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I. S. DEBATERS PRIMED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE

Brooklyn Y To Be Their Opponents On January 19

The final debate for the I. S. Senior Team will be held on Sunday, January 19th, at 3 P. M. This debate will have as its stake the Metropolitan League Championship and will be fought against the representatives of the Brooklyn "Y."

The subject of the debate will be: "Resolved, That the restoration of Palestine is indispensable to the growth of Jewish culture in the Diaspora." The I. S. representatives, consisting of Messrs. Alexander Sternbuch, Jack Lefkowitz, Irv. Briskin, will uphold the affirmative of the argument.

The I. S. Team were the winners of the Manhattan-Bronx championship and have already debated this subject last year against the Bronx "Y," but on the negative side. These men anticipate a victory because of their acquaintance with the subject matter and because historic facts favor their position.

The Brooklyn "Y" in preparation have interviewed several rabbis in order to secure their viewpoint. From present indications indeed an interesting debate is expected. A large turnout of I. S. is expected on the afternoon of January 19th.

CLUBS CONDUCT SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL DANCES

The basketball game and dance conducted by the Pals last Saturday night was adjudged by everyone to be a complete financial and social success. The basketball game proved itself to be a feature, the Pals playing against the more experienced Azovs of the H. H. I., the latter being victorious.

This Saturday night will see the Neon Club tendering its third annual dance at the I. S. gym. The popular Honolulu has been engaged to furnish the music. According to Phil Wasserman, president of the Neons, "this will be the finest and best dance of the season." A silver loving cup will be awarded the club having the largest attendance.

Stage Set For Theatre Party as I. S. Constituency Awaits Tuesday, Jan. 14

FREE MOVIES SHOWN TO I. S. MEMBERS

Under the auspices of the Social-Educational Department and the Talmud Torah, free moving pictures were shown in the Auditorium last Sunday evening, January 5th, at the I. S. A large and appreciative crowd of youngsters attended.

An industrial picture was first shown depicting the working of the Sheffield-Farms Co. This was followed by an "Our Gang" comedy. These free movies will be shown at least once a month, and it is expected that the next one will also show a popular feature picture. Announcements of the future exhibitions will be made presently.

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR BIG DRAMATIC SHOW

The first presentation of the "Institutional Players," coached by Mr. I. Baron Kapelson, entitled "Razor Blades," will take place on Sunday evening, February 2nd. This is the first attempt of the I. S. to organize a distinct players' group, which is so popular in similar institutions.

There are four separate one-act plays under rehearsal at the present time, three of which will be presented on February 2nd, in addition to one or two minute skits. "The Simoon" and "My Lady Help" are among these plays, and the cast includes Miriam Kabatznik, Philip Greenbaum, Ben Hanzman and Rose Markowitz.

As an added feature of the program, a one-act skit will be enacted by the staff members of the S-E Department. This was suggested by Mr. Shapiro as a means of entertaining the audience. Tickets may be secured from any member of the S-E Department staff at the ridiculously low price of 25 cents.

The performance will be staged with special scenic and lighting effects and will entail quite a bit of expense. In order to encourage dramatics at the I. S. it seems that the small subscription fee that it entails is certainly merited by this activity.

Space In Souvenir Journal For Ads May Yet Be Obtained.

This Tuesday night, January 14, will find the I. S. constituency in the Warner Bros. Theatre, Broadway and 51st Street, New York City, enjoying the Thirteenth Annual I. S. Theatre Party, which, according to present indications, should be the best ever. Last minute preparations have already been completed, and according to Mr. Bernstein the Souvenir Journal will be off the press with plenty of time to spare.

The final date for the settlement of tickets, January 8th, gave evidence of the fact that the Theatre Party is indeed a success. Expensive tickets were sold with the same rapidity as those less expensive. People from all over the city of every rank and station in life are expected to attend the festivity.

All workers of the I. S. are assured that the fond wishes concerning the success of the Party will be gratified. Responses have been very encouraging, especially for a party of the scale and magnitude such as the present one is. To those people who are a bit lackadaisical in their attitude, but who are well-meaning in their intention, our advice is "Hurry up, please, before it is too late."

Those who have not yet availed themselves of an ad in the Souvenir Journal are reminded of the fact that they still have time up until January 12th. The care that has been exerted in planning the Journal and the addition of several unique features will go a long way in making this year's Souvenir Journal the finest hitherto produced by the I. S.

There is no doubt that the fact that the I. S. is featuring the premiere motion picture "General Crack" has attracted a great many supporters. Many who have already seen the incomparable John Barrymore portraying his finest role in pictures have subscribed to the I. S. cause again.

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BIGGER THAN "GENERAL CRACK" IS THE I. S. THEATRE PARTY

In our peregrinations about town, we have chanced upon that I. S. individual who claims smartly to have seen "General Crack," and who, for that reason, questions whether he should buy tickets for the I. S. Theatre Party. Now, we don't deny that to have seen "General Crack" is indeed to have enjoyed a superlative treat. But, we submit, to have seen "General Crack," with beforehand knowledge of the fact that it is the cinema featuring the I. S. Theatre Party is a social calamity that should call for no evoking sympathy.

REVENUE FOR THE PEOPLE

Big as the reputation of "General Crack" is in its dramatic effect and grip upon the hearts of the I. S. community, it should not be overlooked that bigger by far is the I. S. Theatre Party to be held on the evening of January 14th. "General Crack" will run its course and, like all other perishable things of its kind, will pass into oblivion, having been a means by which the pockets of the producers were fattened and distended considerably. But the I. S. Theatre Party—yes! that already has become an event in the striving and hopeful hearts of hundreds of Jewish mothers and fathers, young men and women—Why? Simply and plainly because the revenue to be derived from the party will be used for the benefit of the people themselves, their children and their ideals, the promotion of Orthodox Judaism and ideal Americanism.

Not even the very individual who refuses to buy tickets because he already has seen "General Crack" will gainsay the nobility and effectiveness of the work that the I. S. is doing. We go a step farther: this very individual, at another time, would offer an encouraging word were the promotion of the I. S. ideals suggested to him. Yet, indirectly, this very individual is doing what he would not do directly. By seeing "General Crack" before January 14th, he is thereby depriving the I. S. of the sale of so many tickets, which, but for his having seen "General Crack" he would have bought in the first instance.

SEEKING TO MAKE LIFE WORTH WHILE

The self must be forgotten for the moment. The onrushing urge of the average New Yorker (and the I. S. member drinks with him at the same fountain from the same chained cup) to see a new play or cinema at the earliest opportunity in order to be the first of a social set or group that is always "in the know" of things, must be stilled for the while.

Let us not overlook that life carries with it certain responsibilities in all its various spheres of activity. Of these spheres of activity, Institutional Synagogue is one of the very essence of life, for the I. S. seeks to make life worth while. If this be true, then, why not co-operate with everything that stands for Institutional Synagogue, especially in a matter that means so little to the individual, yet so much to the Synagogue at large? The I. S. Theatre Party will recur once only, on January 14th; but its benefits will continue as long as we have Jewish children who must be shown the way of Jewish life.

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CLUBBERY

The Jeshurun's Theatre Party, held Dec. 28th, was both a financial and social success. Their New Year's Party held here was a decided success. Their dance to be held here Feb. 8th promises to carry on the precedence of success. Apparently the way to spell "Jeshuruns" is " s u c c e s s . "

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A dance featuring a Waltz Contest will be rendered by the **Chi-Aeta Social Club**, Saturday, January 25th, in our Gym. This dance will be a gala affair—band being a red hot variety—what ho, good company, hay, hay, and what a Dance, and how.

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Many of our clubs are busily engaged in preparing their Chanukah programs, debating team entries for the debating tournament, and play-productions for the one-act play contest to be held the early part of March.

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The **Kawecos** bow and say "thanks" to Hilda Hichtkopf, Paul Spector and Al Stoneface Puritz, their social committee, for their excellent preparation of new New Year's Party. They expect to start the year right by planning a novelty surprise for the I. S. Details later.

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The **Aces** have a champ basketball combination in Capt. Isidore Roth, Murphy Resnick, Sal Zaffos, Morris Cohen and Dutch Weisner.

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The **Abe Lincolns** held one grand party New Year's Eve. They have been so quiet lately that we suspect silent but efficient preparation for a bang-up and characteristically successful affair. What's up, Lincolns?

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The **Argoes** are now boasting a large membership of 24. Extend cordial welcome to three new members—Sam Samuels, Joe Hessen and Jack Menendez.

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 85th Street. Reception at their home Sunday afternoon, January 12, at 239 Central Park West, from 3 to 6 p. m. No cards.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN THE TALMUD TORAH

Interclub Debating Tourney, With Placque For Winner, Commences

Nucleus of House Teams To Be Chosen from Among Forensic Stars.

Now more than ever before is the art of public speaking and the ability to express oneself clearly at a premium. A forceful, argumentative manner of presentation of the ideas one has in mind has become more and more necessary in our daily life; and so that Social-Educational Dept., by a program of debates, is giving its clubs the opportunity of acquiring these valuable attributes.

Then again the I. S. has its high reputation to maintain in forensic circles. In 1926 the S-E Department was the winner of the Metropolitan League Debating Tournament, and last year both the Senior and Intermediate teams captured the championship of Manhattan and the Bronx. The Senior championship battle will be determined this January 19th, against the Brooklyn "Y."

A debating schedule between the various clubs is being constructed at present and will be released in the next issue of the I. S. From among the forensic stars of the clubs the I. S. expects to pick its nucleus of the 1930 Debating Teams.

The Rules

The winning club is to have its name inscribed on a silver placque made especially for that purpose. Each debate will be governed by the usual rules, the affirmative always starting the debate, but having the privilege of having the last word in rebuttal. Each team shall have two representatives who will be allowed five minutes each for their presentation. The debates will be judged along the following lines:

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- REMEMBER—2,000 adults will attend the festivity; this means the Journal will be read eventually by 6,000 people.
- REMEMBER—these people come from all over the city, and represent the substantial and better-living class of Jews.
- REMEMBER—if you are known by any one person of the I. S. Community, your "ad" will be looked for in the Journal.
- REMEMBER—members and supporters of the I. S. are quick to appreciate advertised acknowledgment of past patronage; and I. S. advertising has paid and paid for itself many times over.
- REMEMBER—the proceeds of the Party will be used to carry on the I. S. program of Judaism and unconditional Americanism.

**Final Day for Acceptance of Ads is
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th**

YOUR CHILDREN ARE SURE TO LIKE THE I. S. TALMUD TORAH METHODS



This column is written on January 1st . . . will you say that this columnist is starting the year write? . . . speaking of years, "Time, O Time, turn back in thy flight. I'd like to have another New Year's Eve just for tonight." . . . Congressman Siegal visited us last week . . . the columnist has a happy childhood recollection of the time that the Congressman was running for re-election, and for an errand the columnist received a nickel . . . to show that time really is no barrier, even at this late date and in the full blossom of mature years . . . yea, he will not refuse another nickel if extended from the same source. . . . Mr. Julius Cohen, director of dramatic activities at the H. H. I., was introduced to our Intermediate Council . . . Ruth Baker, of the Omahas, and incidentally one of the I. S.'s finest girls, is the sister of the famous Belle Baker . . . Miss Mae Klahr sends in postcard from Lakewood, where she is vacationing . . . Baron Kapelson has a monocle suspended from that black ribbon . . . the Intermediate Council, with its many delegates and guests, is beginning to look like an Intermediate Rally . . . Bernie Deutsch, Chief Cynical Columnist of this family journal, was in Baltimore last week . . . H. L. Mencken, Chief Cynical Commentator, lives in Baltimore . . . now who does write that "Tintypes and Inkspots"? . . . did you know that Rabbi Goldstein wrote a commentary on the Ethics of the Fathers? . . . notice, notice, this columnist will accept original contributions of poems, witticisms, and any other products of a useless and senseless expenditure of time, from now on . . . all news pertaining to clubs will no longer appear in this column, but in an adjoining column . . . Hy Naden will be in Gan Eden, because he has just become engaged to Miss Clare Wechsler of Brooklyn . . . Miss Betty Cohen, leading lady of the H. H. I. Drama Shop, visited us last Sunday . . . Murray Katz, president of the Intermediate Council, finally achieves a final stroke of luck in his somewhat useless life—his name is mentioned in this column at last . . . that fine poster advertising the Jeshurun dance was drawn by Samuel Benvenuto Heifetz . . . the Stars of Zion as a group have volunteered to act as Jewish Big Brothers—more power to them . . . Clarence Liberman, associate director, was around last Monday and gave out cigars . . . also market tips . . . likewise did Si Hauer, erstwhile Institutional editor.

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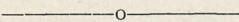
Credit Due Gertrude Harris

In the last issue of the Institutional the name of Gertrude Harris, one of the bright pupils of the Talmud Torah, was inadvertently omitted as one whose active assistance was indispensable to the great success of the Chanukah Entertainment of the Talmud Torah. Besides accompanying on the piano, she was indeed the right hand of Cantor Yavneh. Her fine appreciation of music and her talent for playing, her co-operating spirit, rendered her services the more useful. She also announced the Talmud Torah Chanukah Entertainment on the radio in an excellent speech which she held over Station WGBS on the Sunday preceding our entertainment.

ATHLETICS

The Inter-club Basketball Tournament is about half over at present, with the clubs fighting it "nip and tuck" for the leadership. The scores for the past few weeks follow: On Sunday morning, December 22, the Ko-Sacs forfeited to the Ramblers 0-2, and the Pals maintained a leadership by trouncing the Lincolns 17-6. The Kawecos eked out a victory by beating the Chi-Aetas 7-6, while the Tranquillities showed their supremacy over the Harlems by a 10-5 tally.

The following week found the Kawecos winning over the Harlems by a forfeit and the Jeshurun's beating the Chi-Aetas 10-6. The Ramblers, who are playing very good ball, defeated the Tranquillities 11-6, and the Ko-Sacs forfeited the game to the Lincolns by non-appearance. Last Sunday found the Kowecos making a bid for first place when they sunk the Jeshurun's 16-11. The Harlems broke in the victory column again by stepping over the Ko-Sacs 17-7, and the Chi-Aetas defeated the highly touted Ramblers by a score of 15-11. The Pals and the Tranquillity game was canceled until the following week.



I. S. PING PONG TEAM TO CONTEST CHAPTER HOUSE

The first game of the current season that the I. S. Ping Pong Team will engage in will be against the Tranquility Chapter House on January 19th. This game will be followed by one with the H. H. I. in the near future.

Though the I. S. team is green, Mr. Urieff, who is coaching them, expects good results, notwithstanding the fact that the first game will be played away from home. The team that will participate in this game is made up of Joe Shapiro, Juilie Sabbath, Leo Light and Lenny Klein.

An interclub ping pong tournament has also been going on among the Junior clubs. The clubs have already chosen the teams. Their schedule will be as follows: January 13, Aces vs. Seacs; January 14, Argos vs. Spartans; January 15, the winners play for the championship of the I. S.

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