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TALMUD TORAH STUDENTS ENJOY PURIM AND DELICIOUS HAMAN TASCHEN

Rabbi Goldstein Speaks, Stressing Value of Faith

A grand time was had by the boys and girls of the Talmud Torah last Sunday morning when a special program was presented in honor of Purim. Singing of Hebrew songs, inspiring speeches and the serving of Haman-taschen were a prominent part of the program.

Faith in God's Goodness

Mr. Datt, the principal, presided and after explaining the meaning of Purim, presented Rabbi Goldstein. The Rabbi in his address stressed the importance of Faith in salvation. "It was the faith of Queen Esther in God and her fasting that saved the Jewish nation from extermination, and it was not their alliance with the political chieftains of that day," elucidated the Rabbi.

Cantor Yavneh Sings

Mrs. I. Stein, the president of the Parents' Association then gave a short talk. The choir, consisting of the students of the Talmud Torah and directed by Cantor Yavneh rendered several beautiful selections. The Cantor, himself, also favored the listeners with his beautiful voice.

And Ain't They Good!

Then came the best part of all—for the kiddies. The committee of the Parents Association, Mrs. Stein, Vosberg A. Wartells Cohen, Gottlieb, Vogel, Lieberman and Hollander, distributed Hamantaschen to all present and the happy smiles of the recipients more than bespoke their appreciation.

THE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

wishes to congratulate
MR. JULIUS CUNIN
one of the active members of the
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HAVE YOU OBTAINED YOUR TICKETS
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OF THE I. S.?

"Biggest and Best Ever" is Slogan of Judge
Max Solomon, Chairman of the
Dinner Committee

Last minute reservations for accommodation at the Anniversary and Lester Udell Testimonial Dinner are pouring in with unusual vigor and dispatch. The event is the twelfth in the history of the Institutional Synagogue and which is also to do honor to the heroic services of its second Vice-President, will be held at the Level Club on the evening of April 7, 1929.

At first the responses were rather sluggish, but now the situation has taken a decided change, and more interest is evidenced. The membership of the I. S. is responding with their characteristic energy in a most encouraging manner.

On the basis of the fine record made last year this event is known to be an outstanding feature of the activities of the I. S. In some instances large families have made whole table reservations.

The committee has engaged one of the finest orchestras in the city to render music for the evening. The Entertainment is expected to furnish pleasant surprises to those present. During the meal the orchestra will play and it is possible that dancing will take place between the courses.

There is every indication that success will again crown this effort, especially when the services of one of the outstanding workers of the I. S. are to be recognized. Your presence will not only honor the man but will give evidence of your endorsement that the orthodox and noble programme of the Institutional Synagogue. It is your privilege to make April 7 a memorable date in the history of the I. S.

Triumphs Over Bensonhurst Team, Its
Nearest Rival By Six Points

For the fifth consecutive year, the I. S. won the Metropolitan League Swimming Championship of Greater New York and Westchester. A record that probably will be unequaled in the realm of sports sponsored by the Metropolitan League, has been established by our Institution.

Our Youthful Team

We may be proud when we say that the representatives of our building were composed of comparatively youngsters in comparison to the other teams representing the various institutions. Their displaying of clean sportsmanship and that "Never say



Coach Jack Silverman

die Spirit" was commented upon by all the audience and the judges.

Two First Places

In the fifty-yard free style swim, Raymond Wolken of the I. S. took first place, while Spinrad of the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst took second. The most interesting race at the meet was the hundred yard dash. Bernard Wolken of our Institution after losing his balance and falling a half lap behind succeeded in sprinting the last two laps and winning his event by inches. P. Richman of the 92nd Y. M. H. A. and Hopfen of the J. C. H. came in second and third.

Wiedman Wins

J. Cohen representing the I. S. succeeded
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OUR NEW MAKE-UP!

With this enlarged form of the Institutional, we enter upon a new field of endeavor. It has been decided that because of the added activities at the Institutional Synagogue, a larger paper was desirable.

The Institutional is the official medium through which the members of the I. S. are made aware of the vast scope of activities and their significance, and are thus kept informed of the current happenings at the Building.

A large institution, such as the I. S., must of necessity have a medium of information, to keep its far-flung members posted on events. Members are urged to read the Institutional, not as a handbill, but as a news medium carrying information of personal and general interest to everyone. Each page contains notices of meetings, activities and news of coming events. Subjects effecting Jewish life are regular features therein. Make a practice of watching for this paper, and you will surely profit by reading it carefully each week.

Clubbery

A group of youths from the 114th Street Yeshiva just organized a new club called "Maccabees". We extend to them a glad and hearty welcome. These boys conduct their meeting in Hebrew.

Active preparations are being made by the Harlem A. C., for their coming basketball game, and dance, the date of which they will announce in the near future. A well-known band will constitute one of the many interesting features of that event.

News has reached us from the Stuyvesant A. C. that their basketball team will now be captained by Mr. Louis Engelsberg, and managed by David Umlass, as a result of the elections which took place at their club meeting of March 17th last.

Officers were elected by the Soesso Girls at their regular meeting, Sunday, March 17th. Molly Samuels was installed as President, and Sophie Samuels, Secretary-Treasurer.

A play entitled "The Whoopee Girls" is being rehearsed by the Collegian Girls, preparatory to its presentation, for their Social Hour Entertainment, to be given May 18th, 1929. This play promises to be of more than usual interest.

A tendency towards athletics by the members of the Pioneers has resulted in their formation of a Baseball Team. From all indications, they will excel in this activity.

A gathering of the members of the Jewish Stars at a party to be given in the social room of the I. S., Saturday night, March 30th, is one of the things looked forward to by the members of that organization.

GENUINE ABILITY EVIDENT IN JUNIOR DECLAMATION CONTEST

Six Contestants Recite Before Appreciative Audience In Finals

Beatrice Triesman, of the Collegian Club, was unanimously chosen for first place by the judges at the finals of the Junior Declamation Contest, held last Thursday, in the Auditorium. A recitation of "Poor Little Boots" thrilled the audience, and many expressed themselves to the effect that it was the best recitation they had ever heard.

A Close Second

The second prize was given to David Koppelman of the Jewish Stars, who very dramatically presented the poem "Before the Pogrom". His pleasing voice and well-chosen gestures aided considerably in creating a very favorable impression on all those present. "The Genius" was the poem recited by Marian Margolies of the Collegians, who carried away the third place in the contest.

They All Did Well

The other contestants who did not quite make the grade but who turned in a very creditable performance are Emanuel Sternbach, of the Jewish Stars, who recited the immemorial poem, "Boots"; Judith Winokur of the Progressives, with the recitation, and Sidney Hauer of the Pioneers, who dramatized the poem "My Lost Youth".

Mr. Leinwand Presents Prize

Mr. Clifford Leinwand, the donor of the Five-dollar Gold Piece to the first prize-winner, was, fortunately, present, and presented the winner, Beatrice Triesman, with her trophy. The other prize-winners will receive their medals during the Award Night, which takes place the latter part of June. The judges, consisting of Messrs. Charles Vogel, Irving Silverstein and Miss Mae Klahr, were astounded at the excellence of the entire contest.

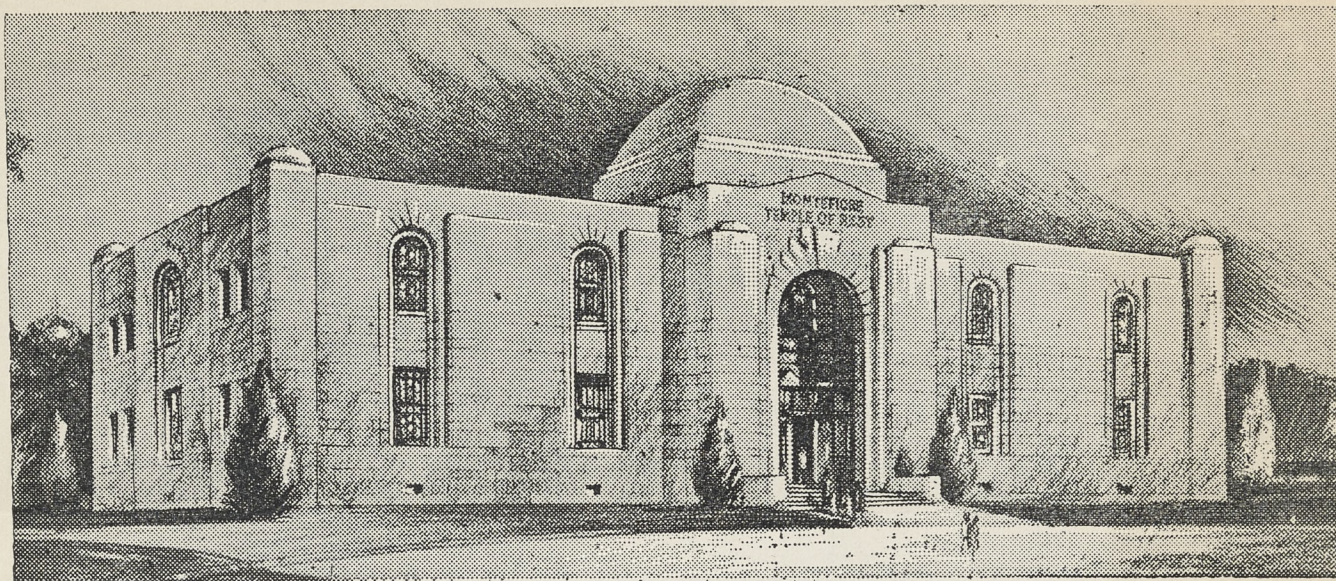
A PURIM PROCLAMATION BY THE INTERMEDIATE-SENIOR COUNCIL

Not it came to pass in the days of the Institutional Synagogue, which reigns over the fun and recreation of all good Jews of Harlem.

That in these days a decree was issued by the Intermediate-Senior Council of that self same Institutional Synagogue, that the feast of Purim should be observed with joy and merriment.

And it was further decreed that all good members of the same Institutional Synagogue should assemble to celebrate Purim on the 30th day of the month of March and should make merry at the Purim Dance which the Intermediate-Senior Council has arranged and it will be bigger and better than any entertainments before arranged by them.

And it was further ordered that everybody come prepared for a great time, and lend to the merriment, and enjoy the dancing and special entertainment. It will be from 8:30 in the evening even unto 12:30 the next morning. Nothing will be charged to the members and their friends, so that all may come and make merry.



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The assertion of an impartial attitude towards Jewish questions, and the propagation of traditional Judaism are among the purposes of this necessary journal. The "Institutional" hails the publication of "The Jewish Guardian", and expresses approbation of its noble intentions.

ANNUAL BIBLE STORY CONTESTS ENGAGES INTEREST OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Everyone of our Juniors knows Bible Stories. We will remember Samson, David and Goliath, Moses, Joshua, and hundreds of other famous Biblical characters.

To see who knows, and who can write the best story, we are going to give the Junior members an opportunity of winning three handsome Bibles, by having them write what, in their opinion is the best Bible story and just what it means to them.

The composition should not be more than four hundred words, and is to be written on one side of the paper. The scope of this competition is to include everyone of the Junior Clubs. The title of the paper shall be "What the story.....means to me." So let's go, for there are three prizes, and we are sure that your club would like to win one. The school grade, and age of every contestant is also to be put upon the paper. So hurry and hand your composition to Miss Stein.

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PLAN FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN PALESTINE

Construction of a community centre building which will serve Jewish working girls and women of Palestine is the plan projected by the New York Women's League for Palestine. After a year of effort, this organization has succeeded in raising the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be dedicated to this purpose.

Representatives of the organization are now negotiating with Baron Edmond de Rothschild, who has been approached by Dr. Weizmann, to donate land in Haifa, on which the Centre could be built.

HEARTS OF JUNIORS THRILL AT MAGNIFICANCE OF ANNUAL PURIM MASQUE AND DANCE

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in landing third in the 220 yard swim trailing Spinard and Bono Vita of the Jewish Community House. Another one of the fine races was 100 breast stroke which was won by Irving Wiedman of our Institution. S. Parken of the 92nd St. Y, came in second and G. Stoltzenberg also of the 92nd St. Y came in third.

Levenson Takes Back Stroke

In the 100 yard back-stroke the old faithful Ben Levenson came in first. He was trailed by S. Rifkin and M. Ferberg both of the 92nd St. Y. In the dive a new-comer at our Institution, Harrison, took second place while the youngest contender of the day, Raymond Wolken, took third. The latter learned the rudiments of swimming and diving that he is so adept in, at the I. S. pool under the coaching of Jack Silverman. The relay was won by the 92nd Y. M. H. A., while the I. S. came in third.

The final point score was: Institutional Synagogue 26; Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst 20; 92nd St. Y. M. H. A. 16 1-3, and the Anche Chesed 2-3. Great credit is due our coach, Mr. Jack Silverman, for his noteworthy record.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS NEXT AFFAIR OF STARS OF ZION

On Saturday evening, April 6th, the Stars of Zion will hold their Tenth Anniversary Banquet and Dance at the Broadway Central Hotel in order to celebrate the existence and achievements of their group.

An elaborate program has been arranged by the Committee to give those present a memorable time. A Kiddie Review, Jazz and Classical Music, Speeches, humorous and otherwise, Moving Pictures of the members, and prizes and souvenirs are among some of the features to be observed, and, of course, we must not forget the full course Kosher meal.

It is indeed encouraging to note the Star of Zion organized in the Institutional Synagogue, and were among the first clubs in the building. Their activities were not confined to any one line but were evident in every field.

According to the boys, the best way to is to once more become the most outstanding and active club in the Institutional Synagogue, and they'll get there, too.

"Great Time Was Had" Is Unanimous Opinion of the Revelers

Last Saturday evening, a gaily decorated dance floor was transformed into a Fairyland, when the Junior Division celebrated Purim with a Masque and Dance. Two hundred of the Juniors were there, and with them, a large number of stunning and elaborate costumes, indicating that the youngsters are gifted with no small share of imagination. With this startling variety of costumes, it was indeed a difficult task for the judges to select the prize-winners.

The Grand March

At 10:30 P. M. the Grand March took place, and the merry-makers trooped round, while the judges critically inspected the many costumes. Brilliant sashes, black face and rouge, sparkling clown costumes, and glittering apparel effected one wild riot of color. Of course, there was dancing, and when the dancers bobbed up and down, it seemed like the view furnished by a kaledioscope.

We All Thank You, Sisterhood

Late in the evening, Purim was officially celebrated with the distribution of the Hamantaschen, so kindly supplied by the Sisterhood. With such amazing rapidity did these disappear, that the recent auto record of 232 miles an hour was but a snail's pace. You can imagine!

The Winners

The judges, who were the Misses Beatrice Tannenbaum, Mollie Schaff and Mr. Shapiro, selected the following prize-winners: Rose Markowitz of the Collegians, as a "Spanish Lady"; Ernest Sids, as "Al Jolson"; Mollie Samuel of the Soessos as a "Harem Girl"; Betty Whiteman, as a "Colonial Dame"; and Ruth Bruce, as a "Turkish Girl".

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