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THURSDAY EVENING "QUESTION BOX" CONTINUES POPULAR

A record crowd attended the last lecture of Rabbi Goldstein last Thursday evening at the I. S. Over fifty members of the various clubs attended. They first listened to the Story of Chanukah, and then to the exceptionally lucid replies that the Rabbi gave to the divers queries put to him.

The popularity of this Thursday evening class is due no doubt, to the appeal that Rabbi Goldstein has to our Jewish youth. His willingness to answer any questions, how silly some of them sound, has won the heart of the crowd to him. This group will continue to meet every Thursday evening, and everyone is welcomed to attend.

S-E Dept. Celebrates Coming of Chanukah With Entertainment and Dance

First Affair Conducted by House Council Proves To Be Successful

The holiday of the Maccabees, Chanukah, was celebrated by the various clubs of the S-E Department last Saturday night with a fine Chanukah play as entertainment, followed by a well-attended dance.

Due to the fact that the crowd arrived very tardily, it was unfortunate that the entertainment was not seen by everyone, but as the evening drew to a close, the crowd increased, drawn most likely by the melodious strains of the popular Midshipmen Orchestra. This dance was the first one conducted by the House Council, and in the opinion of every one that was present, it was "one fine dance, and we all had a great time." Thus encouraged, the House Council plans to conduct several other dances during the year.

Final Checkup For Theatre Party Tickets To Take Place Wednesday, January 8th

Dear Director:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors will take place this **Tuesday evening, January 7th**, at 8 p. m. sharp, at our West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street. Interesting reports will be rendered by the chairman of the Theatre Party Committee, Mr. Lester Udell, and by the chairman of the General Committee, Mr. William L. Basser.

I believe I do not have to urge upon you the absolute necessity of your presence, because of the proximity of our Theatre Party. I am counting upon you for a 100 per cent attendance.

Cordially yours,

ISAAC SIEGEL,
President.

Committees Urges Last Minute Spurt In Ticket and Journal Solicitations

With the approach of the eventful evening of January 14th, Tuesday, when the Thirteenth Annual I. S. Theatre Party will be held, there is plenty of evidence of the last minute hurry and bustle that bespeaks the coming of a successful function. The various committees are meeting for the final check-up, so that the financial condition of the venture might be known.

Members are reminded that the final date for the settlement of Theatre Party tickets will be January 8th. We urge upon them to remember this date, in order to facilitate the work of the committee in checking up their status. After January 8th, the tickets will be obtained from Mr. Bernstein directly, who will be at his office from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 p. m., and who may be reached by calling University 6729.

While a complete sell-out of the tickets is hopefully anticipated, there appears another column in this issue statements concerning the number of tickets sold, showing the excellent work that has been done so far.

It is expected the Souvenir Journal that will be distributed at the I. S. Theatre Party, will go to press early next week. The proofs are being carefully read and it is the belief of the members of the Journal Committee that this year's Souvenir Journal will be the best hitherto.

Once more we wish to remind our constituency of the fact that John Barrymore, who plays his finest role in "General Crack," which pictures the royal splendor of a gilded and glittering age, against which is unfolded the tremendous story of an 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.

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CLUBBERY

There were eight criticisms of last week's Clubbery . . . five for omission of name, two for use of name and one for indiscretion . . . which means that there are eight people who read the Clubbery column . . . which is a decided increase of those who read our former paragrafical Clubbery . . . Sig Meyer's picture appears in the American Hebrew, Dec. 20th issue, on page 258 . . . Sig is considered as one of the outstanding Jewish athletes . . . we welcome the Veronas, a very charming girls club . . . the president in Mildred Karkower; vice-president, Celia Borgman; secretary is Betty Goldberg; treasurer, Diana Mernit . . . we also extend a hearty hand-shake to the Amigas, as the name would imply they have already made friendly contacts with the other clubs of the Institution . . . Club Variety had a Chanukah Dance and Party . . . oh! what a swell time . . . the Omahas had a party last Sunday . . . these congenial girls, led by Miss Winoker, celebrated with a fine party . . . dancing and refreshments featured the afternoon . . . in spite of urgent requests, Mr. Shapiro refused to sing, unless Mr. Cohen accompanied him on the gzxpqurwx . . . otherwise the party was a success . . . the Stars of Zion will conduct their New Year's Eve Banquet for their members and friends at the Congregation Lenes Hazidek . . . the Chi-Aetas will celebrate their New Year's Eve by conducting a party in honor of their president, Paul Risch's wedding anniversary . . . Clubbery, on behalf of the Institution, extends congratulations to Paul and the Mrs. . . . Herr Abe Margolies, leader of the Seacs, and tango dancer extraordinary, recently played host to several of the good folk that work hard—and so hard—with a midnight supper at his father's restaurant . . . many thanks, Abe, until the bill arrives . . . Sig Meyer's rumored to be engaged . . . if we could revise the calendar of holidays for 1930, the following would be the featured holidays: January 4th, the Pal's Dance . . . January 11th, the Neon's Dance . . . January 18th, the Senior Council Dance . . . January 25th, the Chi-Aeta's Dance . . . February 8th, the Jeshurun's Dance . . . February 15, the Rambler's Dance . . . March the Ko-Saks' Dance . . . and later in the year, the Council will conduct the following: Purim Masquerade and Dance . . . Spring Dance . . . Intermediate and Senior Smoker . . . Girls' Teas . . . Parents Night . . .

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THE GIFT OF ENTHUSIASM

A wonderful thing is this quality which we call enthusiasm. It is too often underrated as so much surplus and useless display of feeling, lacking in real substantiality. This is an enormous mistake. You can't go wrong in applying all the genuine enthusiasm that you can stir up within you, for it is the power that moves the world. There is nothing comparable to it in the things that it can accomplish.

There is no power in the world that can cut through another man's mental opposition except persuasion, and persuasion is reason plus enthusiasm, with emphasis on enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is the art of high persuasion.

And did you ever stop to think that your progress is commensurate with your ability to move the minds of other people? If you are a salesman this is pre-eminently so. It is the zest which you put into your work that enkindles an appreciation in the mind of your prospect.

If you would like to be a power among men cultivate enthusiasm. People will like you better for it; you will make headway wherever you are. It cannot be otherwise, for this is the law of human life.

Now that we have digressed from the value of enthusiasm it would indeed be to the benefit of the I. S. that we utilize this art of high persuasion at the present stage of the game. The Thirteenth Annual I. S. Theatre Party is to take place within a few short weeks and there is much that remains to be done. We appeal to you, our staunch supporters and friends, to utilize this marvelous quality so that the present theatre party may be the finest one ever sponsored by the Institutional Synagogue.

The time is short and the moments fleeting. Let us make haste to enthuse others with our enthusiasm. The few more tickets that you sell now, or the additional ads that you can procure will be the difference in making a success or failure out of the present momentous venture.

A WAY TO GIVE

Does Chanukah remind you of giving and receiving, or is it just another unnoticed day in your calendar?

To give is to receive—for once you are the donor of a thing, modest or extravagant though it be, you are unconsciously the recipient of a gift—a gift greater and sweeter in worth than any tangible article of monetary value—you are overwhelmed with a direct sense of happiness in having wrought joy in another human being, and you are blessed with an inner glory of the spirit, a delightful sensation of living a rounded life through sharing human bliss.

Can you think of anything that would bring more sincere gladness to the heart of your son and daughter, your niece or nephew, or even a very beloved child you adore—anything that could possibly thrill the youngster more—than a year's membership in the I. S.?—the beautiful and beneficial I. S. that can work such wonders with the boy or girl who enters its doors.

A LITTLE REMINDER ABOUT OUR 13th ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Talmud Torah Enjoys Fine Operetta at Chanukah and Fifth Graduation Celebration

Handel's "Judas Maccabees" Presented Before Record Audience.

Before an enthusiastic holiday audience that taxed to capacity the large Institutional Synagogue Auditorium, the Talmud Torah presented one of the finest Chanukah Entertainments seen at the building. To make the holiday still more joyous, the Fifth Graduation Exercises were also conducted. The crowd, although large, was well-ordered and keenly enjoyed the many offerings produced for their pleasure.

It seemed that almost the entire Jewish population of Harlem had been called together once more to celebrate the spirit of the Maccabees. Aunts, daughters, grandfathers, and loving parents were in attendance to see their own boys and girls celebrate in true style the holiday commemorating the "Miracle of the Cruse of Oil" and the Graduation Ceremonies.

Dr. Joseph Datt, principal of the Talmud Torah, was chairman of the evening and opened the exercises promptly at 8 o'clock. The first speaker of the evening was our president, Hon. Isaac Siegel, who made an impassioned plea for greater devotion of the parents towards developing true Jewish-American homes.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, in addressing the graduates, congratulated them on their achievements and hoped to see them like some of our other Talmud Torah graduates, as students of higher colleges of Jewish learning. After berating the parents for their lackadaisical attitude towards Jewish education, he pleaded for the greater participation of the parents in solving the problems of their children.

Adelaide Kramer, the girl valedictorian, delivered her address in Hebrew, while another star student, Benjamin Nerenberg, spoke in English. Hebrew poems were recited by Solomon Drucker, Morris Grumer, Estelle Weissberger, Morris Feldman, Mollie Gerstein and Milton Faecher. As a special treat, Ada Bernstein, the precocious daughter of our Executive Director, displayed exceptional talent in her piano recitals and poem recitations, both being well received.

Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, then did the honors by presenting the graduates with their diplomas. He was followed by Mrs. I. Stein, president of the Parents Association, who presented a medal and several copies of Rabbi Goldstein's

ADS FOR OUR JOURNAL

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Commentary of the Bible to the outstanding pupils of the class.

Then came the feature presentation of the evening in an operetta "Judas Maccabees," written by the great German composer, G. F. Handel. The excellent choir was trained by our talented cantor, Zalman Yayneh, who certainly deserves all the lavish praises bestowed upon him, for the outstanding undertaking which was so successfully concluded.

The brilliant and scintillating qualities of the choir have so impressed us that we hardly know where to begin. Each of the players were costumed in Oriental garb, which lent a realistic touch to the operetta. Special commendation must be given to the excellent soloists, who were Israel Meyer, Sidney Hauer, and Mildred Federbush. We also must not forget the sweet little girls participating in a greeting to the hero Judah by singing the melodious "See the Conquering Hero Comes." Members of the operetta are as follows: Yetta, Margolis, Anna Seidelman, Lila Hirsch, Estelle Weissberger, Mildred Federbush, Dora Federbush, Sylvia Aptheker, Sonia Maron, Sarah Ryman, Fannie Cohen, Esther Hyman, Bessie Hoch, Bernard Cohen, Gerston Silkowitz, Morris Feldman, Bernard Feinberg, Isidore Margolies, Lawrence Goldstein, Max Silver, Seymour Bergman, Marvin Brandt, Israel Meyer, Sidney Hauer, Arnold Goldberg and Larence Seidelman.

We are especially indebted to Mr. Julius Cohen, dramatic director of the H. H. I., for his cooperation in "making up" our proteges, also let us not forget the cute youngsters of the West Side Branch, who rended so beautifully in Hebrew, Harold Levine and Sidney Silberman.

LECTURE BY DR. SMITHLINE SPONSORED BY I. S. DAUGHTERS, WELL ATTENDED

Before an exceedingly enthusiastic audience that filled the library to the very doors, Dr. Smithline last Thursday evening, December 26th, lectured on the subject of "Religious Sex Hygiene" from the orthodox Jewish viewpoint.

This lecture was sponsored by the I. S. Daughters, which is headed by the energetic Miss Esther Garfinkel. This is the first of a series of lectures that the Daughters intend to conduct this year, and judging from the attendance of the first one, success should follow their efforts.

Dr. Smithline, who besides being an orthodox rabbi is also a prominent physician, enthralled the audience for more than an hour, as was evidenced by the intent look that the audience maintained throughout the entire speech. At the conclusion of the lecture, questions were asked and answered.

Besides the Daughters turning out in full force, the membership of the women from the Social Department and those of the Young Israel of Harlem augmented the crowd. The next lecture that the Daughters will sponsor will be announced through the medium of The Institutional shortly.

I. S. SORORITY GROUP ENTERTAINS ORPHANS

Request More Club Cooperation In Any Such Future Activities.

Over fifty orphans from the Hebrew Orphan Asylum were royally entertained at a party given by the Gamma Sigma Pi last Wednesday afternoon. After attending a theatre party the kiddies were taken to the I. S. by buses, where, after hearing the story of Chanukah from Rabbi Goldstein, they were fed and entertained.

After the feast, each orphan was given a toy as a reminder of the outing. These active girls wish to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Lichtenstein, Mr. Bernstein and the S-E Department for the co-operation they received.

ANNOUNCEMENT

of the Bar Mitzvah of
Master SEYMOUR IRVING STAVIN

son of our active members, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Stavin, on Saturday Jan. 11, 1930, at the West Side, 148 West 18th Street. Reception at their home Sunday afternoon, January 12, at 239 Central Park West, from 3 to 6 p. m. No cards.

THERE ARE STILL SOME CHOICE SEATS LEFT! SO HURRY!

Tintypes and Inkspots

"SYMBOLS OF EGOTISM"

Foreword

For years I have been waiting for just this opportunity of disclosing to my readers about the remarkable nature of one of the I. S.'s oldest members. I have been studying him gradually and have gathered details carefully, and hereby submit my report. It is indeed a pleasure that I disclose my findings.—B. L. D.

Alfred I. Edelman, God's gift to handball, also the original wise-guy: He doesn't realize his wise cracks are wide fissures. Lives on French fried potatoes, spinach and ketchup which the excellent cuisine of "Harlem" supplies him. Makes a living selling spectacles and dispensing insane verbosity gratis. Raised a mustache to enable him to accept proffered cigars.

Here's the real truth about Alfred. He's really a very timid fellow, fearful of other people's opinions. To hide this natural inferiority complex, he assumed a bluff sarcastic attitude. With the girls he's the same way. He practised years to prevent blushing. If a girl looks at him, it causes certain nervous disorders.

To hide this distressful chain of circumstances, he makes believe he is a devil-may-care guy and wisecracks his way out of it. But, alas, lately his mental alertness has suffered a setback, his tactics have become shallow and transparent, being evidenced by a superabundant jabbering of nonsensical remarks. In other words we must not be hard on him, but take him for what he is, a misplaced anthropoid in a strictly human atmosphere.

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Hon. Max Solomon.....	14.....	77.00
Mr. Max Moskowitz.....	14.....	77.00
Mr. George Livingston.....	20.....	60.00
General Membership.....	423.....	1598.00

Fifty-two tickets were sold by the remainder of the directors, amounting to \$264.00.

He hates to see a person eating ice cream. This makes him froth at the mouth. Whipped cream is his passion. He likes to take candy away from babies. It gives him a feeling of superiority and manhood. He took a piece of candy away from a baby once, but found out too late it wasn't chocolate.

His outstanding characteristic is his utter hospitality. He would go a mile out of the way to accommodate somebody (?). For the past four years he has not been taking a swim in the pool as the water can only

be changed once a week. Remarkable for Alfred.

Money it seems has been sadly shunned by our young friend, and if history teaches us aright, it will not be long ere bread lines will be honored by a new patron. Yet he manages to subside somehow, and we were very much astonished that recently he was victimized by some young siren to the tune of 15 bucks. He is also a sucker for bets, the writer just having collected. Poor boy! how will he exist?

ANNOUNCE YOUR "HAPPY DAYS"—that is announcements, Bar Mitzvahs, engagements, marriages, birthdays, etc., through the medium of the I. S. THEATRE PARTY SOUVENIR JOURNAL. YOU WILL THEN BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR FRIENDS WILL KNOW ABOUT IT.

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