

## *I. S. to Honor Lester Udell by Testimonial Dinner at its Twelfth Anniversary*

### **Mr. Udell Has Been Outstanding in His Devotion to the Cause of the I. S.**

By a unanimous vote, the Board of Directors decided last Monday evening to tender a Testimonial Dinner to Lester Udell at the Level Club, on April 7, 1929, in appreciation of his unselfish service to the Institutional Synagogue. This will also celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the founding of the Synagogue.

Mr. Udell needs no introduction to his many friends among the I. S. constituency.



*Mr. Lester Udell*

His indefatigable labours, his executive skill, his unusual ability, combined with a sincere modesty has made Mr. Udell a prominent figure among the Board of Directors.

For the past three years, it is due largely to the unceasing efforts of Mr. Udell that the Annual Theatre Parties of the Institutional Synagogue have been so overwhelm-

ingly successful. His name was always on top of any list that bespoke ticket salesmanship and unflinching service.

It is indeed the privilege, and we are tempted to say, the duty, of the vast Institutional Synagogue constituency, to do honor to the meritorious work of Mr. Udell. This can most substantially be shown by making your reservations for the Lester Udell Testimonial Dinner. Hon. Max Solomon, Chairman; Messrs. Aaron Wartels and Isaac Settler, Vice-Chairmen; Max E. Sanders, Treasurer, and David H. Gluck, Secretary, constitute the Testimonial Dinner Committee.

### **CLUBS IN THE MIDST OF VARIED SOCIAL SEASON**

Now, more than ever before, have the clubs at the I. S. entered into a rampant social season. Almost every club has planned either a Dance, Theatre Party or Basketball Game, so that we are certain now that the social activity of the I. S. is at its peak.

#### **Let's All Go**

The first big affair that looms on the horizon is the Third Annual Theatre Party of the Neon Club, which will be given on Wednesday evening, March 6th. The Franklin Theatre has been chosen for this event, and a good time is assured by this active organization. The following Saturday, March 9th, the First Annual Dance of the Melrah Club will be sponsored. Irving Fliss' Orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music, and besides there will be a fine program of entertainment.

Basketball lovers will be given a treat on the following Saturday, March 16, when the teams of the Pals and Jeshurun's will clash on the court. As both clubs have strong quintets, the fur should fly that night, and besides, a well-known orchestra will be down to render music between halves and after the game. As an added inducement these boys have promised to give half the profits towards the Social Room Improvement Fund. So, let's see a big turnout that night.

*Friday Night, Light Candles 5:30*

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## FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

As I did not have an opportunity to express my profound appreciation of your stirring sermon yesterday, I am taking this opportunity to thank you, both for myself, and my parents, who second me in the belief that it was the most inspiring sermon any of us have ever heard.

Thank you for sharing yourself with us.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Kulique Kramer.

## THE CODE OF A SPORTSMAN

Keep the rules.  
Keep faith with your company.  
Keep your temper.  
Keep yourself fit.  
Keep a stout heart in defeat.  
Keep your pride under in victory.  
Keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.

## Clubbery

The Art Committee of the Jewish Stars, headed by Marvin Schenker, deserves our thanks for the fine piece of work done in the S-E Office. Mr. Schenker is also going to paint some scenery for the I. S. in the very near future.

Lord Dunsany's play, entitled "A Night in an Inn," is the attraction to be staged in the near future by the boys of the Lincoln A. C.

A point of interest is the Omaha's coming Debate scheduled for February 25th. The topic is, "Resolved, That Jewish Synagogues provide free admission for worshippers on high holidays."

The Open Meeting of the Neon Club last Saturday night was deemed a fine representation of what this club can do when they want to. Everybody who attended said they had a fine time.

Playing their usual fast game the Kaweco quintet again humbled the Rambler Team last Sunday, February 24th, by the score of 14-10.

"Resolved, That English language newspapers of general circulation devote a page to topics of Jewish interest," is the subject to be debated on February 25th, among the members of the Collegian Girls.

## RUSSIAN JEWS NOT IN ACCORD WITH COMMUNISTIC DOCTRINES

While the rest of the world is under the impression that the Jews of Soviet Russia have fallen in line with the Bolshevik theory of life and government, some of our brethren in that land of turmoil are complaining that there is a tendency of Russian Jewry towards the Right.

The Jewish section of the Communist party which meet in Moscow this week adopted a resolution deploring this attitude and declaring that the majority of Russian Jews is still a whole bourgeois rule. Members of the Yevsektzia are urged to strengthen the class war in Jewish towns and villages.

In other words, it is utter exaggeration to see or believe that our brethren in Soviet Russia are thorough Communists for it appears that these Jews—who want to know the true situation—feel it necessary to undertake a campaign in order to counteract the Right tendency. Nothing we have heard from Russia during the past few years has been as significant as this resolution with reference to the true state and attitude of Jews there.

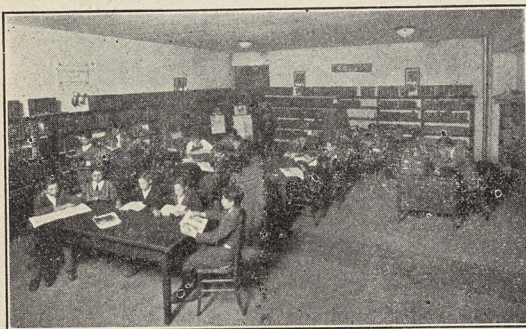
*The I. S. Is Not Merely a Playground for Children*

## *Children Romp and Play Nightly at I. S. Game Room, Thus Solving Safety Problem*

### PING PONG AND CHECKERS ARE THE BIG FAVORITES WITH THE KIDDIES

Now watch that forehand drive. Wasn't that a wow! What's the score now? 40 love.—No, this is not a report of Bill Tilden or Helen Wills in a tennis match, but it is some of the remarks that you will hear if you walk by the Game Room of the I. S. any evening of the week.

Just step up to the first floor of the Building, and the smiling faces and cheery voices of the children are sure to greet you. There you can see as exciting a Ping Pong Game, or even a Gridiron Match (that is within the limits of a cardboard box) as those for which 80,000 people sometimes crowd a stadium.



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### Order Prevails

The children are well-behaved and everything is conducted in very orderly manner. This is due in great measure to the introduction of the honor system with the boys of the Melrah Club voluntarily donating their evenings so that the youngsters may derive the full benefit of the Game Room Period. David Popkin, Ben Handsman and Samuel Newman deserve great commendation for their excellent handling of the Game Room.

### For the Girls Too

To insure equal rights among the boys' and girls' clubs, Tuesdays and Thursdays have been chosen as Girls' Nights. Although they are a bit shy at first, under capable instruction they quickly become quite adept in handling the racquets, and become great fans of Ping Pong at short notice.

### Solves Problem of the Street

Although parents know of the danger of the crowded city streets, and try to impress the children with it, it is difficult to persuade the energetic youngsters to stay in the house on these balmy evenings. But now the problem is solved, for the children's house of play and fun is at the I. S., away from the city streets and yet well-equipped to give them all a good time. Is it any wonder that the Game Room is so popular?

### I. S. PARTICIPATES IN METROPOLITAN LEAGUE ORATORICAL CONTEST AT WASHINGTON HEIGHTS "Y"

Last Sunday evening, Messrs. Benjamin Natter and Abraham Margolies represented the I. S. in the Annual Oratorical Contest, conducted under the auspices of the Metropolitan League, which was held at the Y. M. H. A. of Washington Heights.

Both boys, speaking in public for the first time, made excellent presentations and conducted themselves very favorably. Mr. Margolies spoke on "Jewish Contributions to the Founding and Development of our Country," and Mr. Natter had for his topic "A Great Jewish Personality," and spoke on the greatness of Nathan Strauss.

This contest is but preliminary in regard to the final contest which will be held on Sunday, April 7th. Local preliminary eliminations were conducted at the Washington Heights "Y" for Manhattan organizations, the Bronx "Y" for Westchester and Bronx organizations, and the Long Island organizations had their contests at the Bensonhurst Community House.

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Up to and including games played on this past Sunday, February 24th, the standing of the clubs in the Intermediate Basketball Tournament is as follows:

|                    | Played | Won | Lost | Percent |
|--------------------|--------|-----|------|---------|
| Stuyvesant .....   | 6      | 5   | 0    | 1000    |
| Pals .....         | 3      | 3   | 0    | 1000    |
| Lincolns .....     | 6      | 4   | 2    | 666     |
| Greyhounds .....   | 4      | 2   | 2    | 500     |
| Neons .....        | 3      | 1   | 2    | 333     |
| Tranquillity ..... | 5      | 1   | 4    | 200     |
| Jeshuruns .....    | 5      | 1   | 4    | 200     |
| Jabijams .....     | 6      | 0   | 6    | 000     |

On February 17th, the Stuyvesant and the Pal Clubs played two extra periods, but neither club succeeded in outpointing the other. If this game is necessary to decide the winners of the tournament, it will be played immediately following the last game, which is scheduled for March 3rd. A postponed game between the Pals and the Greyhounds will also be played at some future date, which will be announced very shortly.

Clubs are again urged to see Mr. Silbert immediately and give him the entries for the Club Handball Tournament, which will be started immediately after the close of the present basketball tournament.

Mr. Jack Silverman, Swimming Instructor, is ready to meet the clubs any Sunday morning, and give his personal instruction, which may tend to produce better and more able swimmers among the various clubs. This is being done to foster and encourage the coming Inter-Club Swimming Tournament, which will be held at the end of March. Events and regulations will be announced in next week's Institutional.

## JUNIOR LEADERS MEET AND DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF CLUB INTEREST

A most instructive and interesting meeting of the Leaders of the Junior Clubs was held last Thursday evening, in the Social Room, and ways and means for the improvement of the inter-club interests and activities were discussed.

Led by Mr. Leinwand, the leaders discussed a way of making their meetings more interesting, by shortening the time for the business aspect. It was the consensus of opinion that entirely too much time was spent in needless business debates, and too little time devoted to the cultural side.

The leaders were also asked to co-operate in the celebration of Purim, by devoting one whole meeting for a Purim Celebration of the Club members. Mr. Shapiro, S-E director, suggested several programs that could profitably be presented, and named several skits that would furnish delightful entertainment.

Twenty-five questions about Purim, compiled by the Jewish Welfare Board will be given each club to answer, and the winner is to be awarded a suitable prize. These questions are now being mimeographed and will be distributed shortly. The desirability of Social Hours was also discussed.

It was suggested by Mr. Kornfeld that these leaders' meetings be held at least once a month that they be conducted solely for the purpose of discussing Junior problems that the leaders are called upon to face,

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