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ABRAHAM LINCOLN CLUB TO BE HOSTS TONIGHT Junior League Held Interesting Discussion Last Friday

The Abraham Lincoln Club will be hosts at the Forum this Friday evening. The topic that they have selected for discussion is, "Ahad Ha-Am," which is one that will prove of interest. All members of the building are invited to come down and spend an enjoyable evening.

Last week's Forum, conducted by the Junior League, was a big success. The subject discussed was "Are the Jews Indifferent?" The speakers were Counsellor Weiss, Dr. Abelow, and Miss Stein, who also presided. The speakers touched on the attitude of the Jews throughout history, and then brought out facts to show that the Jew of today is really indifferent. The attendance was very large, and refreshments were generously served.

PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF RABBI DR. PHILIP KLEIN AND MRS. KLEIN Resolution Calls For Threefold Memorial

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein presided at the memorial meeting held in the Ohab Zedek last Sunday morning in tribute to the memory of Dr. Philip Klein, the beloved departed Rabbi of that congregation.

The esteem in which the Rabbi was held by all was evident from the remarks of the speakers. Among them were: Rabbis I. Levy, Mrs. S. Margolis, P. Rosenberg of Cleveland, Ohio, Leo Jung, Aaron Teitelbaum, and S. B. Friedman of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Association of Cantors of the City of New York rendered a splendid vocal tribute memorial program.

The congregants adopted a Three Fold Memorial Resolution. In substance it provides, A Beth Hillel as a Local memorial, a wing to the new Yeshivah as a National memorial, and a memorial at Palestine as a Universal one."

On Monday night, the women of the congregation observed their first memorial to reverence Mrs. Klein who died a short time after the Rabbi. The speakers of the evening were: Rabbis Levy, Rosenberg of Yonkers, Lookstein and Dr. Bernard Drachman. Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein and Mrs. Leo Jung addressed the gathering.

The members of the Institutional Synagogue were present to pay their respects at both occasions.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

This Saturday Morning
RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Will Occupy the Pulpit
Friday Evening Circle at 8:15 P. M.
Host: Abraham Lincoln Club

Light Canles at 4:35 P. M.

JUNIOR COUNCIL NEWS Second Social Held Wednesday Evening

A regular meeting of the Junior Council was held on Wednesday evening, January 5th, at which several important matters were discussed.

It was decided to start the Checker Tournament on January 17th. On that evening Junior clubs that have entrants will send their representatives to the Social Department Office, where proper arrangements will be made for the preliminary games to be held then. On Wednesday evening, January 19th, the Trojans, Black Diamonds, and the Stars of Zion, will conduct their preliminary games; and on Thursday night of this week the Manhattans, Orioles, and Cardinals will compete. The tournament games will take place after the business meetings of the club, which are scheduled to play on the night they meet.

By the last week in January, the clubs should have the names of those whom they wish to enter in the House Declamation Contest ready. This contest usually proves very interesting to the audience, and judging by the material in the clubs this year, we should have an excellent contest.

What was probably of greatest significance to the Council was the explanation of the Junior Club Programs by Mr. Klein. As was published in last week's INSTITUTIONAL, the Junior Department has been divided into two groups. The clubs in these groups will conduct type programs for five weeks, which have been arranged for them by the Social and Educational Department staff. After this period, comparison will be made among the clubs as to the best conducted programs. The Juniors have something to work for, since all applicants for the Junior Honor Society that is being formed now, will be considered on the basis of work done for carrying out these programs. Several clubs, the Symeeha, Anchorage, Jolly Juniors, Merrymakers, Cardinals and the Manhattans have already started work on these programs.

This Is Boost Year—Boost the I. S.

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CULLED FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

ONE TEST OF TRADITIONAL JUDAISM

Judaism in its many phases has developed to any given point by a gradual process, be that manner of growth soundly basic or modernistically uncert in. Traditional Judaism, as its name implies, is based fundamentally on the heritage of the ages. The sound of the Shofar reverbrates down the generations calling Jews from hill and dale, back to the fold—to the religion of our forebears.

Although we have always prided ourselves upon the survival of Judaism in spite of recurrent persecutions and pogroms, there is no prophecy that can determine the cause or cost of fostering the orthodox traditions of tomorrow. What was the secret of the ancestral successes? Whence came the incentive of rekindled fires that called to the banner of perpetual Judaism, men and women whose Jewish consciousness had been dormant for years?

To our mind it was the discovery of a "golden key." In the word **tradition** they uncovered the heritage of the Jew. The Bible, replete with its amazing revelation of the creation and its ever comforting dogmas of spiritual beneficence, must be recreated for each new generation. That "golden key" was everpresent desire to "carry on" Jewish ideals, traditions and knowledge. Every Jewish boy and girl has an inherent right to become ably voiced in Jewish life in its every aspect.

Perhaps then, our readers will seize upon this opportunity to arise from their present state of inactivity to a realization of the true situation of the American Jew today. The number of crimes among Jewish youth is intolerable. Lack of the fundamental understanding of Jewish doctrines is by far the greater cause. We cannot deny that youth is slow to grasp religion with a firm and welcoming hand. They fail to adequately solve the problems of the day in proper fashion. But let us not decry their inadequacy. Let us look to the source!

The entire fallacy of the present day methods lies with the present modern generation. Our forefathers soon realized the necessity of imbuing us with Jewish knowledge. But have we kept faith, do we carry on? No one of us, I reiterate at this point, has the right to criticize the youth of today, unless we have done at least one actual outstanding bit of good. Let each of us reflect for a few moments. Ask ourselves this question, "What have I done as my share to help the coming generation realize its responsibilities to the future generations?" And then narrowing down, if we will to the more definite question, "What can I do to help my younger brother and sister?"

To that question the INSTITUTIONAL issues this all important challenge. "If your thoughts are sincerely Jewish, if your heart is full for the giving and there is a clear light in your eye, then gaze openly at the heavy burden of the few who are seeking to carry on the traditional Judaism of yesteryear. There are forty clubs in this building. Most of the Junior clubs are without leaders. Many clubs, our present day method of reaching the Jewish youth, are leaving this building for lack of permanent leaders whose attention is manifested entirely in the particular club's activities. Those organizations in our building, who are always setting themselves on a pedestal, must have some firm base, lest the crown topple from its perilous perch. If they have done their share, then their Jewish conscience is clear. We NEED LEADERS. We have a RIGHT to DEMAND them. That is the challenge of the Institution to its young men and women."

That is One Test Of The Future Of Traditional Judaism.

This Is Your Building—Make It Your Joy!

AROUND AND ABOUT

Raphael Klein, son of the late Dr. Philip Klein, has been re-elected to the post of Master of the Ulster Grange. This is the first time that a Jew has been not only elected but re-elected to the post, in this important agricultural organization.

Of course our own Lillian Wald-Klein is an active participant in Grange activities, when she can spare time from her maternal duties.

Sisterhood Changes Bridge Party Date

The Sisterhood has changed the date of its Bridge Party to February 8th. The Bridge, of course, will be held at the splendid rooms of the Grand Street Boys Club. Tickets are now ready for distribution and may be secured from the office, or from Mrs. Annie R. Morris, President. The members of the organization are prepared to make this card party an unusual success.

Miss "Chic" Coryell Engaged

We are very happy indeed to announce the betrothal of our very popular Gym Directress. The lucky young man is Mr. Abraham Plaut, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Plaut is a realtor, and we understand that the happy couple intend to make their home in the land of Eternal Youth.

BENNY LEONARD PLAYS BASKETBALL

I. S. Regulars Defeat Leonard Club

A goodly crowd was entertained last Sunday evening with a fast and snappy game between the I. S. regular team and the Benny Leonard Club aggregation. Benny Leonard himself played in part of the game, and we are sorry that he did not have more of an opportunity to display some of the fine basketball form that he has shown us on other occasions. All in all, the game was exciting throughout, in spite of the licking that was given to the senior club. This is the second encounter between the two teams and we are eagerly awaiting a third.

THE JEW IN AMERICA

THE JEW AND AMERICAN IDEALS

Lazare, the brilliant student of Jewish psychology, analyzing the restlessness of the Jew and his critical attitude towards established authority, wrote in his work, "Anti-Semitism;" "Holding Yahweh alone as their Lord, poor men were ever driven to revolt against human magistracy; they could not accept it, and during the period of uprising Zadok and Judah the Galilean were seen carrying with them the zealot by their cry 'Call none your master.'" When eighteen centuries after these there is inscribed in the first seal of the United States the words, "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God," we see two different races in two different epochs of history arrive at an identical idea by a logical process from the same original premise.

These preachers absorbed the Biblical knowledge and nourished their rebellious spirit on Israel's doctrines and history. The election sermon of Rev. Simeon Howard before the Council and House of Representatives of Massachusetts in 1780 was typical of the time. In this audience were Robert Treat Paine and Samuel Adams. Preaching in favor of electing rulers he asserts: "This is asserted by Josephus, and plainly intimated by Moses in his recapitulatory discourse, . . . and, indeed, the Jews always exercised this right of choosing their own rulers; even Saul and David, and all their successors to the throne, were made kings by the voice of the people."

What would be an appropriate symbol for these revolutionists who had absorbed the history of Israel and looked to the lessons of Jewish experience as to the wisdom to be cherished? What could have a profound effect upon the people than a Jewish seal? On the same day that the Declaration of Independence was adopted, a committee consisting of Dr. Franklin, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Jefferson was appointed to devise a seal of a new country. They proposed to depict for one side Pharaoh sitting in an open chariot, a crown on his head and a sword in his hand passing through the dividing waters of the Red Sea in pursuit of the Jews. Rays from a pillar of fire beam on Moses, who is represented as standing on a shore extending his hand over the sea, causing it to overwhelm Pharaoh. Beneath was the motto, "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

The revolutionary historians themselves make clear the profound influence exercised by the experience of the Jewish people upon the American mind in the making. Dr. David Tappan who was professor of divinity at Harvard University immediately

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL CLASSES!

after the Revolutionary War and who had excellent opportunities to observe the impelling motives to revolution, speaking about Samuel's admonition against monarchy, added that "from this source some writers have deduced that monarchy is in its very nature criminal, it invades the prerogative of the Supreme Ruler as well as the equal rights of man. This interference was plausibly enforced the American people . . . and this sentiment with others equally well-timed, operated with the swiftness and force of an electric fluid in preparing the country for a formal separation from the British monarch."

HERODS ELECT OFFICERS Seek New Members

The Herod Club wishes to announce its new officers for the coming term:

President—Harry Rosensweig, Vice-President—Julius Reizess, Secretary — Morris Rosensweig, Treasurer—Harry Pomerantz.

This active group meets on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and the club is open for a few worth-while members.

Y. M. H. A.'s AND JEWISH CENTERS HOLD MEMORIAL EXERCISES FOR AHAD HA'AM

Young Men's Hebrew Associations and other Jewish Centers affiliated with the Jewish Welfare Board are planning exercises in memory of Ahad Ha'Am, the eminent Hebrew scholar whose death is mourned by Jews the world over.

Material has been compiled by the Jewish Welfare Board for the use of its constituent societies, comprising biographical data, striking extracts from the writings of Ahad Ha'am and an interpretation of his philosophy. The material has been selected from the standpoint of suitability for clubs and for mass gatherings and aims to convey in some measure an appreciation of the character of Ahad Ha'Am and the great significance of his contribution to Jewish thought.

JUNIOR SOCIAL HOUR POPULAR (Continued From Page 1)

The second Junior Social Hour was held last Wednesday evening. The program was replete with recitations, dances and songs. Two of our Junior Members deserve special commendation; they are Minerva Brickman and Helen Leventhal, both of the Progressive Girls.

The spirit at the Socials is fine, and for one thing, it makes everyone happy.

Auxiliary Calendar of Events

Announcing!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

THEATRE PARTY

Lenox Theatre, Feb. 14th

Tickets Now on Sale in the Office or
From Mrs. I. Stein, President

Daughter's Theatre Party

Riverside Theatre, 96th St. and B'way
JANUARY 11

Fourth Annual Junior League Dance

SATURDAY EVE., JAN. 29
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