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CLUBS OF I. S. VOLUNTEER TO AID IN FLOWER DAY

The boys and girls who constitute the clubs of the I. S. are all agog over the opportunity to win a trip to Palestine that is being given by the Jewish National Fund Council of Greater New York.

To the boy or girl who turns in the largest amount of money that was collected by the sale of the flowers, a first prize of a trip to Palestine will be given. This will include maintenance for the four weeks while there. The second prize will consist of a set of the new de luxe edition of Gratto history which is offered in each of the 14 J. N. V. districts of Greater New York. This will be given to the person that brings in the largest amount, exclusive of the first prize. Gold Medals will be offered for the next 25 highest boxes.

Quite a few of the club members have already entered and all those who wish to volunteer should see either Mr. Shapiro or Mr. Kornfield. Here is your chance to win

Large Audience Enjoys Impressive Bar Mitzvah of Master Joshua Levine

SPECIAL NOTICE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MEMBERS, SEAT HOLDERS

No doubt after this Yomtov you will all make preparation for the summer vacation, but before leaving the city, I would like you to make your reservations for your seat for the coming High Holy Days. The High Holy Days this year begin October 4, and we expect all our friends back to the city by that time, therefore make your reservations immediately to insure your getting the proper seat.

some fine prizes and at the same time help in the redemption of the soil of Palestine. So let's all pitch in and help for Flower Day beginning June 9th this year.

I. S. Gains Another Manhattan Champion- ship as Senior Team Wins by Default

Final Metropolitan League Tilt Arranged in Fall.

The championship of Manhattan and the Bronx of Senior debating was claimed by the I. S. forensic team when the 92nd Street Y, who were to be their opponents, defaulted last Sunday afternoon. The teams were to debate upon the subject, "Resolved that the expanded Jewish Agency with equal participation of Zionists and non-Zionists is the most desirable plan for the economic and cultural development of Palestine."

The I. S. team, which was to uphold the negative, consisted of Messrs. S. Alexander Sterenbuck, Jack Lefkowitz and Frank Horowitz, alternate. Both the debators were well prepared with facts and were only too sorry to see the debate go by default.

This is the second Manhattan and Bronx debating championship that the I. S. has

won in the past two weeks, for the Intermediate team can also boast of a victorious campaign. The Metropolitan League will arrange the championship debates to take place in the early part of the Fall, and according to Mr. Samuel Leff, secretary of the League, the opponents of the Intermediate team will be the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A. The Intermediate team defeated the Harlem Hebrew Institute team and also the East Side Jewish Center, while the Seniors were victorious over the Bronx Y.

Mr. William Shapiro, the S. E. director who is coaching both teams, is hopeful that at least one Metropolitan League championship will be won by the I. S. next Fall. He wishes to express his thanks to the debators of both teams for the fine way that they have co-operated with him and for their unstinted efforts that earned them their victories.

Delightful and Memorable Dinner for Many Guests Follows Services.

Master Joshua Levine, the son of our director, Mr. Jack Levine, and nephew of our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, was made Bar Mitzvah, last Sunday morning in an inspiring manner before a prominent audience. It was indeed a pleasure to see with what ease and lack of flurry that Master Joshua handled himself. In true Orthodox style did he intone the Maftir and recited the entire Sedrah, much to the gratification of all present.

Is a Popular Lad

During the Boys' Week conducted by the Talmud Torah, Master Joshua occupied the pulpit and acted in the capacity of "Rabbi." We understand he is very popular among his associates. All his teachers speak of him in the highest terms. They all look forward to a great future that most likely will be in store for him.

Notables Present

Most of the directors and officers and members of the I. S. were present, many of them walking from great distances. Among the familiar faces present who traveled from the West Side were President Isaac Siegal, Lester Udell, Isaac Goldman, Morris Jablow, Henry Blankfort, Max Stavish and others. Also the Sisterhood, the Parent Association, the Daughters and the Brotherhood, the Junior League as well as the Talmud Torah, and other auxiliaries of the I. S. were well represented.

First Prize Winner for Hiking!

First prize for the marathon walkers to the services, however, must be given to our Executive Secretary, Mr. Bernstein, who trekked it from way up the Heights. Mr. Bernstein finished his marathon fresh and strong, and was able to participate in the festivities with his usual good cheer.

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At the conclusion of the services the congregation, including the directors, the Talmud Torah students, and the other prominent guests adjourned to partake of some refreshments and to help along the Simcha. As a special reward to those who were forced to walk to the Synagogue, not living in the neighborhood, the Bal Simchas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levine invited them to their home to enjoy a well cooked Shabbosdicker dinner.

During the impromptu reception we must not forget the humor and jollity of our good Mrs. Goldstein, grandmother of the Bar Mitzvah and mother of Rabbi Goldstein, who made the many guests quite at home.

The Institutional is indeed proud to congratulate Master Joshua Levine on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah and hopes that he will be a true son in Israel, forever living up to its beautiful principles and ideals.

Ethics of the Fathers

COMMENTS

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Chapter V.

With ten sayings the world was created. What does this teach us? Could it not have been created with one saying? It is to make known the punishment that will befall the wicked who destroy the world that was created with ten sayings, as well as the goodly reward that will be bestowed upon the just who preserve the world that was created with ten sayings.

Punishment—and reward: The world was created in stages, man being the last. His superiority consists in possessing free-agency. With free-agency comes God's plan of reward and punishment, which would be impossible without it. Thus the wicked receive punishment and the righteous reward.

There were ten generations from Adam to Noah, to make known how long-suffering God is, seeing that all those generations continued provoking him, until he brought upon them the waters of the flood.

Long-suffering: Man should not despair at what seems to be a delay in punishment. It is the unfolding of God's attribute of being long-suffering.

There were ten generations from Noah to Abraham, to make known how long-suffering God is, seeing that all those generations continued provoking him, until Abraham our father came, and received the reward they should all have earned.

Abraham: Noah was self-centered, individualistic in his piety. He neglected his generation, which had to be wiped out by the flood. Abraham, on the other hand, radiated piety. When Abraham spread his spirituality, he replenished the world with all that which the ten preceding generations lacked, and therefore received the reward for all of them.

With ten trials our Father Abraham was tried, and he stood firm in them all, to make known how great was the love of our Father Abraham.

Love: Why was it necessary to test Abraham, since God knew in advance that Abraham would be able to stand the Trial? God did this to make known to the world how strong the love of Abraham our father was, towards Him.

With ten tests did our fathers tempt the holy one? Blessed be he, in the wilderness, as it is said, and they have tempted me these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice (Numb. xiv. 2).

The Question Box

1. Who are the Crypto Jews?

Answer to Question 1. Crypto means hidden or secret. Hence Crypto Jews came to be the name applied to those Jews who professed another religion outwardly but practiced Jewish rites in secret in their own homes. There seems to have been some tendency toward this practice as early as the days of the Maccabees. It was first indulged in on a large scale on account of the persecutions of the Jews in Spain. Spanish Jews of this type became generally known as Maranos.

2. How can you reconcile the eye for an eye philosophy of the Torah with modern ideas of criminal principals.

Answer to Question 2: In answer to this question let me say that there is no need for reconciliation because when the Bible says "an eye for an eye" or "a tooth for a tooth" money restitution is meant. In other words the implication in the Talmud is that one must give the value of an eye for an eye, of a tooth for a tooth, etc.

3. Is there present a fundamentalist and modernist problem in Judaism?

Answer to question 3. No, because fundamentalism is a purely Christian doctrine.

4. Could you trace the treatment of the Jews in England from 1200 on?

Answer to Question 4. In answer to this question let me refer you for an extended reply to Graetz's history of the Jews, and for a brief resume, to the Jewish Encyclopedia, volume 5, pages 164 to 174.

Tests: Israel said, "We will do and observe," without hesitancy. Nevertheless, they were critical and reluctant in accepting the Torah. They were not like the originators of other faiths who were exceedingly credulous and non-critical. This should inspire us with added confidence as to the origin of our faith.

There are seven marks of an uncultured, and seven of a WISE man. The wise man does not speak before him who is greater than he in wisdom; (b) and does not break in upon the speech of his fellow; (c) he is not hasty to answer; (d) he questions according to the subject matter, and answers to the point; (e) he speaks upon the first thing first, and upon the last thing last; (f) regarding that which he has not understood he says, I do not understand it; (g) and he acknowledges the truth. The reverse of all this is to be found in an uncultured man.

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CHARITY IS A MERCY THAT DOES NOT FAIL OF ATTENTION AT THE I. S.

ATHLETICS

Last Sunday morning the annual Metropolitan League track and field meet took place. The I. S. for the first time entered a team consisting of very green material although there were a great many doubts in the minds of the spectators present of the eligibility of some of the men running, the I. S. can be positive of the fact that their team consisted of all I. S. members and no "ringers." In spite of the fact that superior competition was at hand the I. S. managed to place second in the 60-yard dash, third in the 20-yard run, and third in the very gruelling and tiring mile run. The outstanding performance of the day was the comeback of Mac Blieberg from next to last place in the field of about twenty-five competitors to third place in a very fast mile run.

With this team nucleus, the I. S. is hopeful of having a very successful representative team at next year's track meet.

On Sunday, June 21, the I. S. will hold their 12th Annual Field Day at Pelham Bay Park. The Physical Education Department has arranged a series of events and games that will be held for that day. Following this article a regulation Field Day Blank for your convenience has been set up. Kindly check the events you wish to enter and fill the necessary questions and give full information. These blanks must be in the hands of the Physical Educational Department no later than Thursday, June 20, 9 P. M.

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Uncultured: The Hebrew word "Golem" means something unfinished, short of the final touches. Here, therefore, the word "Golem" is used as a metaphor, portraying one who did not realize himself yet. A "Chaw-chawm," on the other hand, is a wise man; one who has realized all his intellectual capacities... The "seven marks" of wisdom are demonstrated by his attitude in (a) and (4) toward his superiors in the acquisition of knowledge, (b) and (e) toward his equals, in discussion and (c) and (f) toward his pupils in disseminating knowledge. The seventh (g) refers to them all. Vice versa is it with an uncultured man.

There are four characters among men: He who says, what is mine is mine and

WE MOURN

the death of Mrs. Sarah Edith Frank, the Vice-President of the I. S. Sisterhood. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Bernard N. Frank and a son.
MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.

FIELD DAY ENTRY BLANK

(Place a check before the event you wish to enter.)

Junior Club and Gym Boys:

-1. 40-yard dash.
-2. 60-yard dash.
-3. Running broad jump.
-4. 200-yard club relay (4 men).

Intermediate Club and Gym Boys:

-1. 100-yard dash.
-2. 220-yard run.
-3. 880-yard run.
-4. The 80-lb. shot put.
-5. 400-yard club relay (4 men).

Senior Club and Gym Men:

-1. 440-yard run.
-2. One-mile run.
-3. Running high jump.

Girls of Clubs:

-1. 40-yard dash.
-2. Basketball throw for distance.

Events closed to Talmud Torah boys:

-1. 40-yard dash.
-2. 50-yard dash.
-3. Running broad jump.
-4. 200-yard class relay.

Closed to Talmud Torah Girls:

-1. 40-yard dash.
-2. Basketball throw.

Name

Division

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Weight

Club

Talmud Torah Class.....

what is thine is thine, his is a neutral character. Some say, that is a character like that of Sodom, he who says, what is mine is thine and what is thine is mine, is a boor; he who says, what is mine is thine and what is thine is thine, is a saint; he who says, what is thine is mine and what is mine is mine, is a wicked man.

Of Sodom: Legally (de jure), mine is mine, and thine is thine, is correct; but morally (de facto), it describes the people of Sodom who did not want to know of, nor to help, the poor; and who would say to them, "What is mine is mine, and what is thine is thine."

VARIOUS CONTESTS ENGAGE INTEREST OF SOCIAL DEPARTMENT CLUBS

Checkers, Ping Pong and Bible Story Eliminations Now Taking Place

Several tournaments are now in full swing among the Junior clubs of the I. S. Checkers, ping pong and the Bible Story Contest are now the object of the elimination tournament.

The checker tournament will take place in the game room during the early part of this week and on Wednesday and Thursday the semi-finals and finals will be held. The same procedure will be followed for the Ping Pong contest. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each winner in each tournament.

The last day for the Bible Story Contest will be Wednesday, June 12, when the essays must be in the hands of Mr. Shapiro or Miss Stein. They should be written on one side of the paper and should not exceed 250 words in length. The topics should be entitled, "What the story of — means to me." Last year over forty essays were submitted and it is hoped that the same interest will be shown this time.

The 12th Annual Outing for the children of our Talmud Torah and Social Department will be held Sunday, June 16th, 1929. This outing is being arranged by Mrs. I. Stein, the president of the Parents Association and her committee, Miss Eva Stein, religious director of the Social Department, will also render assistance.

The Annual Strawberry Festival and final meeting of the season is being arranged by the Parents Association for its members and friends. The date will be announced in our next issue.

Small and insignificant as that **Promised Contribution** may seem to you, please remember that to the I. S. every bit counts. The I. S. has no endowments, as other more fortunate institutions have. The I. S. is self-supporting.

Please help us in our endeavors to keep going. Right now send in that contribution.

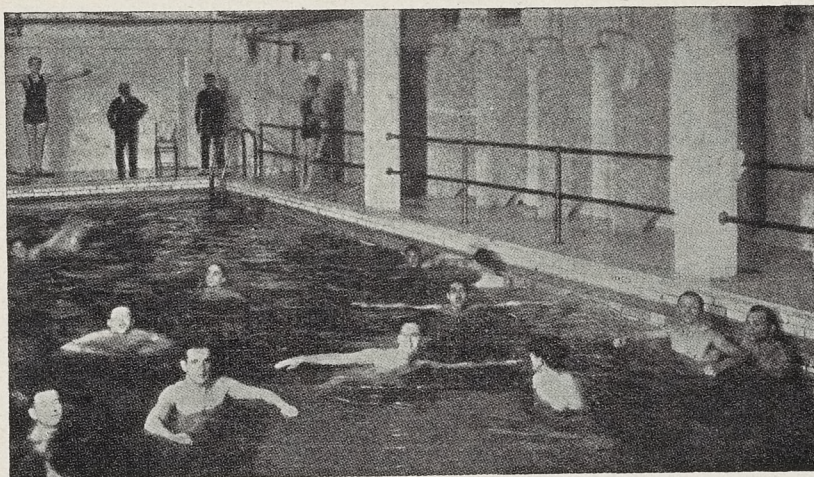
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