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I. S. INTERMEDIATE DEBATING TEAM TO CLASH WITH H. H. I. SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Large attendance Expected, as Interesting Topic Is To Be Discussed

This Sunday afternoon, when the Intermediate team from the I. S. swaps words with the team from the Harlem Hebrew Institute, at the latter's Auditorium, the audience will be the recipient of some keen arguments on the subject "Resolved, that a Uniform Federal Divorce Law be Enacted (constitutionality waived)."

The I. S. debaters, Abe Margulies and Dave Shapiro, are ready to unload the formidable array of logic and analogies together with other known phases to the controversy, to batter down the verbal combats of their opponents.

I. S. To Uphold Affirmative

The I. S. is to uphold the affirmative of the argument, and will argue that to insure uniformity of laws, and to put teeth into the words, "comity" and the "due faith and credit" clauses of the Constitution, a uniform divorce law must be established.

They will point out that it is ludicrous that because a person resides in one State for several months he is entitled to a divorce which another State will not recognize, thus making the children of the subsequent marriage illegitimate.

Marriage and Divorce

The subject promises to be of a great deal of interest. It is timely because of the unsettled state of the American Marriage and Divorce Laws, and it is an accepted fact that something be done about it to remedy the present discouraging condition. The increased fashionability of divorce is another factor to be coped with and raises several sociological problems.

The judges of the debate are State Senator Abe Greenberg, Assembly Meyer Alterman, and Julius Umansky, former Secretary of the Rand School. Dr. Klass has kindly consented to act as an alternate judge.

First Services at New West Side Branch Prove Inspiring as Large Congregation Is Present

Daily Services

	West Side	Harlem Branch
Saturday morning services.....	8:30	9:00
Mincha & Mariv services.....	7:30	7:30
Daily morning services.....	7:15	7:00
Daily afternoon services.....	7:30	
Next Friday evening services.....	6:30	6:30

ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Friday and Saturday

May 10 and 11

ANOTHER PARENT APPRECIATES I. S. TALMUD TORAH

It is not the purpose of the I. S. to constantly vaunt the fine work of the Talmud Torah, but among the other letters of approbation, there is one that stands out, and we therefore take this privilege of printing it forthwith:

My dear Mr. Datt:—

One of the greatest thrills of my life came on Passover, Seder Night, when my little Arthur, one of your Talmud Torah pupils, not only asked the Four Questions and took an active part in reading his share of the entire Seder Services, but in addition when he arose insisting that he say the Kidush Prayer.

We were all amazed at the ability that he displayed, for we had no idea that he was so far advanced in his work. You surely have done wonders with him.

Not only does he seem to take delight in his Hebrew work but in addition he seems to be getting that spiritual attitude towards his religious work which ought to help mold his character in a lasting way.

Congratulations to you and to your capable staff as well as your very inspiring Rabbi upon the wonderful work which you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

WM. H. FRIEDMAN.

Old Friends Reconvene and Real Spirit of Congeniality Is Evident.

With a great deal of joy and pride did the Institutional Synagogue, last Friday evening and Saturday morning, attend Sabbath Services for the first time at the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street, between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues.

Distinguished Audience

The Auditorium, which was used for the services, was crowded to capacity by a congenial and distinguished congregation. Almost everyone on our Board of Directors were present, besides a goodly number of our old friends, whom we thought had forgotten us, but thank God have once more returned to the fold, and whom we are sure will never leave the cause.

Like Family Reunion

It seemed like a family reunion because of the pervading spirit of congeniality and effervescence. Friends who had not seen each other for months, and perhaps years, were once more present, primarily to attend services, and incidentally, to greet one another and renew past friendships. Although the Auditorium will seat three hundred souls, so encouraging was the attendance at the first services that there are expectations of increasing the capacity of the Synagogue.

Homelike Atmosphere

The reason for the change from the 83rd Street Branch is because of the increased growth of membership on the West Side. Besides outgrowing the facilities of the other location, it is generally conceded that the present branch is much more convenient, and has that homelike atmosphere that is so dear to all of us.

The present branch was formerly a clubhouse, and will be, henceforth, used by the I. S. as a meeting place for daily services

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FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES 7:44

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and, of course, for Shabbath and Yomtov services.

Fine Decorum

One of the most impressive features that was evident was the excellent decorum. It is gratifying indeed to know that the congregation did not move from their seats until the very conclusion of the service. Such splendid propriety speaks well of the I. S., and the efforts of the directors and ushers who gave of their available time to help organize at our present location.

The INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

Its Board of Directors and the Entire Constituency, desires to congratulate

MISS ISABELLE LEVINE

the daughter of the

HON. and MRS. MAX LEVINE

on her marriage to

MR. EMIL ROMM

CLUBBERY

An Intermediate Culb Debate will be held by members of the Soesso Girls and the Arrow A. C. on the topic, "Resolved, that Religious Clubs be allowed to hold meetings in public schools of New York." This event promises to be of great interest.

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For the purpose of enlarging their club house, the girls of the Progressive Club are conducting a drive for new members. With the expected addition in membership, the club expects to put on one or more plays.

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At the last meeting of the Collegians held Monday, April 22nd, topics of current interest were delivered by several of the club's members. Because of the interest evoked, it will remain a feature at future meetings.

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Elections were held some weeks ago by the Kaweco Club. Those who received office were Al Puritz, president; Kenneth Edwards, vice-president; Lou Goodwin, secretary-treasurer; Hyman Cohen, athletic manager; Paul Spector, social director.

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A new club has been formed in the I. S. It will be known as the Orions. We of the I. S. extend a hearty welcome to this group.

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May 9th is the date set for a debate to be held between the Macabbees and Argoes A. C. The topic will be on some matter of current interest, which will be argued before the members of both clubs.

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Elections were held by the Harlem A. C. May 5 last. Those raised to office were: Rosenthal, president; Greenstein, vice-president; Cohen, treasurer; Ross, secretary, and Resnick, athletic manager.

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Two minute speeches on topics of current interest were delivered from the floor by various members of the Klondikes at their meeting May 6. Mr. Paul Margulies, their able leader, proposes to continue this feature in future meetings.

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A hike for this coming Sunday, May 12, has been planned by the boys of the Young Israel Club.

May 18th is the date set for the season's farewell party of the boys of the Jewish Stars. This event will be celebrated by extensive entertainment. Those members whose services for the Club were outstanding during the season will be awarded suitable prizes.

The Question Box

(Conducted by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein)

Question 1. DO YOU REALLY THINK IT IS PRACTICAL FOR ALL POOR JEWS TO OBSERVE THE SABBATH, AND THUS LOSE THEIR JOBS, WHICH DEMANDS 6 DAYS' LABOR? IN OTHER WORDS SHALL IT BE GLORY TO GOD, OR PROPER SUSTENANCE FOR THE FAMILY?

Answer.—My answer to questions of this kind is that we cannot weigh them on the scale of practicality. When the citizen is called to war, is it proper for him to ask whether it is practical for him to go and perhaps get killed and leave a wife with helpless orphans? No, the question involved is clearly one of loyalty or disloyalty regardless of the sacrifice involved. Just as it is our bounden duty to be loyal to earthly government, the government of man, so are we at least equally bound to be loyal to heavenly government, the government of God, which for the Jew is embodied in the Torah.

However, "it all depends on how you thread the needle," as the Jewish saying goes. So it is in regard to our relationship to the Sabbath. When one begins life with the idea that he WILL observe the Sabbath, he will find it possible to do so. I admit the road may be hard, and the path here and there strewn with thorns, but the soul satisfaction will be great.

Glory to God comes first. God does not exact the sacrifice. He looks for the willingness, the state of mind. Just at the point of sacrifice God opens up an avenue of deliverance. We find this evidenced in Holy Scripture, that when Isaac was about to be sacrificed, "Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, behold him was a ram caught in a thicket and Abraham offered it as a burnt offering instead of his son." Genesis Chapter 22 verse 13.

Question 2.—ARE THE UNEEDA BISCUITS KOSHER?

Answer.—I understand that an attempt is being made to make one brand Kosher. I am happy to say that the Loose-Wiles Sunshine Biscuit Company is producing six assortments of Kosher crackers and biscuits under the supervision of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. This was the only firm that was willing to make the first experiment and ought to be encouraged to the fullest extent.

THE I. S. DOES NOT SEEK FOR RESULTS THAT ARE OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO ITS MEMBERS

Juniors Disport Themselves at Passover Entertainment and Dance Program

Vocal Program, Comical Play and Dance Completes Merry Evening

An unusually fine program was presented last Saturday evening at the I. S. Auditorium, when the Junior Passover Entertainment and Dance of the S-E Department took place. The entertainment consisted of vocal numbers, a spring dance, and a comical one-act play entitled "Passover Rehearsal."

Everybody was more than pleased at the type of performance presented. A choir composed of the boys of the Maccabees Club was led by Bernard Liebshitz, who rendered several Passover melodies.

A Spring Dance

"Addir Hu" was the first number rendered and was very well received by the audience. The recitation by Miss Beatrice Triesman, the winner of the Declamation Contest, then followed. She recited that beautiful poem, "Seder Night." A Spring Dance was the next number, with Lillian Romoff, Fannie Gordon and Eva Segal giving an interpretation of the spirit of spring. They, too, appealed to the audience.

Audience Enjoys Vocal Number

A solo by Master Bernard Liebshitz then proved one of the features of the evening. His beautiful soprano voice, so pure and resonant, really thrilled the audience. A dialogue entitled "At the Baseball Game," by Judith Winokur, was the last small number to go on before the presentation of the play.

The "Rehearsal"

It portrayed a group of children trying their best to rehearse a Passover play, without the advice or direction of a coach. Of course, they do everything but the right thing, and the many jests and quips kept the audience in constant gales of laughter.

Great credit must be given to Henry Flatow, who played the part of Aaron, left vacant by Pat Izzetta. Flatow, with but one day's preparation, turned in a very creditable performance. The cast follows: Moses, Ben Calev; Aaron, Henry Flatow; Samuel, Sammy Stein; Joseph, Irving Hoffman; Eli, Fred Melisano; David, Morris Calev; Solomon, Isaac Moreno.

At the conclusion of the program, everybody adjourned to the Gymnasium, where they danced for the rest of the evening.

DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE SUMMER ADDRESS AT I. S.

A distinct benefit may accrue to you, if you leave your name with the I. S. before going away on your summer vacation.

When we are far from civilization, we are only too happy to be informed of what is going on amongst the friends that we left behind us. Then again, there is no telling what might happen while you are gone. The I. S. is peculiarly in a position to reach relatives, and otherwise dispatch that which may be of great importance. So, before going away, let us know your summer address, by sending it to Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director.

Dear Member:

A meeting of the membership of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on Monday evening, the 13th of May, 1929, at 8 P. M. at the Synagogue Building, 37-43 West 116th Street, for the purpose of consenting and ratifying the agreement entered into on the 12th day of April, 1929, for the purchase of the Institutional Synagogue on the premises 148 West 85th Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, and for the purpose of consenting to the execution of a purchase money mortgage for the sum of \$39,800, payable in seven years with installment, payable on account of principal the sum of \$1,500 per year, beginning one year from the date of closing, which is to take place during the last week of 1929. Interest 6%, payable quarterly.

You are urged to be present.

Very truly yours,

MORRIS JABLOW,
Secretary.

ISAAC SIEGEL,
President.

We condole

MR. ISRAEL IVRI,

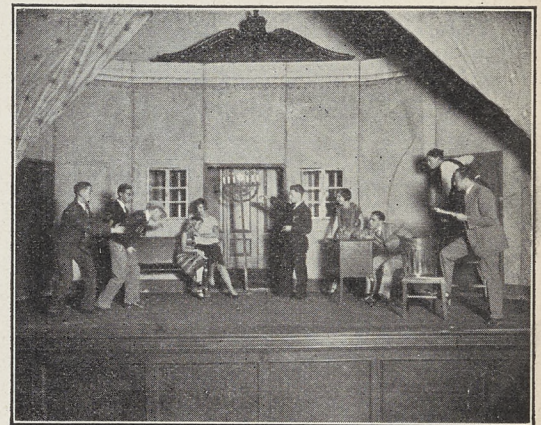
One of our good members, on the loss of his beloved brother.

May his family know no further sorrows.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS STRIVE FOR CANTOR DRAMATIC TROPHY

With the Eddie Cantor Trophy as their objective, presented by the prominent musical comedy star, 12 Y. M. H. A.'s, Y. W. H. A.'s and Jewish Community Centers will participate in the three preliminaries Sunday evening of the Fourth Annual Dramatic Tournament of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations. The finals will be held on May 12th, when Mr. Cantor is expected to present the trophy to the winner.

In the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, four institutions will compete for the honor of representing the Brooklyn Division in the finals. They are the Bensonhurst House, the Borough Park Y. M. H. A., the East Side Jewish Center and the Emanuel Sisterhood.



One of the Scenes

The Manhattan associations that will compete in the Federation Settlement in Harlem are the last named organization, the 92nd Street Y. M. H. A., the Institutional Synagogue and the Temple Israel Community Center.

The Bronx Y. M. H. A., the Yonkers Y. M. H. A., the Jacob H. Schiff Center and the Washington Heights Y. M. H. A. will compete at the Bronx Y. M. H. A.

Some of the one-act plays that will be presented are "The House With the Twisty Windows," by Marq Parkington; "Where the Cross is Made," by Eugene O'Neill; "Man in the Stalls," by Alfred Sutro; "The Eldest," by Edna Ferber; "The Nightstick," "White Elephants," by Kenyon Nicholson; "Spring," by Colin Campbell Clements, and Lewis Beach's "The Clod."

We mourn the death of MR. SIMON M. ROEDER

Father of our Member, SAMUEL M. ROEDER, of San Francisco.

May his soul rest in peace.

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12th, IS MOTHER'S DAY. ALL HONOR TO HER.

JUST A LITTLE REMINDER ABOUT THAT PLEDGE!

"Upon my word, I will give,—or, I pledge a certain amount." These words have a peculiar meaning, and upon the strength of them, the Institutional Synagogue has already entered upon new engagements and contractual relationships.

We know that you might be very busy, and have overlooked this little matter, but remember the I. S. is depending upon it. It just takes but a moment to put real meaning in those words. We, therefore, urge that you send that promised contribution at your earliest convenience.

Small and insignificant as a promised contribution may seem to you, remember that every bit counts with the I. S.

We are under no munificent endowments as other more fortunate institutions. The I. S. is wholly self-supporting, and depends upon you, who have pledged to help us in our endeavors to continue in our fine work.

Kindly send in that contribution, now
WITHOUT FAIL.

WANTED CULTURAL LEADERSHIP!

Have we Jewish cultural leadership in this country? The answer is emphatically in the negative. We are on the desert of Sinai, but with out Mosaic leadership. We wander about this great spiritual desert groping in the dark; hoping against hope that a ray of light might break through to help us find ourselves.

It is true, and we have no wish to deny it, that we have men of culture who occasionally contribute to professional periodicals that never reach the wide public. But our scholars possess neither the broad prophetic vision, nor the rare gift of leadership. They are for the most part musty souls without the creative gift, who are content to eke out an existence by their scholarship. However, they are blind to the greater beauties of Jewish culture.

They for whom publicity has conquered the uncontested places of leadership, are interested only in leading themselves to the limelight, and their scanty following mostly

to Mirage-land. We repeat, those who pose as our cultural leaders, lack the where withal—culture—to lead, as well as selfless motives in leadership. We have self-glorifiers, and sycophants, but no leaders.

In New York, cultural leadership presents no special problem. In the province it is a very grave one. Our "Main Streeters" wander astray and become lost to us. Our sages were not wrong when they informed us that man lives not by bread alone. Neither were the prophets in error when they warned us that only by the spirit can we survive. The worst is that our elders do not encourage. Often they thwart aspirations of cultural leadership in our youth who hold out promise. Are we to be doomed to the fate of the ten lost tribes? Verily, our people perish for lack of vision.

—Pittsburgh "Y."

NATHAN STRAUSS DONATES MEDICAL CENTER IN CITY OF JERUSALEM

Due to the generosity of Nathan Strauss, the great philanthropist, the ancient city of Jerusalem now boasts of an ultra-modern medical centre. This newly created institution was formally opened April 30th last, and will be known as the Nathan & Lina Straus Health Centre. It will be under the ownership and management of the Hadassah Medical Organization, to whom Mr. Straus deeded the property.

The centre has been fully equipped along the most modern and scientific lines and is so arranged as to permit the development of infant welfare work and medical preventative activities of the finest sort. In addition, its numerous departments cover all phases of the care of children with advice and lectures to mothers.

The plant, costing about \$250,000, unquestionably fills a much needed want, and will serve all of the people of the land without regard to race or creed.

This deed of kindness on Mr. Straus' part is but one of many, and will undoubtedly be remembered for countless generations by the people of the holy land.

CHOICE PLOTS AVAILABLE AT I. S. CEMETERY

The Institutional Synagogue is in possession of choice plots at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. We request every member to call upon our Executive Director, Mr. Bernstein, in regard to any information that they may desire, in regard to this matter.

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