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DRAMATIC GROUP BEGINS WORK ON PLAYS

Casting Completed, Members Urged to Join Players.

Strange, but it is true, that the "Institutional Players," the I. S. dramatic troupe, is going to present an Arabian drama. Mr. Kapelson, the dramatic leader, has promised us a unique play in producing "The Sassoon" and he has already begun his preliminary readings, and has conducted try-outs for his cast during the past week.

An English comedy called "My Lady Help" was finally selected to take the place of the comedy "Nevertheless" as the production for 1930. This play and a skit, "The Mountain Walks" are the unusually novel additions to the tentative schedule planned by the dramatic leader for this year. During the past week, including all day Sunday, casting for these plays and changes for the better will be made, with an effort to present the best available material at the coming Hanukah rally.

To those who have not yet presented themselves as members of this talented and ambitious group of "Institutional Players," we are advised that there are some parts as yet unfilled. Mr. Kapelson will, in the near future, announce some more details of the forthcoming productions.

HOUSE COUNCIL TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS

At the last meeting of the House Council temporary officers were elected, and the resolutions committee reported on the results of their meetings. The officers elected were: Mr. Rashnow of the Tranquillities, as President; and Mr. Fleitman of the Chai Aetas, as Secretary.

Election of permanent officers will be held among the house membership within the next two weeks. The temporary athletic committee, to work out with Mr. Silbert the details of the basketball tournament was appointed, and consists of Messrs. Rashnow, Fleitman, and Mr. Katz of the Jeshurun.

Mr. Shapiro, the S-E Director, appealed to the Council to help raise the I. S. to even higher levels as a social, religious and athletic Center.

I. S. Army Moves Forward To Get Record Audience at Theatre Party

NEW YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE FORMED ON WEST SIDE

At a joint meeting of the I. S. Brotherhood and Young Men's Club of the West Side it was decided to follow the trend of present corporation practice—to merge.

Modest plans were made for the coming season in which monthly smokers, with a prominent speaker present at each, are to be the feature. Bible classes led by Rabbi Goldstein will provide another activity for this organization.

Election of officers was conducted with the following results: Jack Epstein, President; Hon. Ira H. Holley, 1st Vice-President; Mr. Fink, 2nd Vice-President; Theodore Priser, Treasurer; Clarence Lieberman; Secretary; Harold Kaplan, Bible Class Secretary.

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS GIVEN TO GYM MEMBERS

In harmony with the health program of the Metropolitan League, the Institutional Synagogue has followed the policy of giving every member of the gymnasium a health examination before the privileges of the Recreation department are allowed him.

Dr. David Weiss is at present the I. S. House Doctor, succeeding Dr. Herzog. Dr. Weiss is a member of the Beth Israel Hospital staff, where he has been for the past several years, alternating on the medical and surgical service. He has often lectured on medical subjects and was admitting physician at the hospital last year.

I. S. SORORITY GROUP HOLDS THANKSGIVING DANCE

The Thanksgiving Dance, given by the Gamma Sigma Pi sorority girls, who meet at the I. S., will be held in the Woodrow Wilson room of the Pythian Temple at 70th Street and Broadway, on the evening of November 30th. Miss Frances Phillips, Chairman of the Dance Committee, has arranged for several unique features and assures all those who will attend a time that they will long remember.

Messrs. Udell, Wartels and Gluck on Ticket Committee; Basser and A. H. Cohen to Supervise Journal.

LET'S GET STARTED!

Once more the magnificent I. S. army, headed by the incomparable General Lester Udell, move forward to make the 13th Annual Theatre Party at Warner Brothers Theatre on January 14th the outstanding social event of the year.



MR. LESTER UDELL

Lester is again having usual, unusual results in selling the coveted pasteboards for "General Crack," featuring the great John Barrymore. With "a bigger and better theatre party than ever before" as the catchphrase, Lester is once again promising to take first place among our ticket sellers.

Scene—Warner Bros. Theatre.

Due to the courtesy of the Warner Bros. manager, Mr. Charnes, the I. S. has secured the more commodious and comfortable Warner Brothers Theatre instead of the Central Theatre, where the theatre party was originally intended to be held. The successful theatre parties of the past at the

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 4:14

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Warner Brothers Theatres has made that location a familiar one to I. S. supporters.

All Hail!

Assisting Mr. Udell as chairman of the theatre party is the grand old man of the I. S., Mr. Aaron Wartels, as co-Chairman. Mr. Wartel's genial personality has won him a host of friends, and we are sure that they will all be there on the evening of January 14th. Mr. David H. Gluck, Chancellor, of the Exchequer, par excellence, is the Theatre Party treasurer. Mr. Wartels, by thus accepting to bear the brunt of the campaign, needs the co-operation of every member of the building, more so this year than ever before.

Scintillating Souvenir Journal

Directly assisting Mr. Udell and in complete charge of the Souvenir Journal, which will be part of the theatre function, will be Mr. William L. Basser, with Mr. A. H. Cohen as treasurer of the Theatre Journal. Both of these active men, although they have not been conspicuous in the columns of this paper, have worked effectively to accomplish the tasks delegated them in the past, and have been chosen as the most fitting men to put across the "biggest ever." We are assured that the theatre program this year will be more novel than any of its predecessors.

The jobs these gentlemen have undertaken are big ones, and the I. S. is fortunate in having such ardent workers to execute them, but these men are dependent upon the whole-hearted co-operation and assistance of the rest of the members of the I. S. They therefore appeal to you to make the coming theatre party the most successful one ever conducted.

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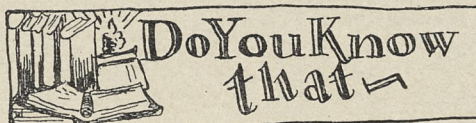
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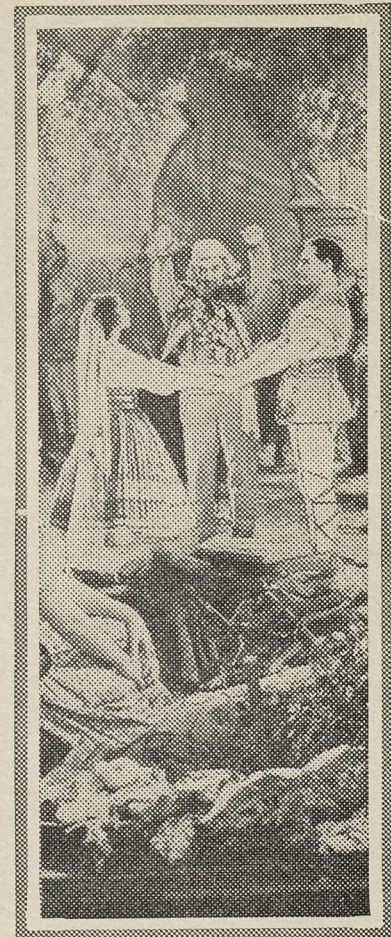
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1. In the 13th century the Jews were expelled from England.
2. Henry Bergson, a Jewish Philosopher, propounded the theory of Creative Evolution?
3. Los Angeles has recently forbidden the performance of "The Merchant of Venice" on account of its derogatory portrait of a Jew?
4. Pincus Rutenberg, a Jewish engineer, is now electrifying the Jordan?
5. Rabbi Gersham Mendex Sexies closed his synagogue and left New York rather than favor the invading British troops during the Revolutionary War?
6. Emil Berliner invented the gramophone and essential devices on the telephone?
7. Samuel Yettin received the 1926 Edward Bok \$10,000 prize for the most noteworthy achievement during the year to bring credit to Philadelphia?
8. The only position closed to the Jews in the British Empire is that of Monarch?
9. The first Menorah Society was established at Harvard?
10. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein is head of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America?
11. Abraham Kahan, editor of Daily Forward, is the foremost Jewish journalist in America?
12. Edwin A. Seligman, professor of economics in Columbia, is one of the foremost economists in the world?
13. Tel Aviv is practically the only wholly Jewish town in Palestine?

REMEMBER THE I. S. THEATRE PARTY, JANUARY 14th



Scene from "General Crack" starring John Barrymore
A Warner Bros Production

COMMON HUMANITY

(From the Washington Star)

We breathe the same air
And we love the same sky,
The same ills we dare
As the seasons roll by.
In the same words we grieve
As life's story extends.
So it's hard to perceive
Why we shouldn't be friends.

Sometimes one is wrong,
Though he thinks he is right.
One man like a song
And another a fight.

Yet we seek to achieve
Why we shouldn't be friends.
And it's hard to perceive
Our benevolent ends
—Philander Johnson.

RESERVE EVENING OF JANUARY 14th FOR THE I. S. THEATRE PARTY

Jewish Contributions To Civilization

THE JEW IN ART Article VII—Part 2

Art, as an expression, must have a message of Beauty, Universality, an Objective Aspect, a Subjective analysis, and a medium which in form must have concordancy, rhythm and harmony. In the plastic arts this form is secured by a consideration of line, curve, shadow, color and proportion.

There are various types of Art. In each of these types we find the Jew as the foremost, or very near the foremost, creators and expounders and critics. In glancing over the wide fields of oil paintings, etchings, pen and ink work, wood-cuts, sculpture, architecture, design, decoration, illuminations, poster and ad layouts, prints, colored windows, miniatures and other art forms we can see the Jew in a manifold position as the creator, the artist, the critic the collector and preserver. Truly remarkable this becomes when we think that the Jew first made his bow in this form of Art less than 300 years ago.

In German National Art a Jewish name and personality is dominating for its daring treatment, its sensitiveness, and its, almost titanically delicate message—Moritz Saniel Oppenheim. In Spain, people boast of Felix Possart, Jew, painted of the gay color and tinsel of Alhambra life, and creator of some of the most gracious canvases in the world.

Some critics believe that the greatest Jewish sculpture and one of the finest that has ever lived, is Josef Engel. Engel died in 1902—but lives forever.

Russian artists today look toward Mark Antokolski, a Jew, for inspiration and purity of artistic execution. His "Death of Socrates" is considered one of the greatest masterpieces of modern times. Leopold Bernstamm was the favorite of the literati of the past century. His busts of Flaubert, Renan, Sardou and Coppee are used as models of perfection in many Art Academies.

Isaac Lyovich Asknazi, a contemporary, treats of domestic and Jewish types. With uncanny penetration he perceives on his canvas not only the physical traits of his Jewish subjects but also a reflection of a troubled and pained soul. It is said that between 1887 and 1889 he produced about one thousand paintings.

In France, Albert Levy and Jules Worms have made France outstanding in art. Both artists were honored repeatedly with Salon medals, Grand Prix and Academy of Arts and Science honors.

In England, Felix Mosheles, Solomon J.

CLUBBERY

New clubs, dances, lectures, elections—activity plus activity mark the past week.

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All agog and a rarin' to go are the **Tranquillitys** headed for a real good time at their dance to be held here November 30th. A large crowd expect to join them in whop-in' the works.

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We bid hearty welcome to the **Falcons**, our new Senior club. Active, enthusiastic and ever desirous of accepting the facilities of our building we predict a successful future in the I. S. A bird of a club deserves to feather its nest here.

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Not as terrifying as their name, but just as lithe and active, are the new Juniors, the Panther S. A. C. They invite boys interested in plenty of activity to join their group. Boys from 12 to 14 are invited.

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We also extend a hearty handshake of welcome to the **Happy Wanderers**. They are as entrancing a group of junior girls as their name would imply. We wonder whether they are happy when they wander, or whether they wander when they are happy. They are led by Miss Frances Phillip.

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The **Aces**, led by Mr. David Strand, have resolved to make their initial bow in the I. S. by securing every Junior championship in the Junior Division. Their motto is: The Aces are the aces of the I. S. Junior Division.

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The **Seacs**, led by Mr. Abe Margolies, recently held elections. Their officers are: Geo. Friedman, Pres.; Joe Baroneh, Vice-Pres.; Sol Behar, Sec'y; Louis Bensinson, Treas.

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The **Jeshuruns** expect to maintain their reputation as an outstanding club—this is evidenced by their recent choice of officers for this year. We congratulate Irving Beck, their President; Louis Sugerman, Vice-President; Harry Kazen, Secretary; Leon Levy, Treasurer; and Mac Levin, their Athletic Manager.

Solomon and S. A. Hart are among the greatest artists that England can boast.

In America—but this will be our topic for the next issue. In America the Jew finds his artistic expression becoming firmer and more dynamic.

Ada Sterling's "The Jew and Civilization" is an excellent book for those of our readers who would like to make a more extensive study of the Jew and Art.

QUESTION BOX CONDUCTED AFTER THURSDAY FORUM

Rabbi Goldstein Educates Well-Attended Group on Dietary Laws and Sabbath.

Speaking on the various Jewish dietary laws, Rabbi Goldstein conducted the second Thursday evening forum which concluded very successfully, the Rabbi answering questions put to him in the "Question Box."

The Rabbi pointed out the biological and moral advantages of observing the Jewish dietary laws. The value of proper food is often conducive to producing intellectual and mental betterment. The spiritual advantage was also demonstrated.

"The dietary laws are a means of differentiating the Jews from the Gentiles. It is a means of strengthening the well-power of our Jews so that they can resist the temptations of life," the Rabbi continued; "morally, mentally, spiritually and hygienically, the Jewish dietary laws are of great benefit."

The questions answered dealt with the observance of the Sabbath. The Rabbi explained the spirituality of the Sabbath, the day's symbolism and importance to the Jewish people. "Even the partial observance of the Sabbath would be in accordance with its spirit," remarked the Rabbi to those who complained that they were forced to work on the Sabbath because of economic stress.

MET. LEAGUE TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations, of which the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island is a constituent member, will be held Sunday morning and afternoon, December 8th, 1929, at the Federation Building, 71 West 47th Street, New York.

The Convention will be devoted entirely to a discussion by authorities of the question of the challenges to Y. M. H. A.'s and Jewish Centers—are they fulfilling the expectations of the community with respect to: 1) Religious activities; 2) Cultural and educational activities.

The Institutional Synagogue will be represented at this convention by five delegates and five alternates, who will be appointed shortly by the president, Hon. Isaac Siegel.

We Mourn the untimely death of MRS. Z. KAPNER

wife of our distinguished member,
Dr. Zadok Kapner.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SEE "GENERAL CRACK" BEFORE THAT DATE



LOCKER ROOM RUMBLES

(A comedy in 3 acts by B. Deutsch, B.K., Big Kicker.)

(Continued from last week)

Our great athletes are now ready to play basketball, and file into the gym with their bread baskets full. Poor Mr. S— has been waiting for a full hour for his comely charges to get ready. He's the only punctual one in the building. Amidst great hilarity sides are chosen with the accompaniment of several slight arguments, and there is no delay at all in getting the game started immediately (?)

Suddenly a man disappears with the ball—oh—he has gone out for a drink. An emergency call is sent out, and the reserves arrive. After a fruitless search they give up all hope.

A new ball is quickly brought out and the game resumes. It now starts for real (which means an antagonistic, pugnacious attitude). This time an ambulance is called. The doctor sews back ears and fingers, and fixes up the other cuts and scratches.

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A few portly gentlemen are seen taking their medicine in the form of a medicine ball. It is not swallowed like a pill. A few Greek adonises are wrestling with themselves on a mat, although for what purpose is unknown. Our attention is arrested by a waxed mustache chasing a handball on the handball court. A second glimpse reveals athlete "A" glued to said mustache.

"A"—Imagine me playing with this bunch of palukas. (Outside a fruit vendor is heard yelling "Palukas by da bunch.")

"B" (from sidelines)—You players are alike as peas in a pod. You're no better than we are. In fact no good at all. The games waxes fast and furious.

Next week the inter-club basketball tournament will commence, according to an announcement made by Mr. Silbert. At least twelve clubs from both the Senior and Intermediate groups will participate in determining the champion among the various organizations.

Last year the Stuyvesants proved themselves to be the finest, but with the coming of the Chi-Aetas, Falcons, Ramblers, etc., we are certain that the result will be uncertain until the last moment. In the near future a handball tournament among the clubs will also be conducted.

Newly Furnished Game Room Proves Itself Most Popular Among Juniors

S-E Dept. Attempts to Solve "Street" Problem By Play-Room.

Step up to the first floor of the building any evening and you will find a group of youngsters earnestly and diligently engaged and having a really good time in the I. S. Game room. There you will witness football games as exciting as any Yale-Harvard match, and ping pong battles packed in with the excitement of an international tennis contest. True, the gridiron is within the confines of a cardboard box, and the tennis game is played on an ordinary table, but for its players and audience these games hold as many thrills as the real thing.

It is in this cozy and well-lighted Game Room that the children gather nightly under the guidance of Mr. Urieff, their leader, to enjoy indoor football, baseball, chess, checkers, archery, bowling and many other amusements. Sometimes they travel around the world to strange, far-off places under the spell of a geography game, or again they do their figuring on a green-checked lotto board.

The I. S. has gone to great expense in securing very many new games for these children. Many of these are new on the market and have never been used before. The game room is primarily for children under sixteen, so that they may be kept

within the confines and the influences of the I. S. Only I. S. junior club members are admitted.

The children are quiet and well-behaved, except, of course, when some brilliant play calls forth well-deserved cheers. Even at the ping pong table, where a long line of aspiring champions waited, there was no impatient jostling. The star of this miniature tennis court had beaten the evening's record and was now busy tying up a new one. Player succeeded player, but this champion guarded his title with skilful ease. Here's success to our Bill Johnson!

A ping pong contest with other institutions is being projected. Also among the various junior organizations an inter-club ping pong tournament will be conducted to determine the members of the house team.

Although parents know the danger of the crowded city streets, it is difficult to persuade energetic youngsters on a mild, sunshiny day that the house is the best place in which to play. But now that problem is solved; for the children's house of play and fun is at the I. S.

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