

The INSTITUTIONAL

"THE WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE"

Publication Office: 37-43 West 116th Street

Vol. X.

DECEMBER 17, 1926

No. 11

IMPORTANT!

Special Theatre Party Ticket Sale Committee will remain on duty in the office for your convenience on Saturday evening, from 7 p. m. on, all day Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Telephone University 6729 or 2547 for reservations.

KROY WEN CLUB WILL DISCUSS "THE SYNAGOGUE" AT FRIDAY EVENING FORUM

Model Forum By Yeshivah Boys Is Tremendous Success

At tonight's Forum the Kroy Wen Club will be hostesses. They have chosen a very fine topic for discussion, and a large audience is expected to attend. The topic selected, which is "The Synagogue," has many possibilities, and we anticipate some spirited and enlightening discussion on behalf of those who attend.

Last Friday Evening's Forum was unusually successful. This forum, dedicated as a model Forum Home Night, was under the supervision of two Yeshivah boys. Adequate refreshments were supplied through the usual and very kind co-operation of Mrs. I Stein, President of the Parents Association.

The Critics Say:

"BROADWAY IS THE
SENSATION OF NEW YORK'

"A Powerful Performance"

The Best Value on the Boards

AND WE SAY --
BUY YOUR
TICKETS NOW!

THEATRE PARTY
December 20 and 21st
BROADHURST THEATRE

RELIGIOUS NOTES

This Saturday Morning
RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Will Occupy the Pulpit

Friday Evening Circle at 8:15 P. M.
HOST: KROY WEN CLUB
Light Candles at 4:14 P. M.

FROLIC SPIRIT ENTHUSES MEMBERS AS THEATRE PARTY DRAWS NEAR Monday And Tuesday Are The Big Nights— Some Tickets Still Available

The spirit of gaiety seems to have taken hold of our institutional atmosphere this week, as our members and friends look forward to the Theatre Party this Monday and Tuesday nights.

The wave of popularity, upon which rides the success of "Broadway," the chosen show, which is playing at the Broadhurst Theatre, is extending to the precincts of the institution itself. The building has assumed an aspect of renewed activity. Mr. Udell, thankful for the splendid co-operation that he has secured, is endeavoring to speed up the final sales of tickets, so that we may hang up the Standing Room Only sign, during the performances. His success has been contributed to, in no small measure, by the co-operation of Mrs. Mose Goodman and her Theatre Party Journal Committee.

We wish all our friends a pleasant evening, and sincerely trust that we shall merit their continued co-operation.

BASKETBALL GAME AND DANCE TO FEATURE WINTER GYM PROGRAM Ancient Rivals Fight It Out This Saturday Evening

Once more the leaders Corps of the Senior Gymnasiums and the Benny Leonard Club will clash for the championship of the Institutional Synagogue.

This, by the way, is their fifth game. Each have won two games. This is the rubber contest. Both teams will practically use the same men that played in the four previous games. A good game and a big crowd is anticipated.

Come early as the dancing will commence at 7:30 P.M. sharp.

Tickets may be obtained thru members of the teams, and Mr. Herschel.

TICKETS STILL ON SALE
OBEY THAT IMPULSE NOW!

REMINDER:—BUY YOUR THEATRE TICKETS TO-DAY!

THE INSTITUTIONAL

Published weekly except during July and August, by the Institutional Synagogue
37-43 West 116th Street, New York
Subscription.....One Dollar per Year
Edited by Sidney B. Alexander

"Entered as second-class matter February 15, 1924, at the Post Office at New York, N. Y., under the Act of March 3rd, 1879."
"Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized February 15, 1924."

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN.....	Rabbi
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN.....	Executive Director
SIDNEY B. ALEXANDER.....	Social and Educational Director
JOSEPH DATT.....	Talmud Torah Principal
JOSEPH HERSHEL.....	Physical Director
MAX BRAUN.....	Section

OFFICERS:

HON. ISAAC SIEGEL.....	President
SAMUEL SILVER.....	First Vice-President
MAX STAVISH.....	Second Vice-President
AARON WARTELS.....	Treasurer
ISAAC GOLDMAN.....	Financial Secretary
MORRIS JABLOW.....	Recording Secretary

DIRECTORS

Abraham Bernstein	Hon. Max S. Levine
Hon. Sol Bloom	Morris Levinson
Henry Blankfort	Jacob Marrus
Maurice H. Bob	Robert Oppenheim
Isidore Brody	Reuben Richman
Joseph E. Davidson	Samuel N. Samuels
Abraham M. Davis	Herman Sacks
Dr. Benj. Goldstein	Max Sanders
Isaac Goldman	Hon. Isaac Siegel
David H. Gluck	Samuel Silver
Felix Gouled	Louis Simon
Maurice Greenstein	Max Slomka
Samuel Grundweg	Max Stavish
Morris Jablow	Lester Udell
Sol Lampport	David Wald
Jack Levine	Aaron Wartels

Vol. X DECEMBER 17, 1926 No. 11

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY ADDS MANY ENTHUSIASTS

Council Will Hold Social Hour and Declamation Cintest

Pioneering attracts few. Well-established organizations need no advertising. They have their patronage, plus the new blood, which always is looking for openings. This describes the Junior Dramatic Club before and after the Chanukah Entertainment. Latest wireless despatches report the swamping of the Social and Educational Department Office with aspiring Dramatists.

Activities at this time of the year are under full sway. This Wednesday evening, we have a Junior Social Hour on schedule. There are several numbers on the little program still open, and those Juniors who wish to entertain will kindly see Miss Martus or Mr. Klein.

The yearly Declamation Contest will be held shortly. The selection chosen should not be too long. This is one of the activities which has medals at the winning end. We would advise all Juniors to get busy on their selections. Remember that the winners are chosen because their selections are well memorized and well spoken. Get busy—Now!

GYM GEMS

The Senior Singles handball tournament has been narrowing down to the following who will compete in the finals. They are Lew Krillof, Al Lewis, Joe Cohen and Al Edelman.

* * *

Entries are now being received by Mr. Herschel for the Senior Handball doubles tournament.

* * *

The Harmony Pals had a hard time defeating the Aces in the first game of the Intermediate Basketball Tournament. The score was 15-9.

* * *

Ben Fritz of the Harmony Pals started off the second half with a bang by caging 11 points.

* * *

The following Juniors are the only survivors in the Junior Singles Handball Tournament: Feinberg, Lebish, Marons, H. Wolken, Abrams and Monevich.

* * *

Our Swimming team is sure whipping themselves into shape for coming dual meets and the big event, the Metropolitan Championship, which was won by us last year. Some new pool records have been established during the past week. Siggie Meyers, the old reliable, traversed the 220 Free style in grand old style, beating the former record by 4 4-5 seconds. The new time is 2:39 3-5. Ben Levinson broke his 100 yard backstroke record of last year in the time 1:16 2-5. Our 220 yard relay composed of Meyers, Glaxon, Josephs and Levenson, broke last year's record by 3 full seconds.

DEBATING SCHEDULE GETS UNDER WAY

Intermediates Hold Annual Tournament For Trophy And Prizes

The Intermediate Council has begun its annual tournament with the opening contest between the Herod and the Athials. The debate was held last night on the topic, "Resolved: That The Quota Method Of Restricting Immigration Into The United States be Abolished."

At the time of going to press, the result had as yet been unannounced, but will appear in next week's INSTITUTIONAL.

ATHIAL CLUB JOINS HOUSE

Plan Membership Drive

The Athial Social Club has now become associated with the Institutional Synagogue as house members. A drive for membership has been started. All applicants must be over 18 years of age. For information write Mr. M. Etsig, 1388 Fifth Avenue. The Director of the club is Mr. Samuel Abrams.

Officers of the club are as follows:

Mr. Morton Etsig, President
Bernard Berlowitz, Vice-President
Louis Leiken, Secretary
Al Bukoff, Treasurer

For further announcements of this club's doings, watch the Bulletin Board. An Annual Dance is going to be held soon.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE TALMUD TORAH!

MOVING PICTURES TO DESCRIBE BUILDING ACTIVITIES AT THE THEATRE PARTY

During the entire week we have completed a series of pictures describing the activities as they are actually carried on in our center. Members of all departments in the building will have an opportunity to see themselves in the "movies" at the Theatre Party. The pictures excellently portray the Four Corners of the institution—Religion, Education, Sociability and Athletics, and adequately anticipate our motto, "Service to God and Country."

ADDITION

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the fact that at the Talmud Torah Chanukah Entertainment last week, Miss Eva Stein, President of the Junior League, supervised the costuming and rendered a vocal selection. Miss Stein sang the popular number, "In Old Madrid."

Through inadvertence her name was omitted from the program.

HARMONY PALS ELECT OFFICERS Open Membership Lists For New Enrollments

We are glad to learn that the Harmony Pals, an Intermediate Senior club, has selected their new officers for the coming season.

This club, which is one of the peppiest in the Intermediate Division, has decided to open up their membership lists for a few selective young men who can meet their membership requirements.

The officers elected for the new season are:

President—Benjamin Fritz
Vice-President—Murray Chester
Secretary—Lawrence Fleischman
Treasurer—Hyman Parvel.

CLUB LEADERS ADDED TO STAFF

We are happy to announce the addition of two new leaders for the Junior Clubs.

The young ladies who are giving up their time to lead these groups are, Miss Dorothy Kurzniak with the Ye-Wambas, and Miss Ruth Daub, with the Junior Stars.

The club leaders are vying with each other to produce the peppiest and most successful club in the Junior Department. This wholesome attitude should receive every encouragement.

SAVE A LIFE

We earnestly appeal to every automobile driver, whether he be owner or chauffeur, to exercise care in driving. We would ask him to think of the 299 children who have met death in New York City up to October 1st of this year. We ask him also to think of the 440 adults who also have been killed by automobiles in New York City during the same period of time. Help save a human life by driving carefully.

BASKETBALL GAME and DANCE

This Saturday Night
BENNY LEONARD CLUB

vs.

LEADER'S CORPS

Big Time In Store

Admission

To Members - - 25 Cents

To Non-Members - 35 Cents

EDITORIAL

Selfishness, Or A Community Interest

The theory and practice of social service has always been paraphrased with the word "Unselfish." On that principle the Institutional Synagogue opened its doors some nine odd years ago.

During the war we did every conceivable and possible thing to make our boys in the various camps as comfortable as possible. Later our energies were directed toward rectifying the situation of the poor in this community. On Passover, Thanksgiving, and throughout the year, clothes and food are distributed instinctively to those who are in dire need. Then there are the bazaars, the theatre parties, and the numerous other activities in which we participate for the purpose of raising funds, all to be turned back to keep shining the perpetual light—the beacon known as "The Light-house of Harlem." As our President, Hon. Isaac Siegel, aptly puts it: "We are a beacon light that casts its rays over its dark shadows, and with the publicity of the power of that light, we have helped in an immeasurably way to reduce crime among the growing generation, and at the same time given many the courage and the backbone to stand up for the higher ideals of our faith." Our Rabbi expresses the situation very well when he says, "The last word in the attempt to solve the Jewish problem as it affects the social, educational and religious* life of our people has been expressed through the Institutional Synagogue . . . It has shown the possibility of erecting one institution instead of three or four . . . three institutions can be merged into one and can give a three-fold message and render a three-fold service all at the same time."

By these quotations it is meant to point out the fact that in order to carry on our good work it has been necessary to concentrate our efforts, and they have been so cen-

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL CLASSES!

tered here in our own building. The essential thing has been to entice the community into our precincts; the next step is to present to them in an attractive form the various activities. We urge them to make this place a recreational headquarters.

In order to carry on these activities, we cannot afford to have an "institution within an institution."* All of our organizations and all of our members must co-operate and remember that they represent a united front. The word "institutional" expresses the spirit of unity. No one organization in our building should demand more privileges than another. It is the ultimate goal that should be kept in mind. Our facilities are in some ways limited. No organization should further limit them by demanding the exclusive use of any of the facilities that we have at our disposal at the present time, thereby further limiting their use for the benefit of the large community that we are endeavoring to reach. Giving of your own without question and without stinting, even if it inconveniences you, is really "unselfish" service. Many deeds are done and better appreciated without having been advertised.

Let this be a plea to our organizations and to the members as individuals to forget themselves for a while, and think more of being "their brother's keeper."* Be unselfish. Share whatever you possibly can, at least in our building, with the others about you, and then only will you be carrying out the ideal of Institutional Synagogue, "SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY."

* Ours.

THE JEW IN AMERICA

THE JEW AND AMERICAN IDEALS

It was the enterprise of Jews that aided in the consummation of Columbus' epoch making voyage of discovery, and it was in a large measure Jewish ideals and Biblical influences which played a prominent part in its foundation. "Hebraic mortar," wrote Lecky, "cemented the foundations of American democracy." The direct influence of Jewish personalities was only partially apparent, but on the other hand there was present the powerful leaven of that Jewish book which for the founders of America contained all the earthly.

The Pilgrims were the Separatist group among the Puritans. Raised and nourished on the Bible, they suffered all the agonies of a spiritual bondage both in England and in Holland. Like Israel they thought themselves the saved remnant of an irredeemable mankind; like Israel they found themselves rejected of a majority and the object of their hatred. These dissenters called themselves, "Christian Israel." England was "the land of bondage," James I was "Pharaoh," the Atlantic Ocean was the "Red Sea," and America was the "New Canaan."

The thing to be done by these Pilgrim fathers seemed foreordained in their sacred Bible. The course of action was already outlined, and its path was to be the path of ancient Israel. The exodus from Egypt was their inspiration, so "Christian Israel" duplicated and followed the pathway of the Jewish Israel. "To America whither the Shekinah had guided them through the sea," even as, when Jehovah had guided his chosen people over the Red Sea, Israel had gone forth and created a theocracy in Canaan, so they, too, would go forth and create another theocracy in the New Canaan.

THEATRE PARTY!

This Monday and Tuesday

Tickets Available