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I. S. DEBATING TEAM BOWS TO BROOKLYN "Y" AGGREGATION

With the senior debating trophy of the Metropolitan League as a prize the I. S. Senior Debating Team fought valiantly but lost to the well-prepared and fiery Brooklyn Y. M. H. A. Team at the debate at the I. S. Auditorium last Sunday afternoon with the subject being: "Resolved that the restoration of Palestine is indispensable to the growth of Jewish culture in the Diaspora."

The affirmative of this argument was upheld by the I. S. representatives who sought to prove that unless Palestine is restored the growth of Jewish culture in the various lands where the Jews find themselves as an distinct entity will be doomed to failure. The negative, however proved that, although the restoration of Palestine is desirable, still it would not be indispensable and they pointed to Jewish history of the past and the fact that Jewish culture has existed and grown.

Mr. Jack Lefkowitz, of the I. S., was the first speaker and offered historic data to the fact that although Jewish culture has existed, it has done so sporadically, and has never really grown. He was followed by Mr. George Gaby, of the Brooklyn "Y," who also had recourse to historic data asserting that although no geographic center of the Jews existed, Jewish culture blossomed in every country of their migrations.

Mr. Alexander Sterenbuch, as the second affirmative speaker made manifest that all the Jewish culture of the past was the result of a yearning for the restoration of Palestine. To clarify Jewish thoughts and ideals, a Jewish homeland must exist. Mr. George Chasin, the firebrand of Brooklyn; then hammered away at the fact that Jewish culture is everywhere in existence and that Palestine restored might aid but was not indispensable to the growth of Jewish culture. Messrs. Joseph Brenner and Frank Horowitz were alternated for the Brooklyn "Y" and the I. S. teams, respectively.

The refutation that followed was as intensive and as interesting as anyone we

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Young Men's Club to Sponsor Smoker With District Attorney Crain as Speaker

"RAZOR BLADES" TO BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

"Razor Blades"—sharp, interesting, entertaining, and dramatic as a complete program of three one act plays and one grand skit will be presented by the Institutional Players on February 2nd, at the I. S. auditorium. This is the first attempt by a district, I. S. drama group to produce a show.

This production, under the direction of Baron Kapelson will be staged in professional fashion by the use of various scenic effects to augment the impressiveness of the fine humor and gripping drama of "The Simoom" and "The Mountain Walks" and "My Lady Help."

The story of the skit is a fine comic history of Razor Blades and drama. This will lead into the English comedy of a noblewoman and a middle-aged frivolous business man with plenty of hard cash. Next, Arabia will be the scene of a short but excellent drama in which an Arabian maiden tortures a Frenchman in a way which will get you and hold you spell-bound. An effective melodrama will conclude the evening "After Dark." A superb production which is shaping up well in rehearsal—that is "Razor Blades—They are sharpened."

Subscription for this production is one quarter of a dollar and reservations may be made either through members of the cast or any member of S. E. Department staff.

Plans for a senior dramatic production to be held about May 15th, are being considered with various members of the senior clubs. In the meantime the plans for the February 2nd production being experimented with under the expert criticism of some of the dramatic instructors of other institutions.

Noted Jurist Will Address Organization At Conclusion of Bible Class.

A royal treat will be had at the first smoker to be conducted by the Young Men's Club of the West Side branch, on Monday evening January 27th, when District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain will address those assembled at the conclusion of the Bible Class meeting.

January 16th, 1930.

Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein
Institutional Synagogue
37 West 116th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Your kind letter of January 13th to District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain, inviting him to address the Young Men's Club of the West Side Branch of your congregation, has been received.

Judge Crain is tremendously interested in the important work which you are doing, and will endeavor to say a few words to your membership on Monday evening, January 27th, at 8 o'clock.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) JOSEPH A. DUNCIN,
Secretary.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein has conducted the Bible Class since the inception of this group several months ago. At the behest of Rabbi Goldstein, prominent speakers from time to time have been invited, to address this enterprising organization.

Judge Crain needs no introduction to the I. S. public. His outstanding career as a jurist has made him renown throughout the entire state.

An invitation to attend the smoker and to have the pleasure of listening to Judge T. C. Crain is extended to all the members of the clubs of the S. E. Department. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 4:47

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"THAT THE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED FORGOTTEN"

Regarding the recent Theatre Party Journal, distributed last Tuesday evening January 14th, at Warner Bros. theatre, where the 13th annual theatre party of the I. S. was held, Mr. Abraham Bernstein our Executive Secretary, has received some very favorable comments. Among the features that were outstanding and which has been praised very highly was the journal page that bore the names of our loved ones who have departed to the Great Beyond. Indeed, the idea behind this is a noble one! For it is a manifestation and a tribute to those who have departed, that the I. S. will never forget them even in the midst of its most joyous periods. These names, so revered and so honored, are kept eternally alive amongst us, being inscribed on the Memorial Tablets in the lobby.

For one hundred dollars one may perpetuate the name of a beloved departed one at our Synagogue. Besides, the officials keep in touch with the members of the family in order to inform them of the Yahrzeit date. Memorial prayers are also offered for the deceased at every Yizkor service. Anyone interested may secure further information by writing to Mr. Bernstein.

OUR TALMUD TORAH APPEALS TO YOU FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Records of the Talmud Torah show that at least two-thirds of the children that attend the I. S. Talmud Torah are non-paying and that even those who have contracted to pay for their tuition are delinquent in their payment. We merely assert this fact in order to impress our readers with the fact that now more than ever before the I. S. needs your whole-hearted support in order that it maintain its high ideals of spreading Jewish education along traditional lines. No one will gainsay the importance of a Talmud Torah in the lives of young Jewry. Never has the burden been heavier to carry than at present.

If there is anyone amongst our constituency that desires to aid the I. S. Talmud Torah, no other fashion could be finer than the endowment of a scholarship for poor children. This scholarship which entails but a cost of \$50 a year will provide a firm orthodox Hebrew education to a needy youngster for an entire year. Surely there are at least a few that would wish to perpetuate the memory of a loved one and what way could be finer than by endowing a scholarship in the name of that person who has gone to the Great Beyond. We appeal to you again for your support and we can assure that any assistance given us will be greatly appreciated.

We are happy to announce that our active member and former Gabbai
MR. ISIDORE BRODY
is able to get around now.

He is at present convalescing at his home after being at the hospital for 17 weeks.

Great Is Our Joy

to know that our beloved director,

Dr. BENJAMIN GOLDSTEIN

is doing very nicely after being in bed for a period of several weeks.

CLUBBERY

The Falcons have become followers of rhythmic terpsichorian grace—or in simpler language they are learning to shake a mean hoof. After every meeting they are instructed in the subtleties and intricacies of dancing. This can be interpreted as preliminary preparations for their own dance to be rendered some time in the Spring. They also bid welcome to their new member, Louis Wilansky.

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The Jeshuruns invite you to their open meeting to be held February 2nd, in the afternoon. Entertainment and real fraternal spirit will feature this open meeting. We note two silver cups in their possession. These cups are to be awarded to the winner of their waltz contest and to the club most represented at their dance February 8th.

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The Amigas recently conducted a very successful and well-attended open meeting. The success of this meeting was due in great measure to the efforts of their president, Diana Margolin; vice-president, Eugenia Gold and their secretary, Dorothy Gershenoff. These very congenial girls extend an invitation to all girls of about 17 years of age to join up.

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The Abe Lincoln S. A. C. contemplate a fishing trip off Long Island Sound in the near future. They extend an invitation to the Isaak Waltons of the I. S. to come along and collect their fish for their Shabbos Eudah.

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The Tranquillities—the old reliables—contemplate running a Theatre party. Morris Ichabod Rines officiated as Master of Ceremonies at the clubs recent reception to the Amigas. They too intend to hold an "open house" to the other clubs and friends of the I. S.

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The Ramblers will in next week's Clubbery make a rather unusual announcement with reference to their dance February 15th.

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Clubbery commends the practice of our intermediate clubs of conducting open meetings for the other clubs and friends of the Institution. This club activity promotes a real fraternal and happy spirit amongst our various groups.

YOU ARE CORDIAALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE YOUNG MEN'S CLUB SMOKER MONDAY

Senior and Intermediate Debating Teams To Engage In Nine Contests

**Will Encounter at Least One Opponent
Each Month, With Washington
Heights "Y" as Premiere.**

According to a recent schedule released by the Metropolitan League, the I. S. Debating Teams will engage in at least nine tilts in the coming few months. The I. S. was fortunate in winning the championship of the Manhattan and Bronx both the senior and intermediate and hopes to emulate this record this season.

During the month of February the Intermediate Team will play host to the Washington Heights "Y," the date as yet has been undecided but will probably be in the latter part of February. During March, the 92nd Street "Y" will debate the I. S. at the latter location and during April the I. S. forensic team will travel to the Schiff Center.

Some Sunday in May will find the I. S. Team entertained at the Yonkers Jewish Community Center and the final debate of the year, which will be held during the month of June, will find the Bronx "Y" being entertained at the I. S. The Senior Debating Group will engage for their first contest against the Yonkers Jewish Community Center, Yonkers during February. March will find the Bronx "Y" Team at the I. S. and the Temple Ansche Chesed representatives will debate the I. S. sometime in April. The final debate of the year will find the I. S. team meeting a southern group representatives in Brooklyn when it clashes with the Boro Park "Y."

Although neither the dates nor the subjects for these debates have been selected as yet, subsequent issues of the I. S. will carry the legend of both.

Mr. William Shapiro will again coach the Senior teams and will have last year's team intact as a nucleus. Mr. Maxwell Cohen will take care of the Intermediate debating team and is fortunate in having as nucleus Mr. Abe Margolies, captain of last year's championship team. The first intermediate contest will be held February. The subject will be announced in the part issue of the I. S.

MAZEL TOV!

The congratulation of the entire I. S. is extended to Our old stand-by, one of our first members. The chairman of the Religious Service Committee.

GABBAI CHAIM MASLIANSKY

on the occasion of the birth of a son.
Mrs. Masliansky is doing well.

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH, GENTLEMEN

It is refreshing indeed to hear from members substantially every now and then without going to the trouble of making a special appeal for gifts or donations. We wish to extend our appreciation to Mr. Alex Schlang for his kind donation of 25 excellent sets of 5 volume Bibles with the Hebrew-English translations, also 20 1 volume Bibles in Hebrew.

We wish also to thank our seat-holder, Mr. Abe Goldberg, for his gift of his entire library, which he presented to the West Side Branch. This library, which was given to him by his late father, was donated in memory of his parents, Mary and Meyer Goldberg.

DECLARE RACE SUPERIORITY A MYTH

In an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Des Moines, Iowa, last week, Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, professor of anthropology in the University of Chicago, declared that there is no such thing as race purity or race superiority as commonly understood.

The idea of Nordic superiority is false, he declared, if for no other reason than that there is no pure Nordic race. Referring to the Jews, he stated: "There is no Jewish race. The Jews were formerly a nationality. Now they are a religious caste. Most Jews have little Jewish blood in them."

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have ever witnessed. Being limited to a few short minutes, each speaker tried to pack in as many facts as he could. The brilliant repartee and scathing denunciations that were presented by each side were much enjoyed by the audience. It was the opinion of many of those present that the I. S. overshadowed their opponents in the refutation. Mr. William H. Kushnick was the coach of the Brooklyn "Y" team and Mr. William H. Shapiro director of the S. E. Department, coached the I. S. forensic group.

The decision of the judges was as close as one could expect, being 3 to 2 in favor of the Brooklyn "Y." We express our thanks to the judges who are Messrs. Edelson, Danells, Denison, Phillip and Bronz. Mr. Charles Phillip gave the decision of the judges. Although this debate was really a hard one for the boys to lose, there is a new season coming and we hope that Fate will be kinder.

FIVE DAY WEEK WINS APPROVAL

The popular national magazine, Liberty, contains, in its current issue, statements from the departmental heads concerning the success of an experiment to reduce the working week from a five-and-a-half day to a five-day basis. The unanimous vote of these heads of a gigantic enterprise is in favor of the five-day week.

Students of human nature have often expressed their belief that the half day on Saturday which closes the working week is often characterized by an irksomeness and a petulant sloth that undo whatever benefits the four hours are intended to contribute to industry. Economists, again, have indicated that the difficulties resulting from the indeterminate nature of a day which is neither altogether a work-day nor fully a holiday have an unwholesome effect on the spending habits, for the day, of the general public. By this time the average business man who consults his own mind agrees that the dubious benefits of this arrangement are unjustified from the point of view of the very substantial losses resulting from the depression in spending.

Exact figures have not been gathered. Nor is it to be doubted that there are industries in which the adjustment to a five-day week will not come about without some initial difficulties. And yet, in view of the very certain benefits that will accrue in a business stimulation; and of the spread of enlightened opinion regarding labor, it is inevitable that the five-day week will gain universal acceptance in this country. It remains for organizations who recognize the advantages of a workless Saturday to concentrate their propaganda on the business merits of the change so that progress toward that end may be rapid.

HAVE YOU PAID UP YOUR PLEDGE?

To Members and Seat Holders:

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time, owing to the unstable condition prevailing in Harlem. We, therefore, ask you to be sincere enough to co-operate with us and send in your contributions as pledged with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your co-operation, which I know I may expect from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Secretary.

THE AFFAIR WILL BE HELD AT OUR WEST SIDE BRANCH, DIST. ATT. C. T. CRAIN SPEAKS



Although the Interclub Basketball Tournament is drawing to a close, we find that there is just as much interest exhibited now among the teams as there was at the very beginning of the tourney. The Ramblers who are in existence only two years have exhibited the finest brand of basketball today and as a result are one of the leaders in the lists. The Pals, who have maintained an undefeated record, were unfortunate to lose to the Chi-Aetas and as a result are tied with the Ramblers for first place. The Pals are really the foremost Intermediate Basketball Team. The Tranquility Five, a team of good repute and of fine standing closely trails the leaders, merely because they have played one game less. Following in order are the respective quintets of the Lincolns and the Harlems both having broken even in the number of games played. Following is the standing in percentage of the Clubs to date:

Standing of the Interclub Basketball Contests:

Club	G.	W.	L.	PCT.
Lincoln	4	2	2	.500
Harlem	6	3	3	.500
Ramblers	5	4	1	.800
Kawecos	5	2	3	.400
Jeshuruns	5	2	3	.400
Pals	5	4	1	.800
Kosac	4	0	4	.000
Chi-Aetas	7	3	4	.429
Tranquility	4	3	1	.750

CONGRATULATIONS!

to
MR. SAMUEL MANN

on the recent addition of a girl to the family. Mrs. Mann is doing well.

We Mourn the Loss

of one of our active members of the West Side Branch.

MR. LOUIS ABRAMS

The condolences of the I. S. are extended to the members of his family.

Condolences of the

I. S. Membership is extended to

MR. BARNET LEVY

one of the faithful members of the I. S. on the death of his son, EDWARD DOUGLAS LEVY.

A NOBLE TASK

If the fine margin of achievement that has been accomplished by the Jewish Education Association within the short span of its existence is symptomatic of what we may expect in the near future, then the security of Judaism in the next American Jewish generation is assured.

The J. E. A., we are told, has increased the enrollment of New York children who are receiving Jewish instruction by 25,000. This represents a gain in excess of 7 per cent, though 72 out of every 100 Jewish children remain to be accounted for. The organization's program is executed with great wisdom and foresight. Funds are used not only for propaganda purposes, but also for the assistance of student, instructor and Talmud Torah. Children are spurred to perfect attendance and high scholarship by competition for free vacations and valuable prizes. Poor families are relieved of the problem of tuition fees. Through the establishment of the Board of License, the first important effort has been undertaken to raise the standards of teaching and to insure a scale of compensation that will attract a really competent grade of faculty personnel.

—JEWISH TRIBUNE.

OUR OWN HEBREW-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

CHUPPA—A kind of guillotin.
GAZLAN—A stock broker.
AITZES—Donations from the heart.
CHUSAN-KALLEE—A species of nuts.
CHASSENA—Public execution.
MINYAN—Trustee meeting.
FUNFA-NYIK—Brother-in-law.
LEIDIGAIER—Floorwalker in Macy's.
KOL-BOYNIK—Man with 5 or more daughters.
POTATOE LOTKES—Small parcels of Real Estate growing potatoes.
EINKLEINIGKEIT—Running a Community Center.
CHAZZER—One who bids 400 on a small flush and aces and goes bait."
MILCHIG—An infant.

—EBAS SORG

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