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Rivalry Is Keen Among the Junior Clubs, As They Vie With One Another in Excelling at Ancient Art of Dramatics

**All Hearts Hopefully Bent on Jan. 31, 1929;
Children Take Seriously to Higher
Type of Plays**

After the remarkable success which resulted from the Junior Social Hours in regard to inculcating the spirit of dramatics among the Juniors, the S-E Department has decided upon a One-Act Play Contest, in an endeavor to further the knowledge of the children along the line of histrionics and to supplement this capacity by actual participation.

That certain desire to appear in public or to act in a successful play seems to be instinctive with children. Besides, there is the added advantage of developing proper speech and the self-assurance that is generally regarded as desirable.

The night of Thursday, January 31st, is the red-letter date now as concerns dramatic competition among the various organizations. Judging from the way the clubs have announced their intention to compete, the success of this venture should be assured.

"Free Speech" and "Good Medicine"

The Aces Dramatic Club, which is directed by Mr. Horwitz, who also partakes in his own plays, was more than eager to engage in the contest. They have selected as their presentation the stirring play called "Free Speech," have chosen their cast, and are already rehearsing several times a week. The Collegian Girls, some of whom made an excellent debut in the recent Chanukah play, "What's Tonight?" are entering a play entitled "Good Medicine." Among those chosen tentatively for the cast are Rose Markowitz, Beatrice Triesman, Esther Klahr, Rose Sedaka, Lillian Noveck, and Marian Margolies.

Mr. Lienwand, the leader of the Jewish Stars, has also announced his intention of entering his boys in the competition. As yet, the cast has not been selected, but we expect a great deal from the members of the Jewish Stars.

Among Others, "The Bowler Hat"

"The Man With the Bowler Hat" is being diligently prepared by Miss Nitzberg's

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein take this means of announcing the Bar Mitzvah

of their son, Simeon Hai Fischel Goldstein, which will take place at the Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116th Street, on Saturday morning, December 29th.

Reception at their home, 1925 Seventh Avenue, Sunday afternoon, December 30th, from three to six. No cards.

group of Symeeha Girls. This play has a fine intellectual background and should provoke the audience to thought. The Melrah Club is going to present "The Mayor and the Manicure," which Miss Ida Nachman is directing. Frieda Roxenberg, Ethel Schwartz, Ben Handsman and Dave Rosenthal complete the cast. The girls from the Bronharts and the lads of the Pals and Setelhtas are trying out for a part in the play called "The Bluffer," which Mr. Jack Green is at present casting.

These are some of the entries, and the S-E Department expects a few more before another week goes by. A gala evening is expected, first, because of the seriousness with which the youngsters are enlisting their energies, and second, because of the unusually high type of plays that have been selected for presentation.

STUYVESANT BOYS TO LOCK HORNS AND DANCE

To those who love a real good time, including a Basketball Game and Dance, there is a great news item in the fact that the Stuyvesant A. C. on January 5th will lock horns with the ball tossers of the Amici Club, the champions of the Federation Settlement. Both game and dance will be held at the gymnasium.

Friday Evening, Light Candles 4:19

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DEBATE ON JEWISH CULTURE AND RESTORATION OF PALESTINE

Does the cultural growth of Judaism depend on the restoration of Palestine?

This question will be buffeted to and fro at the Yeshiva College, 186th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, on the evening of December 30th, 1928. The Hebrew Theological College of Chicago will contend against the Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of New York on the respective sides of this important question.

A musical program will indent the debate, admission to which is by ticket at the price of \$1.00. Tickets may be obtained at the desk in the lobby.

Clubbery

A new club has made its appearance among the Senior Group, their name being the Rambling Boys. We are glad to welcome them to the Building, and hope they will have continued success.

Smiling little faces were seen at the conclusion of the Jolly Juniors' meeting, and the cause of which we speedily found was their joy in finding a leader of the type of Miss Rose Rachstein to direct them. Such immediate sympathy should lead to excellent results.

The Jeshurun Boys are all ready for a grand time when they go to their Theatre Party on January 12th. The famous Jewish actress, Molly Picon, will be the attraction at the Kessler's Second Avenue Theatre, which the boys have chosen.

Miss Nitzberg has chosen the characters for the play that the Symeeha Girls will present. The name of the play is "The Man in the Bowler Hat." Among those chosen are Frieda Rauchweiger, Frieda Roxenberg, Bea Garfinkel, Ethel Schwartz, Fay Sussman, Ida Nachman and Evelyn Gold.

The Setelhtas, after struggling along without a leader, are now heading towards a definite goal—a successful club, with its destinies guided by Mr. Sol Radus.

The Bronhart Girls were indeed fortunate in getting Miss Mae Klahr as their leader. The girls should accomplish wonders now.

On the arrival

of a baby boy, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Masliansky are to be congratulated.

Both mother and child are feeling well.

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It has been the constant boast of the Institutional Synagogue that Orthodox Judaism is one of its foundations; and it was for the propagation of Orthodoxy and American citizenship that the Institution was founded.

With the purpose of Orthodoxy in view, a program of religious activities for the various clubs in the Building has been prepared. The Religious Program was designed to arouse a Jewish consciousness within the hearts of I. S. club members; and what is more important specifically, to permit actual participation in Mincha and Mariv Services by these members.

To Supplement Meagre Training

Discussions, Slides, and Debates, all will be utilized in accomplishing this end. It is thought that these will supplement the meagre Jewish training (furnished by the Hebrew Schools) which already has been forgotten, and combat the discouraging influences in the business world, besides furnish a moral background which the Synagogue is responsible for.

Every club meeting opens with a Bible reading not more than several sentences in length. A short discussion of the phrases read follows. This has for its purport the direct teaching of the beauty and wisdom of our sages; and from the technical viewpoint it has the effect of creating immediate order. A different program is followed in the Junior and Senior Clubs.

Once Upon a Time

Because of the youth of the Juniors, story telling makes up the bulk of their program—for what child does not like an "honest-to-goodness" story of a Jewish hero or heroine. Contests along the line of a "Spelling Bee" with a religious subject also furnish an outlet for the children's knowledge. Emulation and rivalry is thus engendered and wholehearted interest leads to attention and productive results.

To those Junior Clubs whose members are over the Bar Mitzvah age, actual Mincha and Mariv Services are conducted. The Senior Clubs, too, have these services, and in addition have outlined for them the discussion of one cogent Jewish topic each week. Inter-club debates will also be on topics having a flair for Jewish interest.

Realization

Thus it is hoped that one of the fundamental aims of the Institutional Synagogue will be realized and that real American citizens having an Orthodox Jewish background will be produced.

So Long, Everybody!

IT has been a wonderful adventure, from the pleasure of which I had hoped never to be taken away. But my private business has made its demands upon me, and to its already impatient summonses personal consideration must finally submit. Hence the resignation, that is now in the hands of your Executive Secretary.

My stay at the I. S. . . . how shall I look upon it? The many friends whom I have made and who have helped and counselled me in my work—how can I adequately thank them? From the Congressman and Rabbi down to the shabbiest tot—grip hands with me, will you? while you and I contemplate the highest of all adventures: life and its joy of living.

Let me say the I. S., in its profession of "Service to God and Country," holds a lesson for all of us. That lesson, life's greatest creation: splendid manhood and womanhood—proud and noble Jew, loyal and dependable American.

At the I. S. I have tried to do my share in the teaching of that lesson. While no longer shall I be your Social and Educational Director, please remember that the spirit which prompted me to accept this high position is the spirit with which I beg leave to relinquish it, namely, the I. S. first and always, so long as the I. S. stands for truth and character.

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GOES DOWN IN GLORIOUS DEFEAT
BEFORE SUPERIOR ODDS OF
BRONX "Y" TEAM**

**Rather Than Have Forfeiture Declared
Against I. S., Boys Scrape Together
Impromptu Team to Fight**

Certain Defeat

Rather than forfeit the game against the Bronx Y. M. H. A., and so smirch the name of the I. S. (because of the failure of the entire team to appear), five men banded themselves together and went on the field to play. They knew in advance that there was absolutely no chance of winning, but they were determined to put up a fight and not disappoint the spectators who, as long as the "Y" is in existence, were always accustomed to two basketball games.

This game was the first that ever any of the I. S. players went through, and the nervous tension was not long in being broke. None of them ever played the full twenty-minute period, and all knew that there were no substitutes. So it meant forcing everything they had to the extreme.

I. S. Courage vs. Bronx "Y" Training

The Bronx "Y," no doubt this year the city champions, were no mean opponents to go against. In what was remarked as a very clean game, devoid of any fouls, the game was a brilliant fight. Fresh substitutes relieved the Bronx team when our boys were totally exhausted, and time-outs were resorted to to regain strength.

At one time the I. S. team ran up eight points in succession, causing the spectators to shout their applause, and putting renewed vigor in the boys.

Outweighed, over experienced, better trained and coached, and more familiar with the court, the boys gave their best.

The Heroes of the Day

Billy Cohen and Red Serlin, as forwards, played a game worthy of themselves. In fact, Billy played as never before, and got to his credit eight points. At guards, Jack Cohen, with his finger severely sprained, played safety man and stopped the "Y" from scoring more than they did. Ernest Cohen, his companion, showed his ability in being the high scorer of the game. At center was Deutsch, who held his man to four points for the entire game, and himself scoring that many.

By all appearance from the score, little can be judged of the fight, but spectators remarked later that it was a clean, fast game. To better know of the ability of a

raw, last-minute-recruited team that represented the I. S., the score as compared to that of the Washington Heights "Y," who played these men the week previous can more show for what the boys contended:

Washington Heights—27 vs Bronx "Y"—47
I. S. —26 vs Bronx "Y"—51

Another Round of Applause

Too much credit and praise cannot be given to these five men who gave their best against so great odds so that the I. S. should not be known as a forfeiter: F., Billy Cohen; F., Red Serlin; C., Deutsch, acting captain; G., Josh Cohen; G., Ernie Cohen.

**EXPERTS WORK FOR UNIFORM
STATISTICS**

Simple arithmetic is figuring today in the great economic struggle going on throughout the world. School children know that to do a problem in fractions they usually need a common denominator. Without this factor, they never would be able to determine how one fraction compares with another. In like manner, the world's business experts know that smooth-working international trade relations require some sort of a common denominator in industry and commerce. That is, statistics concerning one type of business in one country must be so gathered that they can readily be compared with facts and figures dealing with the same type of business in all other countries.

As an Index to Conditions

For the last two years the Economic Committee of the League of Nations has been emphasizing the necessity for adopting uniform methods of compiling economic statistics. When they are so gathered the world's experts, meeting in international conference, will be able to more easily understand what is wrong in any particular phase of world trade. Thus, through clear understanding, will come suggestions for the proper remedies.

With this in mind, the League of Nations called an International Diplomatic Conference on Statistics. Its sessions began in Geneva on November 26, with representatives present from thirty-eight nations, including the United States and Mexico. This is the first instance of Mexican co-operation with League work of this nature. The Conference will decide what international statistics are needed and also on the methods which various Governments might best follow.

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