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INTER. DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN NOVEMBER

I. S. to Engage Brooklyn "Y" In Final Battle

The final debate in deciding the Intermediate Debating Championship of the Metropolitan League will be held at the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A., 339 Eighth Street, Sunday afternoon, November 10th. The subject for debate will be, "Resolved that the Volstead Act be modified to permit the sale of light wines and beer by the government."

The Institutional Synagogue will uphold the affirmative of that proposition. According to the definition of terms, light wines are those containing 7% or less of alcohol and beer is the usual product with an alcoholic content of about 4% or less.

The I. S. will be represented by Abe Margulies and Morris A. Urieff, with David Shapiro as alternate. The latter was a member of last year's champion Manhattan and Bronx team, but because of the press of scholastic duties, he is unable to take a major part in the championship battle. Mr. William Shapiro, S.-E. director, is again coaching.

Because of the general interest that this subject has aroused, it is unnecessary to give any explanation of the possibility and interest aspect of the coming tilt. It is sug-

Sisterhood Plans Big Membership Drive as First Step For a Successful Season

In accordance with their annual custom

RABBI and MRS. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

will be at home to the members and seat-holders of the Institutional Synagogue at 3:00 P. M. this **Saturday afternoon**, October 26th (Shemini Atzeres).

IN LOVING MEMORY

of the birth of one of the greatest practical citizens and patriots this country has ever had, this issue of the Institutional is fondly dedicated.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

gested that you be present at the debate, primarily for your own benefit and incidentally to cheer the I. S. along.

The presentation speeches will be eight minutes in length. Rebuttal speeches five minutes. There will be a ten-minute interval for preparation between the Presentation and Rebuttal. Affirmative will speak first and last. There will be two speakers in Presentation and two speakers in Rebuttal. The judges will be secured by the Brooklyn organization.

Mrs. Annie Morris, President, Directs Completion of Main Building Succah

A very interesting meeting of the I. S. Sisterhood was held last Thursday evening at the main branch. Plans were discussed for the coming season and the immediate work on hand as regards the Succah was disposed of. A condolence resolution for Mrs. Levow was unanimously passed.

The contributions for the Succah were brought in by the members who attended. Due to the energetic efforts of their president, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, the decorating of the Succah was completed before the beginning of the meeting.

Interesting Season

Plans for a very interesting program for the coming season were discussed in full. At present the immediate interest of the Sisterhood is a drive for members among the Harlem Jewish women.

Big Meeting Tuesday

At the forthcoming meeting this Tuesday evening, October 29th, an unusually large attendance is expected since each present member has promised to bring several friends along as prospective members. Added enthusiasm and more concerted activity is the slogan for which the Sisterhood at present is stressing.

Hail the Officers

The officers of this worthy organization are: Mrs. Annie R. Morris, president; the vice-presidents are Mrs. Harry Fischel, Mrs. Max Levine; Mrs. Kive Siegel, financial secretary, Mrs. David L. Messing; recording secretary, Mrs. Jacob Levow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Cooperstein; Treasurer, Mrs. Max Stavish.

Schedule of Holiday Services

	Harlem	West Side
FRIDAY EVENING	4:45	4:45
SATURDAY:		
Morning	8:15	8:45
Sermon	10:00	10:15
Evening (Simchas Torah).....	4:45	4:45
SUNDAY:		
Morning	8:15	8:45
Evening	4:45	4:45

Sermons will be delivered by Rabbis Herbert S. Goldstein and I. L. Brill. Cantors Zalmon Yavneh and Menachem Rosenberg will officiate.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 4:47

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MR. MASLIANSKY HONORED WITH POSITION OF GABBAI

We are sure that our members and seat-holders at the Harlem Synagogue will be glad to know that Mr. Chaim Masliansky, one of the pioneers in the building of the I. S., has been given the honored position of Gabbai.

Mr. Masliansky's interest in the activities of the I. S. dates back to the very inception of this Institution. Throughout these many years he has always shown himself to be one of its loyal and active members. The committee made no mistake in their choice.

Knowing his capabilities, we are assured that his good judgment will always prevail in exercising his duties, by handing out Alias and other honors. His goal is to satisfy everybody, for he is quite certain that everyone will cooperate with him. Congratulations, Mr. Masliansky, and lots of success.

CLUBBERY

The Omaha Girls take this medium of inviting you to the first of their series of literary talks. Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen has been invited to discuss "Israel Zangwell" next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock prompt.

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A red hot band, congenial company, happy fellowship, a spacious floor, opportunity to meet new friends, in short a superlative good time is promised you by the Kowecos, who are initiating their year's activities with a gala dance and basketball game, Saturday night, December 7th. Get your tickets now for one of the most memorable social activities conducted in the I. S.

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The Stamp Club, a conspicuous junior club meeting every Wednesday night, invites new membership. All those interested in the absorbing hobby of collecting stamps are invited to their meeting.

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The Habonim met last Wednesday to discuss coming plans. They contemplate an exceedingly extensive membership campaign and activities. The coming issue of the Institutional will include more details of their plans.

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We extend a glad hand of welcome to an old timer, Mr. Mac Bleiberg of the Harlbros, who has been invited to direct the Argoes. This also means congratulations to the Argoes for acquiring such a leader.

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Because of the holidays occurring during the past Sundays, many of our clubs ordinarily meeting Sundays suspended activities until the termination of the holidays, and no doubt this brief respite is merely a lull before the storm of activity.

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We wish to welcome as new additions to our Leaders' Staff, Messrs. Joseph Bleich and Milton Gottlieb. Mr. Bleich will be invited to direct the Harlem S. A. C. Mr. Gottlieb will lead the Maccabees.

FIRST FOUR-REEL ALL JEWISH "TALKIE" PRODUCED

A Yiddish talkie, Ad Musai, the first of its kind, was shown last week in the exhibition room of the producer, Max Cohen. The picture, which was directed by Sidney Goldin, is a four-reeler dealing with life in Galicia. The cast includes Anna Appel, Lazar Fried and Mark Schweid, all of the Yiddish stage, and the boy cantor, Itzikel. An English version has been prepared for non-Jewish audiences.

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I. S. SUCCAHS AT BOTH BRANCHES BUILT BY BENEVOLENT MEMBERS

Mrs. Annie R. Morris and Mrs. Morris Fichter Deserve I. S. Appreciation and Thanks.

Our complete vote for the most unselfish and devoted woman in Harlem goes to Mrs. Annie R. Morris, President of the Sisterhood, whose efforts were greatly instrumental in helping the local members enjoy the true Holiday spirit.

Mrs. Morris, busy as she always is, found time however to do the Succah decorations, for which she is so famous. She was the guest of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein for the last two days before the Holidays, in order that she might devote all her spare time to the "cause." Besides this great expenditure of time and effort, Mrs. Morris generously defrayed the costs of the embellishments.

Assisting this very active worker were Mrs. Stavish, Mrs. David L. Messing, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Weil, Mr. Norman Liberman, and many members of the Daughters' Organization.

On the West Side, although our Succah was small, it was very pretty and cozy-looking. Our gratitude is extended to Mrs. Morris Fichter, Mrs. Samuel Silver, and to our jovial friend, Mr. B. Rothblatt, who constructed the Succah.

It May Be A Little Annoying To Go Through A Physical Examination Before Joining the I. S. Gym.

Jewish Contributions To Civilization

Article II.

THE JEW AS CITIZEN AND PATRIOT

Theodore Roosevelt wrote, "I am glad to be able to say that while the Jews of the United States have remained loyal to their faith, and their Race traditions, they have become indissolubly incorporated in the great army of American Citizenship, prepared to make all sacrifice for the country, either in peace or war, and striving for the perpetuation of good government and for the maintenance of the principles embodied in our Constitution. They are honorably distinguished by their industry, their obedience to law, and their devotion to national welfare."

Because the phases of Jewish contributions towards the founding and development of our country are too many and too significant to be condensed into a single-page article, I shall point out in this article the most conspicuous contributions of Jews towards the founding and early development of our country, and with our next issue of the paper conclude with later contributions and an analysis of the great part played by the Jews—as individuals and as a race towards the "perpetuation of good government" and "maintenance of principles embodied in our Constitution."

In viewing the role of the Jew in the founding and early development of our country, we are treated to a continuous series of surprises. Did you know that Columbus was financed by three Jews—Santangel, Arragon and Sanchez; the physician and three sailors of his intrepid crew were Jews; and the map that Columbus consulted was drawn by Jehuda Cresques, a Jew?

The first Jewish settlers are said to have arrived here in 1654. The first governor of the State of Georgia was the Jew, David Emanuel.

During the Revolutionary War seven Jewish officers received commendations for bravery from George Washington.

Two of the leading Generals of the United States forces during the War of 1848 were Jews, de Leon and Kaufman.

Amongst the foremost "Abolitionists of Slavery" in the period preceding the Civil War, we can find a number of Jews, outstanding among whom were Rabbi Einhorn, Penner, Heilprin and Judge Joachensin. A Jew, Judah P. Benjamin, was at this time appointed Secretary of State in the Confederate Cabinet.

Since 1791, when Israel Jacobs was elected to Congress, there have been twenty-nine Jewish Congressmen and six Jewish

Joy and Mirth Marks End of Holiday Season

Hoshanah Rabbah

The seventh day of Succos is called Hoshanah Rabbah ("The Great Help-oh-Lord-Day"). On that day a cluster made up of five willow twigs is used at the morning prayers. This cluster is called Hoshannah, and is tied together with strips of willow bark or palm leaf. It is used in the Synagogue on the morning of Hoshanah Rabbah. At first there is a procession around the Bimah, which is repeated seven times. At last, with a petition for the forgiveness of his sins, each worshipper strikes his branch a few times on the desk or bench before him, and throws it away. Doing so, poetical prayers are recited, among which there is one which is filled with messianic hopes—"Kol M'vaser, M'vaser V'omer—" (a voice brings news brings news and says).

Shemini Atzeres

The eighth day of Succos as mentioned previously, is called Shemini Atzeres, the Eighth day of Solemn Assembly. During the services in the Synagogue, before the reading of the portion of Law, the extremely interesting Book of Ecclesiastes (Koheles) is read. In this book King Solomon discusses human life, freedom, the curse of tyranny, the folly of mere earthly pleasures, etc., and at the end of it is found the famous sentence: "All being said, fear God and observe His laws, for that is the whole duty and glory of man." After the reading of the Law memorial services for the departed (Hazkoras Neshomas) are held. (As a rule (Koheles) Ecclesiastes is read on Shabbos Chol Hamsed.)

After that the Additional Prayer (mussaf) is recited by all. During the "mussaf" service we pray for rain, in due season. The Jews, as a distinct agricultural people, were dependent on the rain. Of course, now the situation has changed; but this prayer reminds us of our past and forces our mind to think constantly of Palestine.

Simchas Torah (Rejoicing in the Law)

As already mentioned, the ninth day of the festival marks the conclusion of Succos and of all the festivals, and is called "Simchas Torah," since the reading of Torah (of which a portion is read every Sabbath in the Synagogue) is concluded and recommenced. It is a day of great rejoicing for the men, women and children, who usually come in great numbers on this day. The reading of the Torah is observed with great solemnity. The man who reads the closing sentences of the Torah is called "Chosson Torah" (Bridegroom of the Torah). He is followed by the one who reads the "Haf-torah," the prophetic portion. After him comes the "Chosson Bereyshis (bridegroom of the portion "Bereyshis," first chapter of the Torah). The two bridegrooms together with the reader of the prophetic portion usually show their gratitude for being so honored by acting as hosts to the whole congregation at a gathering of some kind. Simchas Torah is celebrated in the Synagogue in a way no other holiday is celebrated. The men dance with the Torah joyfully; and the children show their joy of singing, carrying flags with pictures of the Torah, the tablets of the ten commandments, and the emblem of the "Mogen David." Fruits and goodies are distributed among the children. It is a great day for general merry making.

The most noticeable feature of Simchas Torah is the "Hakofos" (the procession around the Bimah), at which the Scrolls of the Torah are carried. This procession is repeated at least seven times, and is carefully carried out both on the evening and morning of Simchas Torah. During the day in the homes as well as in the Synagogue there is general rejoicing which assumes various forms. All this is done to show that we cherish the Torah and rejoice with it.

With best wishes for a very happy New Year, I am

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ,
Chairman of the Educational Committee.

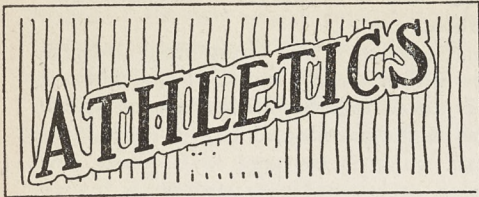
Senators. We are proud to assert that our president, Isaac Siegel, and our director, Sol Bloom, are among these.

In Diplomatic Service the Jew has distinguished himself. Oscar Strauss served under four Presidents; and recently Rabbi Kornfield was appointed Minister to Persia, and Mr. Guggenheim as Cuban Ambassador.

In the next article we shall see the Jew as a contributing factor towards the development of American National Spirit and Culture.

The Institutional Synagogue wishes to extend its condolences to MR. and MRS. JACOB LEVOW on the loss of their son. Mrs. Levow is recording secretary of the Sisterhood and Mr. Levow has always been among our staunch supporters.

But Please Remember the Examination Is Intended for Your Benefit Primarily.



By **JACK SILBERT**
 Director Physical Training

At a recent meeting of the Gym Directors of the affiliated houses of the Metropolitan League, there was proposed a "Health Drive." Similarly, a great many other institutions, schools, business houses and organizations are always making health drives along with innumerable other drives.

For a long time it has been my ardent desire to reach you personally, or through the medium of the Institutional, in order to have a heart to heart talk about health problems in general, but more important, to discuss your own health.

With the handicap of limited space, I'll try and do justice to a topic that has a limitless field, that carries a tremendous, vital message and that concerns you from childhood through adolescence.

The word "drive" ought to have some significance to you. Psychologically a drive is an interest, a satisfaction, a goal, pursued and when finally achieved means—Happiness. So why not set up a programme of "drives" or "objectives" for yourself in terms of "health."

Your programme may be a simple one or a more complicated one. So long as your objectives are sound, wholesome and worthwhile, leading to the ultimate goal—it is the proper one. Just follow it.

For instance: Do you suffer from eye-strain, headaches, toothaches, upset stomach and similar ailments?

More seriously, are your nerves sound? Do you assimilate your food? Are you following a good diet? Are you restless, wearisome, grouchy, irritable or out of sorts? There must be some maladjustment if you are—why not correct it? You can—you ought to—at home, in school, in the Gym. I cannot go deeply into the values of Physical Education for Health, but in short:

Establish regular habits for health. Have yourself examined by a doctor. He can best diagnose your case.

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But in the last analysis, participation in wholesome Gym activities, using the pool, playing tennis, hiking, boxing, golf, or any "Big Muscle Activity" will help tremendously. These activities increase your heart action, increase your respiration, increase your appetite, maintain your weight and gives that soundness so vital to your nervous system, so that you may increase your abilities and capacities to function in every way, through life's experience at all ages.

To this end the Institutional Synagogue will try some time in the near future to contribute at least one objective: "A thorough health examination" by competent doctors. For the rest why not join the Gym and Pool, participate in the activities, to build up, to strengthen and improve those organs, nerves and tissues that God endowed you with and meant for you to keep sound and strong for your happiness. You would give your auto a thorough overhauling, why not your own body?

Sound health once achieved means that you will be best fitted for life's competition in a sound social environment, for better citizenship and character.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION DELIGHTS "KIDDIES" WITH FESTIVE CELEBRATION

Another Reason Why the I. S. Attracts and Holds Its Children

Youth once again was served, this time by the incomparable Parents' Association of the I. S. The youth comprised 400 youngsters, all of whom are members of the Talmud Torah at this Building.

The occasion was a Succah Party that the Parents' Association sponsors regularly every year. Cake, punch, grapes, raisins, and apples were among the edibles. The children were addressed by Dr. Joseph Datt, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Mrs. I. Stein. Mrs. Stein, be it said to her credit, is probably the only woman president of an I. S. organization who devotes herself so wholeheartedly and unselfishly to the cause of children's welfare.

Not only the "kiddies," but the teachers of the Talmud Torah and the office staff were recipients as well, of the kindness of the Parents' Association. This aspect of the festival celebration annually goes hand in hand with the demonstration in favor of the children.

The Special Patrons

The Parents' Association seems to be the special patrons of the Talmud Torah of the I. S. No opportunity to inspire and make happy the "kiddies" at the I. S. goes by unheeded when they're around. It is the "kiddie" demonstrations the Parents' Association so willingly contrives that has earned for the I. S. the name of "Haven for the Children."

MOTHERS AND FATHERS

Could do well to remember that the I. S. Library is always open for the youngsters (from seven until ten at night) for the purpose of enabling them to do their homework quietly and profitably.

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