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Bar Mitzvah of Simeon Hai Fischel Goldstein, Executed in Memorable and Imposing Manner at I. S. Auditorium

Rabbi, In Welcoming Son, Hopes For Illustrious Future In Way of Service to Mankind

Before a prominent audience that filled the Institutional Synagogue's auditorium to the doors, Master Simeon Hai Fischel Goldstein, the eldest son of our Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, was made Bar Mitzvah in an unassuming and beautiful manner.

The Bar Mitzvah, the talented Master Simeon, who is a brilliant and in fact one of the youngest students at the Yeshivah, read the Portion of the Torah for both his grandfather, Mr. Harry Fischel, and for himself when they were given an Alia. He then intoned the Maftir in true orthodox style.

Rabbi Advises Future of Service to Jewry

Rabbi Goldstein in welcoming his son as a new member of orthodox Jewry, presented a novel aspect in the Father and Son theme. The Rabbi, instead of commanding the suggestion that the Bar Mitzvah, "become a teacher in Israel, either as a Rabbi or a Professor, according to the capacities and abilities that be manifested," evinced his foresight by suggesting the command that, "whether Master Simeon chose the Arts or the Sciences as his line of endeavor, he at all times remember his duties to the Jewish religion—the mission of a nation of Priests."

At the conclusion of the services, the congregation, including the Directors, prominent guests and the Talmud Torah children adjourned to the gym to partake of some refreshment and to help make the Simcha a memorable one.

Bar Mitzvah Speaks At Reception

At the reception that followed at the home of the Bal Simcha, the Rabbi with his usual good humor and continual supply of witticisms was the toast-master de luxe. There, the Bar Mitzvah addressed the guests. Mr. Fischel, the proud grandfather, Dr. Kapner, Rabbi H. Morias and the Honorable Isaac Siegel then spoke in the order named. Cantor Yavneh and the guests then joined in singing the "New Jew" specially written for the occasion.

WRITTEN BY ONE OF THE BOYS OF THE I. S.

You're standing on life's shining threshold,
 All radiant with faith and with joy;
 The light on your face is the hope of your race—

We welcome you, Bar Mitzvah boy.

The Book in your hand is the Torah—
 Be led by its God-given light;

The Talith you wear and the Sefer you bear
 Are armor and shield for life's fight.

Your thirteen years' trial now is ended;
 Deserving you're found for this earth!
 How proud is the father, how happy the mother

Who gave this Bar Mitzvah boy birth!

The portals of life now are parting;

Be brave, and a proud, loyal Jew.

Be never dismayed, but be strong, unafraid,
 And to God, Race, and Country be true.

You're ent'ring on life's winding highway—
 Find joy in your share of man's strife.

We wish you today luck and health on your way—

Step forward, Bar Mitzvah, to Life.

—Sidney J. Simon.

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THE HE-MAN BLUFFS A BLUFFING GOOD GIRL, AND JACK DOES THE DIRECTING

Club Meets Tuesday and Thursday; Parts
Waiting to Be Filled

To what extent can a "he-man" bluff when he tries to bluff a "bluffing" good girl? That, gentle reader, is the abstruse problem that gradually unravels itself in all its complications and entanglements in "The Bluffer," which is the play presently being sponsored by the Dramatic Club of the Institutional Synagogue.

Supervision of the play is under the direction of the young and able Jack Greenblatt. Jack demonstrated his abilities at the I. S. last year, and has truly won for himself the distinction of coach in this most important play.

Clubbery

Last Monday, with Mr. Vogel directing the Silver Stars, the boys of that club had the best time ever. They are all enthusiastic about the historical play that they will soon present.

Miss Rose Rachstein, the leader of the Jolly Juniors, has chosen the cast for their play, "The Goody Witch," to be presented in a One-Act-Play contest. S. Torres, Sylvia Optaker, Molly Cohen and Esther Hyman were given the most important parts.

The Omaha Girls had a very nice time last Wednesday, when the club en masse, with Miss Winokur leading, all enjoyed themselves at a theatre party. Let's hear more about your good times, Omaha.

The debaters of the Pals A. C. have been assiduously at work in preparation for their debate with the Jewish Stars on January 6th. Since both clubs are quite sure of themselves, we expect some excellent forensics that evening.

The Klondike Juniors, whom Mr. Laurie Fink leads, held elections recently and the results are: President, J. Moses; S. Torres, secretary, and Ed Lohan, vice-president. These boys are very interested in debating.

The Collegiates at their last meeting entertained the boys of the Jewish Stars with several skits, songs and dances, and we hear the boys are soon going to return the compliment.

On December 30th. the Jewish Stars are conducting their first open meeting. All the Junior clubs have been invited, and judging from the preparations being made a grand time should be had by all.

For an energetic and consistent club we pick the newcomers—the Rambling Juniors. In their first meeting they made a constitution and elected officers, they being: President, Eddie Levine; secretary, Lewis Goodman.

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THE MEANING OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP

You must understand what friendship is. If you do not understand what it is, or are incapable of it, you would not know what to do with a friend if you had one.

Friendship is made up of three ingredients—loyalty, love and faith. Whoever is incapable of these, or any one of them, is incapable of friendship.

As a rule our friendship is in proportion to the capacity we have for sincerity. The following are the ten points which can guide us in our choice of friendships:

In Proportion to Sincerity

1. The friend is one who understands. Some people are so constituted that they can understand us and some are not. In the choice of friendships, the matter of elective affinities must be consulted.

2. A friend is one with whom you are comfortable. You do not have to keep trying with a friend. As he knows what you are, it makes no difference to him what you pretend to be.

3. A friend uplifts and does not depress you. There are certain people in whose company you always sag. There is another class of people among whom you are always at your best, at least you are at ease. From the latter you will make your friends.

4. A friend makes no demands upon your effort to keep his friendship. Making friends is superficial and liable to be hypocritical. For we make our friends automatically. They are drawn to us by the fundamental instincts.

5. A friend sets no traps for you. He is not constantly proving that you are friendly. That is accepted as a matter of course.

He Gladdens You

6. A friend gladdens you. Just because you are, it is a joy to him. Whenever he comes into your presence you are relieved and helped. It is not anything that he does, but what he is that sustains you.

7. Real friendship is a matter of the instincts and not of the reason. Before the fundamental instincts all logic fails. Very often those we have least reason to be friendly with, we are friendly with. And only too often those who give us the best of causes for friendship do not affect us pleasantly.

8. A friend is one with whom you can keep silent. Not his ability to converse, but his ability to be with you without conversing is the test.

9. A friend respects your individuality. An effort to improve other people may be right enough, but it should be confined to our acquaintances and our enemies.

The Test

10. The best way to know a friend, however, is that the thought of him is always pleasant. Whether he be absent or present, it is a pleasure to think of him. Whoever meets this test is worthy to be called a friend.

STUYVESANT SOCIAL CLUB TO CONDUCT FIRST ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME AND DANCE

Basketball Game Against the Federation Champs to Be One of the Features of the Evening

To those who love a real good time, including a basketball game and dance de luxe, 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 Institutional Synagogue Gymnasium.

To assure the success of the social aspect of the affair, the boys have obtained the services of one of the finest orchestras in the city, The Big Delvon Dance Orchestra, a six-piece orchestra of unusual merit. Even the most energetic will have the opportunity to exhaust themselves after the basketball game is over.

The Stuyvesant boys boast of a well-organized combination and should furnish a good deal of opposition. Those attending will, therefore, be able to enjoy seeing a good basketball game and then spend the rest of the evening dancing. As most of the clubs of the I. S. have indicated their intention of coming down, it seems very probable that the affair should be well attended.

This is the first time this season that one of the many clubs in the Institutional Synagogue has had the initiative to conduct a game and dance of such proportions at the Building. These boys deserve all the co-operation that can be obtained and merit the success that will surely be theirs.

The members on the team are I. Helfman, captain, forward; D. Umlas, manager, guard; S. Altman, center; J. Markowitz, forward; J. Engelsberg, guard; L. Ginsberg, F. Armento, and S. Sadinsky. Mr. Shapiro has consented to referee the game.

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METROPOLITAN LEAGUE STARTS ITS ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

I. S. One of the Teams Entered

Eighteen organizations in the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations got their 36 basketball teams under way on December 1st in the League's three tournaments for boys. The I. S. has entered its team in the tournament.

Two new associations have joined the League this year, making this the largest annual tourney ever conducted by any Jewish group. The newcomers are the Emanuel Brotherhood and the Welcome House.

The teams have been divided geographically into two sections, the Southern, comprising Brooklyn and lower Manhattan organizations, and the Northern, including upper Manhattan and Bronx. Most associations have entered three teams according to weights, a senior team of men weighing over 135 lbs.; a junior team for those weighing between 125 and 135 lbs., and a midget team for boys weighing under 125 lbs.

I. S. in the Northern Division

The League's Southern Division schedule calls for home and visiting games between the Borough Park Y. M. H. A., the senior champions of this division last year, and the Williamsburg Y. M. H. A., Bensonhurst Jewish Community House, Brooklyn Y. M. H. A., Hebrew Educational Society, B'nai Israel Community Center, Staten Island Y. M. H. A., Educational Alliance, and the Jewish Center of the East Side. In the Northern Division, the 92nd Street Y. M. H. A., the senior champions of the League for 1927, will play home and visiting games with the Federation Settlement, Harlem Hebrew Institute, Washington Heights Y. M. H. A., Bronx Y. M. H. A., Institutional Synagogue, Jacob H. Schiff Center, Emanuel Brotherhood, and Welcome House. The champions of the Northern Division will play the champions of the Southern Division for the cups offered annually by the Metropolitan League for the senior, junior and midget championships, respectively.

National Tournament Next April

Plans are also being made for the third annual national basketball tournament for Y. M. H. A.'s, to be played in April, 1929. A valuable trophy will be awarded to the winner. The 92nd Street Y. M. H. A. has held this national championship ever since it was competed for in 1926.

PROBLEMS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS DISCUSSED AT WELFARE BOARD CONVENTION

Last Sunday, at the annual convention of the Jewish Welfare Board held at Washington, the valuable work which is being done throughout the country by the various community centers and other kindred Jewish associations was again brought to the public's attention. Judge Lehman, president of the Board, reported that over three hundred of these associations now own one hundred and thirty-nine buildings, valued at almost twenty million dollars, and have a combined membership of over one-quarter of a million young men and women. Less than one-half of the total number of Jews in this country have taken advantage of the opportunities for recreation and education afforded by these institutions.

Harry Glucksman, Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Board, uttered a potent warning against the tendencies of certain Jewish communities in erecting buildings, thus going beyond their means and burdening the community with a heavy indebtedness. On the several occasions where this has happened, disastrous results followed.

It is, of course, the duty of each community to provide their Jewish youth with a center whereby they may meet and be guided along the approved lines. Nothing is more beneficial than meeting boys or girls of his or her own kind and participating together towards a common aim—the development of character. But this must be planned so that it will outweigh the other devastating influences of having its funds diverted towards the Building Fund.

It should be the duty of the organizers to so finance their organization that after the Building Fund campaigns have become things of the past it will still be possible for the community to furnish the funds needed for the maintenance of the institutions and at the same time continue the educational and social work along the lines of excellence and efficiency.

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