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I. S. Intermediate Debating Team to Encounter East Side Jewish Center in Auditorium on February 17th

SENIOR TEAM TO MEET BRONX "Y"

Clubs Diligently Complete Tournament to Discover Available Debating Material

During the week of February 16th, the Institutional Synagogue Intermediate Debating Team, between the ages of 16 to 20, will engage the debaters of the East Side Jewish Center at the I. S. Auditorium. The Senior Debating Team, whose ages vary from 20 to 25, will meet the representatives of the Bronx "Y" at the Bronx Y. M. H. A. during the week of February 23rd. The subjects for the debates as yet have not been released.

Interest runs high among the clubs as to who will be chosen as the I. S. representatives. The clubs, therefore, have redoubled their efforts as regards their debating tournament, since the I. S. debaters will be chosen from among the winning teams of the clubs.

The Stars of Zion, a Senior organization, boasting of several attorneys and men of affairs will conduct a debate among themselves, in order to discover suitable material for the Senior team. Among the Intermediates, the Jeshurun have been

matched against the Pals on February 10th, and will debate on the subject, "Resolved, That the British Mandate Over Palestine is Preferable to Complete Jewish Independence."

The Neons will meet the Stuyvesants on Sunday, February 3rd, and will debate on the topic, "Resolved, That the Orthodox Version of the Bible Does Not Conflict with Science." The Tranquillity Boys, who boast of several fine debaters in their forensic battle against the Ramblers, should furnish one of the outstanding events of the tournament. Both organizations are unusually well prepared and will argue the topic, "Resolved, That a Jewish Medical College is Essential in New York City."

On February 17th, the Harlem A. C. will debate with the representatives of the Jewish Stars, having for its topic a problem of Jewish interest. With so many opportunities for the development and the discovery of its debaters, the Institutional Synagogue enters the League Tournament with an unusual amount of confidence. The I. S. is very desirous of regaining its title of Metropolitan League Champion, which it won in 1926.

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TRAITORS TO JUDAISM REJECTED BY BOTH JEWISH AND GENTILE CONGREGATIONS

A recent magazine article states that "The Jewish quota of a well-known Fifth Avenue church has been filled." It seems unreasonable, and really not very flattering to see these wealthy Jews seeking to sell their birth-right in Israel for mere social distinction.

The viewpoints of our Christian colleagues towards these Jewish converts are interesting. They say that a bad Jew can only make a worse Christian, and so we find a conscientious Bishop of a well-known church endeavoring to put every obstacle in the way of these social climbers.

Jewry is glad to get rid of these slackers, and Christianity refuses to accept them. We hope that the outcome will be just what they merit.

Clubbery

We wish to take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. Fred Kornfeld, who will be a member of the S-E Staff, as Supervisor of the Junior Clubs. Best wishes for a successful season!

A class in Social Dancing will be one of the attractions every Tuesday night. Members of all clubs are invited to join and learn the art of social grace. Miss Rose Klotzkin will lead the group.

We are glad to welcome the return of Miss Ida Bersin, one of our foremost workers among the Juniors, to our fold of volunteer workers. Miss Bersin took care of the Sunshine Girls last week, and will reorganize her old group, the Friendship Girls.

We noticed the members of the Jolly Juniors in smiles at the end of their meeting. The reason found out was the fact that Miss Ida Nachman had undertaken to lead them during the illness of Miss Rachstein, their official leader. Thanks, Miss Nachman!

The Melrah Club is busily preparing its presentation for the One-Act Play Contest on January 31st. "The Mayor and the Manicure" has been chosen by this energetic group.

The boys of the Jeshurun Club treated themselves to a Theatre Party last Saturday night, and saw Molly Picon, the well-known Jewish actress, in "Hello, Molly." Both the party and the show were successful.

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE:

I want to take this means of asking you please to rotify the office of the Synagogue of any vacancy that you may have, or know of, whereby our young men or young women may observe the Sabbath.

We have hundrears of calls from earnest and sincere Jews and Jewesses who want to keep the Sabbath properly.

I beg of you, to help us, help the many, who seek our aid in regard to employment.

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,
Rabbi.

Be Sure and Get The Proper Fruits for Chamisho Oser B'Shvat

Chamisho Oser B'Shvat

Chamisho Oser B'Shvat (the fifteenth of the month of Sh'vat) is one of the minor Jewish festivals. It is perhaps the least known of them all; and yet it has a charm of its own. It proves the attachment of the Jewish people to the soil of Palestine more than any other holiday. It does not commemorate any great event in our history, and is based solely on the climatic conditions of Palestine during this time of the year. It occurs during the middle of the winter, when some countries of our sojourn are covered with snow; some with ice; and all are affected by the winter colds. Different are the climatic conditions of Palestine. The rains and hails cease; the sun resumes its dominion, and trees and flowers are in bloom again. No wonder that on this day in Palestine young and old enjoy nature; no wonder, also, that the rabbis of old designated the fifteenth of the Jewish month Sh-vat as "Rosh Hashonoh L'Ilonos," the New Year for Trees. The persistence of the festival of Chamisho Oser B'Shvat in exile is tangible proof of the Jewish attachment to Palestine.

The Jewish Arbor Day

This festival is known in Palestine as Arbor Day (Arbor is the Latin word for trees), because it is the occasion for the annual planting of thousands of trees all over the land. In the Diaspora it has long been customary to celebrate the day by eating fruits that are known to grow in Palestine, such as raisins, almonds, figs, dates, Palestinian oranges, and St. John's bread (boksur). This year it will take place on January 26th, which falls on Saturday. Naturally, the planting of trees will have to be postponed for the following day, but the eating of Palestinian fruits can be observed on Saturday, and the likelihood is that no true Jew will miss it.

Recalls Restoration of Palestine

In recent years the "Rosh Hashonah L'Ilonos," the New Year of Trees, has also been observed by holiday lectures, entertainments, and the like, bringing more vividly to our attention the rapid strides that are being made in the restoration of Palestine as the Jewish Homeland. This is a most appropriate day to make donations for Palestine.

Chamisho Oser B'Shvat, also known as "Rosh Hashonoh L'Ilonch," or Arbor Day, through its very persistence proves that we have remained true to our old oath: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

—Mrs. Morris Schatz (Women's Branch Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.)

JEWISH AGRICULTURAL EXPERT WINS PRIZE AND REFUSES TO ACCEPT IT

Turns Entire Sum Over Towards Organization to Further Research

Dr. Jacob Lippman, Dean of the Agricultural School of Rutgers College, was recently awarded the prize of the American Agronomy Society for his discoveries in regard to the chemical composition of the soil. No sooner had he received the prize money, did Dr. Lippman turn the sum over to another scientific group, to be used for the furthering of research.

This is the second time that Dr. Lippman refused to profit personally from a prize award, since ten years ago when awarded a similar prize for scientific research, he also turned over the sum for research work. It is interesting to note that Dr. Lippman is one of the immigrant boys from Russia who today is regarded as one of the foremost authorities on soils. He is another answer to our Nordic agitators who think that the Jewish people have no affinity for agriculture.

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BASKETBALL NOTES

Last Sunday morning, the second round of the Basketball Tournament was played. The Stuyvesant Club continued its string of victories by defeating the hard-fighting Neon five by a 26 to 18 tally.

The battle between the Pals and the Jeshuruns was indeed worth while watching. It was a nip-and-tuck affair until the last moment, when the Pals proved their superiority with a 21 to 14 score.

The schedule of the Inter-Club Basketball Tournament follows:

Jan. 20—Pals vs. Jeshuruns.....	9:30
Stuyvesant vs. Neons	10:15
Jabijams vs. Greyhounds....	11:00
Jan. 27—Lincolns vs. Pals	9:30
Tranquillity vs. Jeshuruns..	10:15
Stuyvesant vs. Jabijams.....	11:00
Feb. 3—Greyhounds vs. Pals.....	9:30
Stuyvesant vs. Jeshuruns.....	10:15
Jabijams vs. Lincolns.....	11:00
Feb. 10—Tranquillity vs. Jabijams....	9:30
Lincolns vs. Jeshuruns.....	10:15
Stuyvesant vs. Pals	11:00
Feb. 17—Tranquillity vs. Greyhounds	9:30
Stuyvesant vs. Lincolns.....	10:15
Neons vs. Pals	11:00
Feb. 24—Jabijams vs. Pals	9:30
Greyhounds vs. Jeshuruns..	10:15
Tranquillity vs. Lincolns....	11:00
Mar. 3—Neons vs. Greyhounds	9:30
Jabijams vs. Jeshuruns	10:15
Tranquillity vs. Pals.....	11:00
Mar. 10—Stuyvesant vs. Greyhounds..	9:30
Neons vs. Lincolns	10:15

I. S. vs. PERTH AMBOY

Last Sunday evening, the Institutional Synagogue Senior Basketball Team journeyed down to Perth Amboy, New Jersey to play the local Y. M. H. A., who are the New Jersey State Champions. Despite the fact that the I. S. played with a green team, some members of whom have been on the team no more than one week, the boys showed the makings of a real club when they held this strong Jersey Quintet to a score of 30 to 18.

Irving Sapin, a new member of the Gym, playing his first game in the uniform of the Institutional Synagogue, starred throughout the game. Irving's ability to play in an position, to hold his man, to feed the ball properly, and to be the high-point scorer was very notable. The applause of the group of five hundred that attended the game, at

the marvelous playing of Sapin, truly showed the coming ability of this young man.

Billy Cohen, a member of last year's team, who played his first game this season, due to a severe illness, showed that unconquerable fighting spirit when he refused to leave the game after he almost fell exhausted.

Harry Pinesick played his customary fine game, as did Bernard Deutch our lanky center. Yock Cohen, although having a 10 second man to contend with, held him to but one goal. Of course, Irving Silverstein managed the team.

The boys are very appreciative of the very excellent treatment accorded them by the Perth Amboy Y, who can really boast of one of the finest teams in Jewish community centers.

TALMUD TORAH TO BENEFIT BY PARENTS' ASSOCIATION THEATRE PARTY

Have Selected Prospect Theatre for Evening of February 18

So strong has the influence of the Talmud Torah been and so important is the achievement of its aims, that organizations of the I. S. show their partiality from time to time.

The Parents' Association, under the guidance of Mrs. I. Stein, is now making every effort towards assuring the complete social and financial success of the Theatre Party to be held February 18th.

The Prospect Avenue Theatre has been chosen as a place for the party, and the sale of tickets is now under way. The Theatre Party is one of the regular events of the active Parents' Association, and tickets may now be obtained at the desk in the lobby of the Parent Building, or from Mrs. Stein.

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