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Maccabean Festival Celebrated by Juniors in High Style

Mr. Shapiro, S-E Staff Member, Acquits Himself Ably as Master of Ceremonies

YOUNGSTERS WILLINGLY PAY ADMISSION PRICE OF FIFTEEN CENTS

The Holiday of the Maccabeus, Chanukah, was inaugurated among the Junior Clubs last Saturday night in true Jewish style, and a good time was had by a large group of almost five hundred who attended.

Two plays were presented and were well received. The program opened after the introductory remarks by Mr. Shapiro, with the blessing of the Chanukah candles performed by Nathan David who also sang the appropriate Hebrew melodies of Moas Tzur in cantorial fashion.

They of "What's Tonight?"

The comedy, "What's Tonight?" was then presented, it having a Chanukah story for its theme. The cast was made up of Abe Leal as Judah Greenbaum; Jack Fine as Simon; Lillian Noveck as Martha; Marion Margolies as Gertrude; Rose Markowitz as Nora (a maid); Rose Sedaka as Mrs. Greenbaum; Jack Auer as Mr. Greenbaum, and Harriette Silverstein as Baby Bessie. The play was coached by Miss Teddy Klahr.

Rabbi H. S. Goldstein made an impassioned plea to the audience, stressing the meaning of Chanukah and asserting the hope that the Jews of today would be as courageous as the Maccabees had been. "Be proud that you're a Jew and don't be a coward by trying to hide your identity. Let your Jewish consciousness be to the fore at all times."

The Haifa Boys and Others

"The Prisoner's Plea," a recitation by Mr. Hurwitz, followed, and then Miss Sarah Sussman rendered a violin solo. Miss Pauline Coopersmith then recited "The Song of Judas Maccabeus," followed by Marion Margolies, who recited "The Miracle of the Cruze of Oil." "It Happened in Haifa" was the next short play presented the scene being laid in a Palestinian village. The cast, made up of members of the Jewish Stars, gave an excellent account of them-

selves. Mr. Leinwand directed the play, the characters being Sgt. Potters, David Koppelman; Pvt. Friedman, Julius Sabbath; Lieut. Davis, Israel Goldstein; Major Hamerton, Murray Steinman.

At the conclusion of the program, the entire audience adjourned to the Gym and there spent the rest of the evening dancing.

INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AND POWER OF JEW IS WHAT WORLD NEEDS, SAYS WELL-KNOWN LECTURER

A new conception of "The Melting Pot" as an eclectic civilization, drawing from the rich cultures of the modern and ancient civilizations still extant, was recently propounded by John Cowper Powys, in a lecture delivered by him before the Y. W. H. A. of Kansas City, Mo.

From "The News Letter" we find this report of comments upon what the cosmopolitan student of cultures might obtain from the Jewish Civilization:

"From the Jew, we may obtain an unconquerable morale, an overwhelming urge that the world in which we live must be made better. The Jew is a despot, a tyrant, a revolutionary, but always for the betterment of society. What annoys us Gentiles is his super-humanity; he doesn't want to go away in the cold, non-human Scandinavian Gentile way.

"The Jew is gregarious. But, in all history his gregariousness is not brutal. When has a Jewish mob ever lynched anybody?"

Ungrateful to Ignore

"We are ungrateful fools if we ignore their great intellectual power. We require the passionate curiosity of the great Jewish people. I know whereof I speak; I have gone up and down this country lecturing for many years and the great questioners of America are the Jews.

"From each Civilization we get its representative qualities which enrich our lives and make us Americans in the most cosmopolitan, the most civilized sense. From the Jew we get that incessant, insatiable, unconquerable intellectual curiosity."

Friday Evening, Light Candles 4:13

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WOULD YOU CARE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S JOB?

He Must Appoint 40,000 and Duties Cover Wide Range of Subjects

How many-sided the job of President is may be gleaned from a report prepared by Dr. Charles Riborg Mann, Director of the American Council of Education.

Besides the power of 40,000 appointments that can be exercised by the President, subject to Senate approval, the President must "analyze social and economic conditions in the light of his vision and report to Congress such facts and tendencies as seem to him significant both of the present state of the Union and of its future development in accordance with his policies."

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IN ONE EVENING, FOUR NEW CLUBS HITCH ON TO VAN OF S-E DEPT.

"Hello, There!" to Habonim, Setelhtas, Bronharts and Pioneers

Several records were broken last week, when four clubs became affiliated with the Institutional Synagogue, all of them in one evening. And to make things still better, one of the clubs is co-educational.

The Habonim or Inter-Scholastic League of Jewish Youth, is made up of members of both sexes, and they have for their purpose the discussion of problems pertaining to Jewish matters. This group is sponsored by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and receives especial welcome from the I. S. Among the charter members of this group who were present at the first meeting, are J. W. Kahn, 15 East 116th St.; Miss H. Weinstein, 27 West 114th St.; Miss M. Fuhrer, 70 Lenox Ave.; W. Goldberg, 5 East 117th St.; P. Greenbaum, 526 East 120th St.; B. Abraham, 135 East 114th St.; M. J. Propp, 51 West 86th St.

The Setelhtas, a group of boys attending Morris High School, is another one of the newcomers. These boys are of the athletic type, and intend to participate in all athletic tournaments, as well as social and debating activities. Michael Milevsky, 1265 Brook Ave.; Solomon Tester, 82 East 115th St.; Jack Shainer, 73 East 114th St.; Irving Katz, 465 East 167th St.; Louis Slavin, 1880 Crotona Parkway; Mike Siegel, 1265 Brook Ave., are some of the constituents of this group.

Yes—And Charming

The Bronharts are a new group of charming young ladies that find the I. S. quite to their advantage. They are especially welcome to participate in the field of dramatics, where, we think, their activities will be well warranted.

The Pioneers are a new group of Junior Boys. Mr. Hauer, the S-E Director, welcomed each club in turn, and the S-E Dept. hopes for their future success.

BASKETBALL ON IN FULL SWING

Institutional Synagogue

vs.

Harlem Hebrew Institute

135-lb. and Senior Teams
Double Header to be held
Sunday eve., Dec. 23rd, at 7.30 sharp

Admission

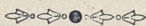
50c to Non-Members

35c. to Members

Dancing Follows Games

Now Is The Time to Renew Your I. S. Membership for 1929.

The Trained Mind



Many swim, but few swim well.

One man, by dint of exhausting effort and much splashing, covers the length of a tow rope; another goes a much greater distance with ease and enjoyment. To master the technique of a good stroke is to be able to apply one's strength effectively, to swim without undue fatigue, and if needs be to cover great distances. To these ends training and practise play a large part.

There is here an analogy with mental activities. All people may be said to use their minds, but how few use them well! Few apply their minds effectively to the processes of observation, deduction and reasoning. Few are capable of sustained thinking of a sort that reaches goals. Such mastery results from training and practise.

Choose Your Company

We acquire skill, whether physical or mental, to a large extent through imitation. Hence it is important to seek models. The better the standards at which we aim, the greater is likely to be our advancement. The man who aspires to make the most of himself will therefore associate as far as possible with persons of promise and ability.

He will continually seek training in his chosen field of activity. His reading will include books, both old and new, that bring inspiration and insight. A trained man, to cite one of his most important traits, can adopt a new idea without becoming thereby an extremist or fanatic. He fits the new into the structure of his well-tryed and valid ideas. Thus he preserves his mental balance and breadth of view.

Simply the Largest and Finest Theatre Party Ever Held, Is The Story

Expectations Receive Fulfillment

Simply the largest and finest Theatre Party that has ever been held by the Institutional Synagogue is the short summary of what took place at the Winter Garden last Tuesday night.

Expectations came up to scratch. Once again the I. S. proved demonstratively that, while the substantial element of its Synagogue may have moved away from the immediate vicinity of the Parent Building, that substantial element is still ever eager to co-operate in all the doings and functions of its spiritual home.

The Spirit of Reunion

Many Jews, high in station of society and public life, attended the festivity. The blessing of Chanukah hovered over the entire scene of activity. Plainly visible was the spirit of reunion, with which one individual greeted and recognized the other.

Satisfaction at results was tacitly acknowledged by the directors and workers of the I. S. Virtually all the tickets for the party had been sold. The "Beacon Light" of Harlem had once again gleamed triumphantly on the highway of Broadway.

The "Beacon Light"

Congressman Siegel, especially, was all smiles as he and Rabbi Goldstein nodded approvingly and satisfyingly at the sight of the solid attendance. The Congressman's words, delivered in the course of his yearly message, were recalled: "The work of the Institutional Synagogue has indeed done more to uphold the high traditions of the

Jew as a law-abiding, faithful American citizen, than any similar institution of its kind in the whole East."

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Registration Now Going On For Gymnasium and Pool

Junior Arista to Cease Being Passively Honorary

Hereafter, This Select Group Will Participate in Collateral Independent Tasks and Activities

For those that are diligent in their social efforts and outstanding in service towards their fellows, there is usually recognition in the form of membership to a select circle. Napoleon inaugurated his coveted Legion of Honor, scholastic excellence has the Phi Beta Kappa, college honorary fraternity, all of these being a form of recognition to the outstanding few.

The Arista of the Junior Department also has for its purpose, the honoring of those who have been excellent in their work towards furthering the success of the Juniors. To become a member of this honored group, the applicant must have demonstrated a sterling character, and a tendency to excel in all forms of individual or social activities.

For the past few years the Arista has been active in promoting the welfare of the many Junior Clubs. At the meeting last Sunday, a novel idea was suggested: instead of the society's being merely and passively honorary, hereafter it shall attempt the introduction of such new activities as can be successfully carried out by a select group only.

The Headliners

Frieda Roxenburg, of the Symeehas, has again taken the active lead in making the Arista the outstanding Junior organization. Fay Sussman and Ida Nachman must not be forgotten for their wholehearted assistance. These members and the others that constitute the group are really the pride of the I. S.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT

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The President, besides, must sign bills and veto those which seem to him socially, economically, or constitutionally unsound; his reasons must be accompanied with his veto. The chief executive must confer with members of Congress, representatives of organizations, public officials and private citizens. He must formulate a national policy, make treaties that are mutually beneficial to all concerned and are also acceptable to at least two-thirds of the Senate. He must "select and appoint by and with the consent of the Senate, Ambassadors, Ministers and Consuls who will creditably represent the United States abroad and sympathetically interpret his international policy.

"Welcome officially all Ambassadors and other public Ministers from foreign nations.

"Take care that the laws are faithfully and intelligently executed.

The Commander-in-Chief

"Command the military forces, commission all officers thereof and direct military operations, as authorized by law, in a manner consistent with his international policy.

"Grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States when such action seems justified.

"Modify administrative routine or organization in the executive departments by executive order, as authorized by law, so as to increase efficiency and harmonize Federal activities with his policies.

"Guide the Cabinet in perfecting policies and in devising ways and means of realizing them in practice.

"Hold official and public receptions.

"Deliver public addresses that interpret his vision and his policies to the people."

The Loss

of Mr. Samuel Groszman, a member of the I. S., is officially mourned by the constituency of the I. S.

HARK TO THE CALL FROM THE GYMNASIUM

Preparations Being Made for Metropolitan League Tournaments

With the Metropolitan League schedule for basketball, handball and swimming in hand, Jack Silbert, Gymnasium Director of the I. S., has issued a call for candidates.

As a preliminary to the handball tournament of the League, Mr. Silbert is starting a tournament of his own in order to pick the I. S. representatives. This Institution has signified its intentions of entering both 135-pound and Senior Basketball Teams. Members of the Building who are qualified to play should see Mr. Silbert in his office immediately.

Let's Keep the Trophy!

The Institutional Synagogue is quite proud of the fact that for the past three years it has held the Metropolitan League Swimming Championship for the institutions in Greater New York and Westchester. Coach Silverman is again issuing his early call for candidates. This year we have been handicapped by the loss of three or four men who are now attending and representing colleges outside of New York. There are great possibilities of your becoming a winner in swimming circles if you have enough ability and the initiative to succeed. Jack Silverman cordially invites you to come down and talk the matter over with him.

Membership Also Carries With It Privilege to Use of Library and Reading Room, Besides Other I. S. Facilities