah and appealed to them to join immediately. He explained to the pupils the historical significance of this day and appealed to the children to thank God and be good Jews and good Americans.

Mr. Joseph Datt, the principal of the Talmud Torah, was presiding. The children received their Thanksgiving presents in the form of tickets to the Chanukah entertainment which will take place on Sunday night, December 5. The children of the Talmud Torah and their parents, as well as the outsiders and their parents were invited to the Chanukah celebration.

The highest in class attendance during the week ending November 20, was the class 2B2.

The highest class in school attendance was the class 5B.

These two classes received the gym and pool as a reward for their efforts.

SELL TICKETS! PAY DUES!

Our Staff Salaries Are Way Behind.

CO-OPERATE.

JUNIORS TO HOLD CHANUKAH ENTERTAINMENT

Will Be Held On Saturday Evening, December 4th.

The Junior Council announces that its Dramatic Society will hold its first entertainment of the season on Saturday evening, December 4th, in the auditorium. At that time they will produce a Chanukah entertainment under the direction of Miss Beatrice T. Martus, who is at the head of this group.

They are to be commended for their splendid series of activities which they have planned for this season, and the INSTITUTIONAL trusts that they will keep up their good work.

Tickets are free to members and may be secured from Miss Martus.

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