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JUNIOR CLUBS ANXIOUSLY AWAIT ADVENT OF ONE ACT PLAY CONTEST SATURDAY NIGHT

Comedies, Mystery, Drama and Fantasie to Complete Eventful Evening

Those visiting the Building during the last few weeks surely had noticed the unusual activity among the Junior Clubs. Night after night, the Auditorium has been used for the final rehearsals of the plays to be given this Saturday night, February 16th, at the One-Act Play Contest.

Seven clubs have definitely entered the contest, have selected their plays, and are eagerly awaiting the time for the presentation. The majority of the plays selected are comedies. However, one club has chosen a drama, another a mystery play, and a third, a fantasy. The contest should thus be quite variegated.

Prizes for the Winner

Each club will present a one-act play, not to be more than 25 minutes in duration. The size of the cast has not been limited, and added points will be given for originality and completeness. The judges for the contest will be announced on the night of the competition. A silver loving cup will be presented to the winner and the name of the club taking second place will be inscribed on a silver plaque.

The Ronoh Girls, who were winners last year, have again entered the contest, and will present "The Pot Boiler," in which will

appear Ida Menahem, Judith Winokur, and Gazella Cohen, Hilda Gray, Edith

The Collegian Girls, who have been ardently at work preparing "Good Medicine," will take the stage with the following cast: Rose Markowitz, Rose Sedaka, and Beatrice Treisman.

"Elsie's Burglar" is the one-act play to be presented by the Omaha Girls, in which Pauline Coopersmith and Dora Zanzman will take the leading parts. The Up-and-Doings will present "Mrs. Pat and the Law," with Lillian Ruminoff, Bella Jackalow, Celia Goldstein, Clara Pardo and Sarah Ziminsky.

The Jewish Stars, who on Chanukah presented the play "It Happened in Haifa," will once more go on the boards with the following cast: Dave Koppelman, Murray Steinman, Israel Goldstein and Julius Sabbath.

Miss Ida Nachman, who has coached the Melrah's in the "Mayor and the Manicure," is quite certain that her group will come out first, with so excellent a cast as Ben Handsman, Ethel Schwartz, Frieda Roxenberg and Dave Rosenthal.

The Symeeha Club prepared "The Man in the Bowler Hat," with the cast consisting of Fritz Roxenberg, Gertie Zelechov, Beatrice Garfinkle, Ida Nachman, Fay Sussman, Ethel Schwartz and Evelyn Gold.



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ANTI-SEMITISM RECEIVES SEVERE SETBACK IN GERMANY, HOTBED OF JEW BAITING

Prussian Parliament Abolishes Immunity of Legislators in Regard to Jewish Libels

Jews throughout the world will rejoice at the news that anti-semitism has just received a severe and decisive set-back in Germany. By virtue of a measure enacted by the Prussian House of Parliament, members of this legislative body are no longer immune from suit at law for anti-semitic libel.

Under the former law, any Deputy of the Prussian Assembly, because of his political place in that Chamber, could freely and openly circulate the most vicious falsehoods concerning Jews without being held accountable by the German law. Under this former shameful license, a number of Jew-hating Deputies, principally of the National Socialist Party, had, from time to time, carried on pernicious campaigns against the Jew in anti-semitic publications.

As a result, the ritual-murder fable was recently raised throughout the country, individual Jews were violently assaulted in the public highways, and a number of Jewish cemeteries were ruthlessly desecrated by the hoodlums.

That was followed by many court actions by leading Jews against the corrupt and libelous publications which spread the ritual-murder propaganda. These plaintiffs soon discovered that they could achieve no victory in court due to the existence of Parliamentary rules which accorded the editors immunity from court proceedings.

Clubbery

The Neons will hold an open meeting on February 23rd at 8 P. M., in which they will furnish elaborate entertainment. Everybody is welcome to attend.

A debate was held among the members of the Pals A. C. at their club room February 5th last. Arguments were presented by Finn and Bottomley on the affirmative and Sherman and Rabinowitz on the negative, respecting the topic, "Resolved, That the British Mandate Over Palestine is Preferable to Complete Autonomy."

Miss Politziner is the new leader of the Up-and-Doing Girls. We are sure that she will prove herself an asset to the organization.

"Resolved, That American Jewish Children Receive Religious Training from Americanized English-Speaking Teachers in Preference to the Old-Fashioned Traditional Rabbi" was the topic debated between members of the Klondike and the Pioneer clubs. The former were adjudged the victors.

Elections were held by the Tranquillity at their last meeting. Those elected were Abraham Koppelman, President; Jack Rachsman, Vice-President; Sid Orkin, Secretary; Joseph Cohen, Treasurer, and Sam Simon, Athletic Manager.

PROCEEDS OF PARENTS' ASSOCIATION THEATRE PARTY TO BE UTILIZED BY TALMUD TORAH

Results of Ticket Sale by Members Indicate Successful Affair

The Annual Theatre Party of the Parents' Association, which will take place this February 18th, at the Prospect Avenue Theatre, is assured of the success that the hard work of its members has warranted. At the meeting last Tuesday night. Mrs. Aaron Wartels, the Chairlady of the Theatre Party Committee, rendered an interesting report as to the activities of the Association. Mrs. I. Stein stressed the importance of selling more tickets and so making the Association financially independent.

Two Good Purposes Aided

Aside from the royal entertainment that has been liberally planned, what has given the party an especially appealing aspect is the fact that the proceeds will be used to promote the interests of the Talmud Torah of the I. S. Since the Parents' Association has the Talmud Torah constantly in mind, forever furthering its continued life and growth, there should be no hesitancy by anyone as regards assisting the Parents' Association.

Develop Your Body at the I. S. Gym

Abraham Lincoln

When human slavery was an established institution—approved by the best of men—when the many labored for the few, when royalty seemed entrenched in all its sordid phases throughout the world, when religious persecution was at its height, the gateway to a new continent is discovered. The messenger of Providence for this task knew but little of the magnitude of his deed. That remained a theme for Epic and for Saga.

Then came the horrors of slavery. The number of slaves increased exceedingly, and with it a history of cruelty, of degradation, of hate, of barbarism and of bestiality.

And then God said: "Let there be light."

And there was light—at first blinding—to which the eyes of the slavocracy could not become accustomed—could not and would not endure.

Love for His Country

The silhouette of this great man was now seen against the western sky. A primitive, elemental power was visible in his eyes. His voice was heard throughout the land and in every part thereof. He was born in the South, had seen the hateful institution and became the saddest of men. He loved his country with a superhuman love. At last the time was ripe, the issue clear, the lines were drawn. There he stands—a man for the ages—and around him beat the angry waves of passion, and of sectionalism. He was elected to the Presidency, and slavery was doomed.

His Momentous Achievements

Then came the horrors of slavery. The number of slaves increased exceedingly, the gigantic rebellion was to be properly met and dealt with, and an equitable reconstruction inaugurated. "Let us have peace" was a devout prayer. The entire world began to see and wonder at the momentous achievements of this great American. He had no forerunners, he has no successors. His great contemporaries shrink and dwindle by comparison—and it was really an era of great men. He was, by universal consent, the first American, and was responsible for more achievements, more epoch-making accomplishments in these four years than had ever been accomplished by another in any other preceding four years in the history of the world.

And his name is Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we celebrated last Tuesday.—

EMANUEL HERTZ.

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To students of government, politics and history, the I. S. Library is a veritable find. The voluminous Congressional reports which are kept up-to-date by constant acquisitions, places at one's disposal anything of interest pertaining to the Federal Government. The I. S. Library is one of the very few places in New York City that thinks it worth while to maintain the Congressional Reports, which are a gift of our President, Congressman Isaac Siegel.

Fiction, Too

Of course, there are the usual books of fiction, arts, science, literature and psychology that are on the shelves of other libraries. The encyclopedias, dictionaries and current magazines make the library well qualified for those who intend to prepare debates and essays. Another feature is the unusual variety of books that deal with topics of Jewish interest.

WEST SIDE BRANCH ENJOYS TALK OF PRESIDENT SEIGEL ON "ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

The congregation at the West Side Branch enjoyed an unusual treat in the way of Congressman Siegel's lecture on "Abraham Lincoln" at the services last Saturday morning. The fine thoughts expressed by the Congressman will live in the memory of those who heard him, for a long time.

The Congressman stressed the excellent character of Lincoln throughout his address. With several short anecdotes and stories about the great benefactor, Mr. Siegel brought out more clearly the factors that make Lincoln so great.

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Train Your Mind at the I. S.



For the past four weeks there has been conducted in the Physical Education Department an Intermediate Interclub Basketball Tournament. Mr. Silbert, director of all athletic activities in our Building, wishes to commend the clubs through the medium of the "Institutional," upon the excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm that has been shown in the games played thus far. The Institutional Synagogue may rest assured that next season two basketball teams will be produced that will, undoubtedly, be among the finest in the Metropolitan League. We take the liberty of saying this because of the excellent material uncovered due to these cage games.

The following is the standing of the clubs in the tournament:

Club	Played	Won	Lost	cent.
Stuyvesant	4	4	0	1.000
Greyhounds	2	2	0	1.000
Lincolns	3	2	1	.666
Tranquillity	2	1	1	.500
Pals	2	1	1	.500
Neons	2	1	1	.500
Jeshurun	3	0	3	.000
Jab-i-jams	4	0	4	.000

As soon as the basketball contests are ended, a Handball Tournament will be started. Teams of five are to represent each club. There will be three singles and one double team.

Swimming Team Anxious for Tourney

On March 24th, the Institutional Synagogue will meet for the fourth time the other Jewish Community Centres of Greater New York, in a Swimming Tournament that is to decide the champions of the Metropolitan area. This contest will be held at the Y. M. H. A. pool, 31 West 110th Street. The Institutional Synagogue will enter this meet, defending their title as champions. The swimming representatives of the I. S. have for the past four years "copped" this championship. Due to the fact that some of the veterans of our teams are now com-

peting for colleges all over the country, Jack Silverman, the coach, was forced to acquire and develop new material. Bernie Wolkin, Joe Cohen, Charles Harrison, Irving Wiedman, "Red" Friedman, Leon Kellman, Ben Levinson and Gerson Sobel are some of the outstanding members of the squad. In the near future, Coach Silverman will conduct a try-out meet in order to make a final settlement of the team that is to represent our Institution.

YESHIVA COLLEGE IMPRESSIVELY DEDICATED AND IS LANDMARK IN JEWISH HISTORY

Impressive ceremonies were evident in the formal opening of the Yeshiva College two weeks ago. It is the only Jewish collegiate institution of its kind in the world, and constitutes one of the outstanding achievements marking the advance of Jewry in America.

Mr. Fishel, one of the speakers present, and president of the college, said, in part: "The historian of the future will undoubtedly give a great deal of space to our Yeshiva College as being a great monument of the Jewish life of this generation. Let us, therefore, make this annual event part of this history, by showing our enthusiasm, and help to sustain our work. Let us remember that the completion of these buildings has raised the prestige of the Orthodox Jew. Let us all strive to make that prestige a real one."

We look forward to the Dinner and Bridge Party of the Daughters of the I. S.

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