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Holiday Atmosphere Envelops Building as I. S. Community Celebrate Dual Festival of Chanukah and Theatre Party

ALL EYES TURN TO PROSPECT OF BIGGER AND BETTER SOUVENIR JOURNAL

A holiday atmosphere completely envelops all the activities of the I. S., as the events of Chanukah and the I. S. Theatre Party both meet within substantially the same week. Chanukah begins December 8th; the I. S. Theatre Party will be held December 11th.

Chanukah is the mid-winter festival of the Jewish people; the I. S. Theatre Party, to the community of the I. S., is besides the winter festival of the Building. Both are high jubilee celebrations; and both contemplate the same objective, namely, the traditional worship and its maintenance of the One God. Both, too, again to the community of the I. S., are regular recurring events.

Intensification by Reflection

Perhaps Chanukah means more to the children of the I. S. as a celebration calling for their activity and support; but then this consideration is wholesomely counterbalanced by the adult activity which is gradually drawing to a close and which seeks the triumphant culmination of the I. S. Theatre Party. The sublimity characteristic of the Chanukah festival, serves to deepen the intensity with which the I. S. Theatre Party is being received. Thus, the I. S. Theatre Party emerges with an additional significance attaching to its occasion.

No Definite Reports as Yet

While a complete sell-out of the tickets is hopefully anticipated, definite statements concerning the number of tickets sold cannot as yet be made. All Jewry of New York City, has been stirred to the prospect of the I. S. Theatre Party. Many notables are expected to attend the festivity.

It is expected that the Souvenir Journal, that will be handed out at the I. S. Theatre Party, will go to press early next week. Proofs are being carefully read, and the "dummy" will be given especial attention.

It is the belief of the individuals on the committee of the Journal, that this year's Souvenir will be the best hitherto had.

CONGRESSMAN SIEGEL RISES IN VALIANT DEFENSE OF GOOD NAME OF JEWISH LAWYER

"The Jewish youth in the overcrowded profession—how can they be guided better professionally?" was the question discussed by the members of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations at a meeting held in New York City last Sunday.

Isador J. Kresel, who won fame in the recent "ambulance-chasing" investigation, was one of the many speakers who addressed themselves to this question. Mr. Kresel put himself on record as saying that a large majority of the lawyers who had to be criticised were of the Jewish faith. He also seemed to indicate that in most questionable legal transactions there usually is a large number of Jewish attorneys involved.

In Defense of a Good Name

On hearing this, Hon. Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue, was aroused, and defended the good name of Jewish attorneys by declaring that nine thousand Jews in the profession could not be judged by the ninety Jewish lawyers whose questionable transactions were so severely criticised. The former Congressman pointed out the Jewish attorney had always stood for the best in the legal profession and was surely the first to invoke reforms.

Among reasons advanced for the fact that the Jews were usually associated with "shady" work is, that the majority entering the profession are poor and are more tempted to do things not altogether respectable, which will yield quick and oftentimes comfortable returns, but, of course, that does not excuse the dishonesty.

Mr. Kresel suggested that the remedy lies with leaders in the profession of our own faith to guide our young counsellors.

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THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! IT IS ALL FOR THE CAUSE

Thanks and gratitude is our humble expression to those members and seat-holders of the West Side Branch of the I. S. who have been kind in presenting the I. S. with books and literature pertaining to prayer and religion in general.

The benefactors are: Mr. Max Moskowitz, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, Mr. Isaac Settel, Mr. I. Friedman, Mr. Harry Rosenzweig, Mr. Morris Fichter, Mr. Ignatz Harris, Mrs. Eva Fischman, Mrs. M. I. Jacobs, Mr. Benjamin Shapiro, Mr. N. Arnstein, Mr. Abraham Weiner, Mr. Morris Levinson, Mr. L. Abrams, Mr. Rubin Lippman, Mr. George Gluck, Mr. Elias Silver, Mr. Abraham Goldberg, Mr. B. Bernstein.

Chanukah Dance and Celebration Dec. 15 - All Welcome

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WHAT WILL "THE SINGING FOOL" SAY TO THESE WORKERS

	No. of Tickets	Total Sales
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Abr. Eisenstat	8	40.00
Morris Jablow	7	42.00
Jack Levine	7	42.00
Morris Fichter	6	30.00
Sol Bloom	5	30.00

We Trust

that the Brody family will know of no more sorrow. The I. S. mourns the loss of Mr. Bernard S. Brody, the father of one of our Directors, Mr. Isadore Brody.

THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL OF I. S. THEATRE PARTY GOES TO PRESS SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THESE SCORES

Mrs. H. S. Goldstein	\$249
Office	230
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Mr. Lester Udell	25
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More than mere nature holiday, Chanukah commemorates memory of heroes and martyrs first ever to have died for religious liberty

For ages the Jewish people have ushered in their Feast of Lights (Chanukah) with tiny tapers flashing in the Menorah.

These tapers have a history peculiarly their own. We find that in early times the Jew, like other people living in a primitive or half-civilized state, rejoiced to see the return of the longer days during December. Living in their frail shelters, which scarcely protected them against the biting cold, ancient peoples learned to dread the freezing months of famine and darkness. When the winter solstice came, they celebrated the hope of warm and bright days by building great bonfires which appeared like so many tiny suns blazing on earth; some celebrations consisted of torchlight processions. Then the German people and later their descendants in England and America feasted, burning tapers upon pine trees, and burning great Yule logs to celebrate their mid-winter or Yuletide feast.

Triumph of Right over Evil

But to the Jew, the festival is more than a celebration of the victory of light over darkness; Chanukah spells to his mind the triumph of right over evil, the worship of the one God superceding the pagan beliefs of the nations which have persecuted the Jew. It has become more than a nature holiday; it is the memorial feast of the first heroes and martyrs who have ever died for religious liberty.

The Maccabees who fought upon the battlefield and the no less heroic Hannah and her sons, types of unnumbered nameless Jews of their day, were the very first men and women in the history of the world who were willing to suffer for

To its many friends and sponsors, to the Board of Directors, and to the vast constituency of the I. S., the Editorial Staff of the Institutional begs leave to extend its best wishes for a joyous Chanukah.

May we live to light the candles again next year!

Rejecting the sensuous pagan worship forced upon them by their Syrian conqueror, Antiochus, the Jews waged a long and unequal war against their oppressors, at the end re-entering in triumph the Temple at Jerusalem which the Syrians had polluted with their heathen ceremonies.

In Reverence of a Miracle — Rededication

Then they celebrated the first feast of Chanukah—or rededication. The soldiers cleansed the Temple, which was garlanded and decorated for the great day of rejoicing. But no oil, save that polluted by the enemy, could be found to light the sacred Menorah. Messengers were immediately sent to procure pure oil, but meanwhile a cruse of oil, still sealed and unpolluted, was discovered in the Temple. The Menorah was lighted and burned for eight whole days until the messengers returned with fresh oil. Today, the Feast of Chanukah, is eight days long in memory of the miracle of the little cruse of oil and the first feast of rededication.

Every year at Chanukah, the Jew lit a Menorah in his window, that the whole world might know of his ancient victory; the first night only one candle was lighted, the second two, and so on until the whole eight burned together with their servant light, the Shammas; for, said the rabbis, the lights must be kindled in increasing order as the Jew should increase in holiness. Often there were torchlight processions, while in Venice, the gondolas of the Jews were decorated with lanterns in honor of the feast.

Instead of the Evergreen

Today, Jewish boys and girls, keep their mid-winter feast of light at approximately the same time as their Christian playmates celebrate their Christmas holidays. Instead of a lighted Christmas tree, Jewish children kindle the tapers in their Menorahs, many of them of beautiful design, such as the craftsmen of the Middle Ages fashioned for their people. Some of us treasure Menorahs wrought in the Bezalel School in Palestine, where today, Jewish artists again dream of serving their people.

*There is No Other Comedian in the World That I've Ever Seen—Anywhere—
Who Can Compare with This Priceless Actor—Alan Dale, N. Y. American.*

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(*"The Singer with the Sob in His Voice"*)
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I. S. THEATRE PARTY

which will be held on the evening of
December 11th, 1928

The Elder Folks, especially, will Appreciate This Transcript of
New York Night-Life and Wholesome Essence of True
Love Drama

(Oh, Yes! Don't Forget that Chanukah Present in the Form of
Tickets to the I. S. Theatre Party.)

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE BRIGHT CHILD

What Dr. Frank Glenn generally says, we have found generally worth repeating. Here are a few observations that he culled from Prof. Lewis M. Terman's two volumes, called "Genetic Studies of Genius," which were published recently in an edition of "The World."

You cannot tell the brightness of your child by his school marks alone; he may be bright though the tasks set for him in school bright but lack ambition; he may be so are too easy to challenge his interest.

The brightness of your child is shown less by what he can do than by the age at which he can do it.

Brightness and Balance

If your child is really gifted, he will reach the point in character development at nine years of age that the average, not particularly gifted, child will need fourteen years to reach.

If your child is really gifted, he is no more likely, despite the popular notion to the contrary, to be one-sided than the ordinary child.

Great ability in one direction does not argue deficiency of ability in another direction.

Brightness and balance are more likely to go hand in hand than stupidity and balance, or even mediocrity and balance.

There is no convincing evidence that genius is the forerunner of nervous instability.

A gifted child may be an unsatisfactory pupil in school, although the majority of gifted children are satisfactory.

Brighter Child More Neglected

The bright child is neglected by our school system more than the dull-witted child.

It is really uncomfortable to have a bright child in a classroom; initiative, curiosity, a hunger to know—these things prevent a teacher from handing out nice and neat packages of canned information and letting it go at that.

There is a higher percentage of all-round health and vitality in bright than in dull children.

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The Abe Lincolns recently had election of officers. They are: President, Irving Slepowitz; vice-president, Saul Innerfeld; secretary, Hy Nadan; treasurer, Milt Gross.

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Wires Under the Seats Where the Hats are Stuck. The House Comes
To Tumultuous Attention. He Speaks, Rolls His Eyes, Compresses
His Lips, and It is All Over.—Robert Benchley, "Life."*