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Hon. and Mrs. Isaac Siegel take this means of announcing the Bar Mitzvah of their son,

### MONROE SIEGEL

which will take place at the West Side branch of the Institutional Synagogue, 148 West 85th Street, on Saturday morning, December 14th, at 9:30 A. M.

Reception at their home, 777 West End Avenue, Sunday afternoon, December 15th, from three to six. No cards.

### "INSTITUTIONAL PLAYERS" ARDUOUSLY WORKING ON THEIR NEW PRODUCTIONS

Waving a five-dollar bill in his hand the hero enters as the mystery comedy „Fraternity," dedicated to Chanukah, unravels its story while lights flicker and colors flash. Thus the Institutional Players will begin their work with a brief presentation at the I. S. Chanukah ceremonies.

Although preparations for this first entertainment are rather hasty, the collegiate, mystic and cosmic atmosphere of the program are indications that the audience will be delighted with them.

If this preliminary Chanukah affair will be so unique and entertaining, the big show will be a supreme triumph, plans indicate. By the big show we mean "Razor Blades," scheduled for February 2nd, 1930, promising an evening of gripping drama, comedy and surprise features.

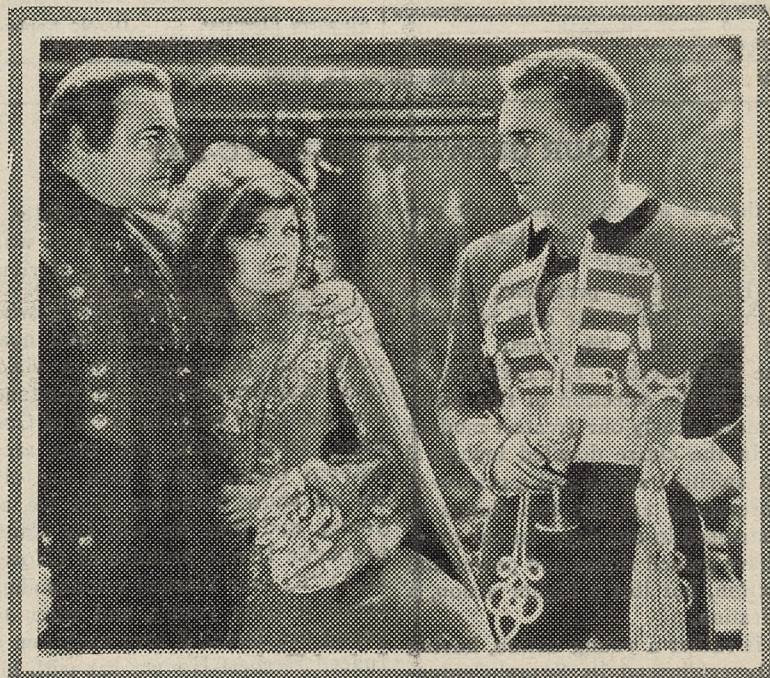
The work at the I. S. will assume a lively, realistic and entertaining aspect for both the actors and the audience; the latter will be amused with the comedy and will gasp at the tragedy, all parts being performed by fellow members.

### IF TRUE, HE'S GERMAN; IF NOT, HE'S JEWISH

The papers feature a summary of the brief address made by Prof. Albert Einstein when the Sorbonne recently conferred an honorary degree upon him. He is reported to have said that "if my theory of relativity is proven successful, Germany will claim me as a German and France will declare that I am a citizen of the world. Should my theory prove untrue, France will say that I am a German, and Germany will declare that I am a Jew."

## JOHN BARRYMORE IN "GENERAL CRACK" IS BACK

Requests Of Many I. S. Friends Causes Theatre Party Committee to Effectuate Change For the Better.



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

It is indeed with great pleasure that we announce the fact that John Barrymore in "General Crack" will be shown at the Thirteenth Annual I. S. Theatre Party, to be held January 14th at the Warner Brothers Theatre, at 51st Street and Broadway, instead of "Sally."

Due to the earnest solicitations of the committee, the Warner Brothers management were kind enough to allow the exhibition of the extremely popular play "General Crack." Thus, will the many friends of the I. S. who were so desirous of seeing this excellent picture be accommodated on the night of January 14th.

The comment of the reviewers on this picture has been of the very highest type. There is no doubt but that the patrons of the I. S. will see one of the finest produc-

tions ever exhibited. Against the royal splendor of a gilded and glittering age, "General Crack" unfolds a tremendous story of 18th century romance. In it John Barrymore shows himself to be the most superior actor in America in his greatest role as a reckless soldier of fortune.

### Let's Hurry!

The entire house has been bought out by the I. S. for the special big-night run. Since the tickets will be distributed in the order in which they are bought it is essential that an immediate purchase be made. Clubs and organizations of the I. S. have already put in their applications for blocks of seats.

Buy your tickets now, in advance. Old and young will appreciate this stupendous and soul-stirring drama. The same success that has marked the theatre-parties of the I. S. heretofore is reasonably expected to crown the efforts of this year's theatre party.

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## OUR GREATEST NEED TO-DAY

"Where there is no vision the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Proverbs XXIX, 18.)

Herbert Hoover, our president, on the administration to him of the oath of office, kissed the Bible with his thumb on the above verse in Proverbs. The President, it seems to me, in the selection of this verse, has stated more clearly our greatest modern need than in the entire detailed inaugural address. A spiritual vision and a reverence for law observance are the two things to be mainly stressed in our day. In our prosperity we have gained riches and power and self-satisfaction, but lost a higher vision, a nobler aspiration.

America is rather a young nation, having just recently celebrated its Sesqui-Centennial. But vision is the earmark of youth. The prophet Joel furnished the real criticism of youth when he said, "Your old shall dream dreams, but your young shall see visions." Old men dream dreams; young men see visions. Old turn to the past; young men look forward to the future. Old men nurse their reminiscences as sitting in the dim light of the setting sun. They reflect upon and live over again the long lost flow years, while young men kindling the beacon fires on the hills of time, watch for the morning ready to greet with morning faces and shining morning eyes, the first glimmer of the hoped for and awaited dawn.

I should want to see my people again become young in accordance with the prophet's conception of youth. I would want to see it rise above the tides of time. I would want to see it once more a people

that has and believes and relates not only of a glorious past, but a people whose present justifies the beliefs in a glorious future.

Especially our truly young who in life possess all the vitalities and qualities of youth, let them cultivate a vision. Let them acquire the soul of the nation, the soul saturated with the word of God. With hope, faith, vision, old men are young; without these, young men are old. May we all show ourselves that we are truly young, and thus we will lay claim to the prophetic Divine promise of (Hosea, Chap. II, 1) "Ki naar Yisroeil veiohaveihu." When Israel is truly young, and when the truly young are Israel, I love each one of them. Indeed Herbert Hoover has with his thumb pointed to our need. Vision and law observing. Education alone does not provide us with these things. The Religion supplies that want.

—Rabbi Mordecai Shuchatowitz

(Because most of our Rabbis have the feeling today that now, more than ever before, youthful Jewry needs to be educated in Jewish problems, the "Institutional" has decided to print a message to the Jewish youth in its successive issues. These messages have been written by some of our most prominent Orthodox Rabbis throughout the country and we are sure will prove of great inspiration to those who peruse them.—The Editor.)

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## CLUBBERY

The Chi-Aeta held their third anniversary celebration at the home of one of the members. Geo. Fleitman and Mac Levy, the Social Committee, saw to it that the celebration should be long remembered as the finest social affair yet conducted by the Chi-Aetas. Happy Birthday to you.

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The Koweco boast of two things: their attractive co-ed membership, and their crack swimming team. Challenges—for the latter accepted.

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The Emanons have changed their name to the Nordaus. "Zul zon mit glick." Their officers are: President, Davie Blatt; Vice-President, Harry Chacko; Secretary, Philipo von Greenbaum; Treasurer, Miss Morganstein. Their directress is a newcomer in our midst, Miss Frances Blatt.

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We welcome our old friends, the active "Abe Lincoln S. A. C." back. Starting somewhat late this year, they will overcome this handicap by a program of activities which will make the remainder of the year a memorable one for action.

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Happy Wanderers make all wanderers happy if they should wander into their meetings every Monday. These Juniors always feature their meetings with a snappy entertainment of extemporaneous contribution. Notice is hereby served that you can locate any member of the I. S. any Monday by dropping into Room 302. Miss Frances Phillips is their Directress.

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The Argoes recently held elections. Samuel Montgomery Shapiro was re-elected President; Abe Levine was elected Vice-President; Secretary, Moe Wally; Treasurer, Milton Rosenberg; Manager, Abe Levine; Capt. Myron Heckler; Social Director, William Rosenthal. Mr. Mac Bleiberg is the Director.

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Kawecos beat Jeshurun record for lengthiest meeting, 3½ hours. Mr. Cohen receiving dancing instruction, otherwise his health is perfect. Aces have the youngest debating team in the house—they here challenge the Stars of Zion. There are seven who read this column. Readers' names will be in our next issue. Many thanks.

SEE "GENERAL CRACK," AN ALL-TALKING PICTURE, PARTLY IN TECHNICOLOR, ON JAN 14

## Addition of More Activities To S-E Dept. Program Receives Encouraging Response

### Music Courses, Advertising Class and Piano Instruction Classes are Features.

Several more interesting and instructive innovations have been announced by Mr. Shapiro in regard to the Social and Educational Department. Among these is the inauguration of an Advertising class beginning with an enrollment of twenty-five, and a piano instruction group with thirty members. Another activity is the Choral group and Music Appreciation class.

The Advertising class will take up the subject of copy-writing, typography, direct-by-mail sales letters, circulars, etc. The course will be conducted by Mr. William Shapiro and Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen. These men are well qualified, having taken this work as part of their college courses. Mr. Shapiro will take up the economic and psychological aspects, and Mr. Cohen the more practical points. This course will be offered Tuesday night.

The Elementary Piano Instruction group will be led by the charming Miss Goldman, of the Talmud Torah staff. A nominal fee will be charged. There will be two sessions a week, on Monday and Wednesday, consisting of two classes a session. No more than eight members will receive instruction at one time. These classes will begin with the fundamentals, and at the end of the year a concert by the more advanced pupils is planned.

Our talented Chazan, Zalman Yavneh, assisted by Miss Helen Friedman, of the Gamma Sigma Pi, will direct the Choral group, which will take up the aspects of group choral singing, solo and concert work. Cantor Yavneh promises a treat at the coming Chanukah entertainment program. On Thursday evening the first meeting was held.

The Music Appreciation group, conducted by Mr. Maxwell Cohen, will supplement the activities of the piano and choral groups. A history of music, an appreciation of various musical selections will be taken up. The group will also attend several concerts during the year.

Among the other activities begun this year which are having very successful careers, is the Jewish Culture group led by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, in which the "Question Box" is featured. Rabbi Goldstein answers questions put to him during the course of the evening, and intends to publish the questions and answers in the near future.

The Leaders' Training course for club leaders takes up the relations of community club work. Lectures of this nature are given weekly by the S-E Department staff members every Sunday evening in the Social Room. On Monday evening the Art and Poster class meets, and on Wednesday night, the popular Dancing class, conducted by the Kosac club.

### TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

A contest is hereby announced, open to all members of clubs of the I. S. as well as those attending the Talmud Torah.

You are asked to send in an original contribution in any form you choose. It may be prose; it may be poetry; it may be in the form of song, or in the form of drawing. If you can think of any other form, make your own selection.

The theme is "Why I am going to the Theatre Party." You don't have to express the theme in those words, but the thought that these words convey should be the underlying idea of your contribution. The judges will be announced in the next edition of the Institutional, and will be persons of prominence and discrimination. The "Institutional" will publish the best of the contributions, and the two contributions which will be selected by the judges as having the greatest merit and best expressing the spirit of the occasion, will bring to each of their authors or creators two tickets for the theatre party as a reward!

### ANSWER THE NATIONAL ZIONIST ROLL CALL

"Nothing is so impressive as a united front. If the Zionist ideal is achieved, it will be the result of organized mass-will. And never in the modern history of the Jew has a crisis of such magnitude arisen as the present Palestine situation. A false step now, feebleness, surrender, unpreparedness will be well nigh cataclysmic in its after-effects so far as Jewish life is concerned. The Roll Call is a spiritual mobilization of American Jewry and failure would be tragic."

The National Zionist Roll Call aims to give an immediate, overwhelmingly convincing demonstration of Jewish faith in Palestine. Every American Jew who is interested in Palestine can sign the enrollment blank. Enrollment in the National Zionist Roll Call is distinctly not membership in the Zionist Organization of America. Every Jew who has received an enrollment blank is urged to sign it at once and send it in.

### HABONIM ORGANIZE BRANCH AT WEST SIDE I. S. BUILDING

The Elijahs, a recently organized branch of the Habonim, prides itself on being the first boys club of the West Side branch of the I. S. The Elijahs have embarked upon a voyage of endless activity.

To introduce themselves to the constituent organizations of the Habonim, and the clubs of the I. S. they are planning a Chanukah Festival. The members, under the leadership of Joshua Levine, Rabbi Goldstein's nephew, president and organizer,

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## ATHLETICS

In collaboration with my friend Nich we will endeavor to make better known to our readers persons of note (?) in our Institution. I trust these persons will not take offense at our liberties, and will refrain from any outbursts at the description as we see them in their regular routine.

Thank you.

B. L. D. —

— N. M.

### TINTYPES AND INKSPOTS "SYMBOLS OF AMBITION"

Should any observant passerby venture within the inner sanctum of the I. S. he or she would be impressed by a glorious pool of water, there for no other purpose than for the exhilarating, mirth-provoking and joyous exercise of swimming. Should the eye of the passerby wander over this means of physical culture, this eye would take into notice many marks of past events recalling that the spirit which prevailed then must go on.

By the entrance of the pool there is a part of a tile worn away with time. It was here that our venerable swimming coach, Jake Silverman, was wont to sit, year after year.

Jake Silverman has a remarkable history. Born on a chair, and still there. His favorite food is cigarettes. Loves dental work—especially the teeth of somebody's comb. His hair stays back without Staycomb. Was sought after as the missing link by scientists, but hid in the shower room and sat down on the floor. This started a habit and he still sits during showers. During a storm he lies on his stomach and practices the crawl. Is very lenient toward flies and mosquitos that bite him. Says he is not too lazy to kill them, but gives no reasons.

Has three hairs on his left shoulder. His grandfather had them in the same place. Likes blondes and has a car. Loves to play in ice and snow, and vacations down in Africa. Sleeps with his mouth open and likes dogs. Very charitable and refuses money until offered to him. Says the greatest moment in his life was when he once swam in the pool. Will never forget it.

If he had to make his living from teaching swimming, he'd starve. His favorite saying is "All out!" His purpose in life is sleeping and he admits he's a great success. Has only one sleeve in his bathrobe. In this way he can tell he has two hands without the bother of counting. Says he will some day swim the channel when he learns how to swim sitting in a chair. All in all he's not such a bad fellow (?), but his brother Ben is a better man all around.

(Don't fail to read "Symbols of Success" next week.)

## Club Members Preparing For One Grand Time at Chanukah Celebration

### Entertainment and Dance To Be Features on December 28th.

What promises to be the biggest social event of the '29 season is the Chanukah entertainment and dance to be conducted by the House Council on Saturday evening, December 28th, at the I. S. auditorium and gymnasium. The Council committee is working energetically and unstintingly to make the affair an unforgettable one.

Chanukah has always meant a good time for I. S. club members. Throughout the holiday's duration Chanukah lights are lit during the club meetings, and at least one evening is devoted to explain the spiritual significance of this festival. Mirth and joy characterize Chanukah; for this reason the S-E Department also includes a dance as part of the program.

The evening will begin with an address by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein on the subject of Chanukah. This is to be followed by a Chanukah playlet entitled "Fraternity," a name which implies a side view of college life intermingled with a Chanukah theme. r. Kapelsohn is drilling the "Institutional Players" in their parts so that a fine presentation may be had. Following the entertainment will be a dance conducted primarily for I. S. club members. Outsiders, however, will also be admitted. Parents are cordially invited to attend.

The committee that is working with Mr. Shapiro to make this the most outstanding holiday celebration in I. S. history consists of Miss Frances Phillips of the Gamma Sigma Pi, and Messrs. George Fleitman, Chi-Aeta; Jack Rachnow, Tranquillity; and Murray Katz, Jeshuruns.

### I. S. THANKFUL FOR DONATIONS OF SIDURIM

The Institutional Synagogue wishes to acknowledge the donation of prayer-books to the West Side Branch by J. L. Abrams, A. M. Davis, Mrs. Esther Parlansky and Mrs. Esther Shapiro, and to assure them of its appreciation.

The Social Department also wishes to thank Miss Frances Phillips, of Gamma Sigma Pi, for the donation of a victrola and records.

### GAME ROOM LEADER STARTS TOURNAMENT

Tournaments in Ping Pong and Chess began last Monday evening. The winners of these various tournaments will be used as a nucleus from which to choose the I. S. House Team for these respective sports. The S-E Department is conducting the tournament and all those interested see Mr. Urieff at once.

The following rules will prevail:

1. Only junior house-members may enter.
2. Contestants may enter all tournaments.
3. In the preliminary round the loser of one game will be eliminated.
4. A game of ping-pong will consist of eleven points.
5. All games will be played under the supervision of a referee, whose decision will be final.
6. No game will be replayed except with the approval of the leader.
7. The director reserves the right to disqualify any contestant. In such cases no complaints will be heard.
8. Prizes will be given to the winner and runner-up of each contest.

The following games were played last Monday:

#### Ping-Pong:

Sam Shapiro and Lenny Klein.  
Joe Shapiro and Chas. Ros.  
M. Rosenberg, and Ed. Cutler.  
Light and Samuels.

#### Chess:

Gold and Klein.

### JEWES VICTORIOUS IN GAINING SEATS IN PARLIAMENT

As a result of the last election in England, the British House of Commons has fourteen Jewish members. The liberal party gained three prominent Jews in Parliament in the persons of Sir Herbert Samuel, James Rothschild and Major H. L. Nathan. The Labor Party, which includes three Jewish members, boasts of Dr. G. Spero. All former Jewish members of Parliament were re-elected, with the exception of E. A. Kraus, Liberal, and Samuel Finburgh, Conservative, who did not seek re-election.

The political successes of the above fourteen Jewish candidates for Parliament is an indication of the rapid manner in which our co-religionists are progressing in the British Empire.

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