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ONE-ACT PLAY WRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCED BY METRO. LEAGUE

Announcement of a One-Act Play Writing Contest is made by the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Association, in order to encourage the writing of suitable one-act plays for production by amateur dramatic groups of Jewish organizations.

As first prize, the League is awarding \$100 as the Charlotte Blumenthal Memorial Reward. The second prize will consist of a gold medal; the third prize, a silver medal. Incidentally, each play submitted will be considered for production by a Dramatic Group of a Jewish Center on a royalty basis.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional writers, who may submit as many manuscripts as they desire. The play should require not more than 30 minutes for presentation and should have a Jewish theme as its subject. The closing date of this Contest will be April 1st, 1930. So with but two months left the I. S. authors should get busy in preparation for several prizes.

The rules governing the Play Contest are as follows:

1. This contest is open to both amateur and professional writers. Each contestant may submit any number of play manuscripts.
2. Plays entered must be original and must not have been previously published, produced, or have won a prize in any other contest.
3. Plays must not require more than thirty (30) minutes for presentation.
4. Plays should be submitted in produceable play form.
5. While the range of subjects is not limited, special consideration will be given to plays having themes of a Jewish nature.

Manner of Presentation of Play Manuscripts

1. Scripts must be typewritten on one side of paper.
2. Title of play, but not author's name, must appear on script.
3. Accompanying the script, there must

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District Attorney Crain, as Lay Speaker, Features I. S. Men's Club Smoker

THIS IS FOR YOU, DIRECTOR!

A very important meeting of the Board of Directors will be held this coming Tuesday evening, February 4th, at 8:15, at the West Side Building, 148 West 85th Street. It is absolutely necessary that we have 100 per cent attendance that evening.

Hoping that you will set aside that evening for the meeting, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ISAAC SIEGEL,
President.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS "Y" FIRST I. S. DEBATE OPPONENT

The I. S. Intermediate Team is scheduled to debate the Washington Heights Y. M. H. A. in the first debate of the season of the Metropolitan League Debating Tournament. The debate will take place during the month of February, the subject being: "Resolved, that anti-Semitism can be eliminated," with the I. S. Team maintaining the affirmative.

The schedule calls for a monthly debate against the other members of the League. All members, male and female, up to the age of 20, interested in debating and not unwilling to spend a few hours in intellectual pursuit, as well as presenting the I. S. in the Debating Tournament, should present their names to either Mr. Shapiro or Mr. Cohen of the S.-E. Department staff.

KINDLY SEND IN YOUR THEATRE TICKET DEBTS

Mr. Abraham Bernstein, executive director, requests the members of the Ticket Committee of the I. S. Theatre Party to kindly use their good offices in urging those who took tickets to make their payments promptly. The I. S. is at present in need of funds and would greatly appreciate prompt receipt of that which is due for tickets.

Traditional Judaism and True Americanism Combined at Fine Social Event.

Success in the fullest degree marked the occasion of the first smoker conducted by the Men's Club of the I. S., with District Attorney T. C. Crain as the guest and speaker. The affair was held last Monday evening at the West Side Building, 148 West 85th Street.

Always Fair Weather When . . .

Bleak skies and inclement weather failed to keep away the hundred or so young men who enjoyed the inspiring words of the Judge and partook in the spirit of friendship and congeniality that pervaded the atmosphere that evening. It was a typical I. S. reunion.

Jacob H. Epstein, president of the Men's Club, introduced Rabbi Goldstein who in turn presented the honored guest to the audience with his usual graciousness. The District Attorney, in a most informal manner, spoke on the "Meaning of a Successful Man."

"It is he who has constantly open the Door of Human Sympathy, who does kind things and speaks kind words, that knows the true joy of living," observed Judge Crain. "Not the man with diamonds and riches is successful, but he who knows the respect of his fellow-men and the confidence and love of his family."

Rabbi Goldstein Entertains

Mr. Felix Gouled and Mr. Epstein expressed their appreciation to the Judge for his presence and the meeting closed with Rabbi Goldstein's witty words and advice to partake of the refreshment after "washing" and reminding all present to "Bensch," which everyone gladly did. Thus was the evening spent in true I. S. style in piety, learning, decorum and conviviality.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 4:55

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To Those Sterling Leaders Directing Clubs

We pause for a moment to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the leaders of the various clubs and activities of the I. S. for the wonderful work and unselfish spirit they have exhibited. The great efforts they are making to produce results in the groups under their guidance indeed calls for some expression of appreciation. We must remember that these men and women are people who are filling positions of trust and honor. Our leaders number many of all the professions. They come to us after a hard day's work to try to show our boys and girls the right road to play and work.

Let us see some of the achievements of our clubs under their able leadership. We can point with pride to the histrionic talent developed in the dramatic field. Our boys and girls have blossomed forth into able actors and actresses. Not only do they enjoy the thrill of actually performing on the stage, but they have given entertainment to delighted audiences. At all times the inculcation of traditionally Jewish ideals is kept uppermost in their minds. The goal that they are working for has ever been and always will be the development of devoted orthodox Jews and Americans.

We must mention also the fine work in athletics and the clean spirit of sport that our leaders have fostered in their charges. We can boast of successes in almost every form of sport. Even our little ones are kept happy and healthy under a leader who has endeared herself to every tot in the I. S. We know that every parent feels satisfied to see their children under such guidance and in such environment.

But, you men and women, who are doing this splendid work and giving of yourselves the best that is in you, your reward too is very potent. You have it in your power to make of your boys and girls practically what you will. These children come to you ready to be led. It is both an inspiration and a privilege to guide them. Is it not a thrill to feel that human beings look to you to be shown the way to happiness? The leaders of history have been such men and women who have unselfishly given the best in them to others that these others might be glad to live, but also they have been well repaid by the undying tributes to their labors.

So you, too, are being carved into the hearts of your boys and girls. It is your thought and your way of living that they are trying to copy. You are their idols. Keep up your fine work that you may continue to live in the lives of these youngsters.

Congratulations are extended to
MR. and MRS. MAX UDELL
on the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary. The Simchah of the parents of our second vice-president, Lester Udell, was celebrated in true traditional manner.

MEMORY OF PARENTS
HONORED BY MRS. MORRIS

On the occasion of the Yartzit of her father, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, ever eager to honor the memory of her parents, donated the sum of \$200 to the I. S.

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CLUBBERY

The Happy Wanderers seem to have an edge on the other contestants. Miss Lillian Ross, one of their active members, has written a play. This play is a charming and very delightful fantasy. It is the hope of their directress, Miss Frances Philips, that the contest will result in a distribution of laurels to the cast, the young playwright, and subsequently, the club.

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J-joy, E-enthusiasm, S-spice, H-hilarity, U-You, R-rarity, U-urbanity, N-novel, S-spells all that which will feature the Jeshurun Dance, February 2nd, in our Gymnasium. It will undoubtedly be one of the most outstanding social events of the social history of the I. S.

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The Ramblers, February 15th—WHAT IS IT? See next week's Clubbery.

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The Amigas announce that they will conduct their initial activity in the form of a dance to be given April 5th. Because of the very early date of this announcement, we cannot divulge the features of this dance. We look forward to the glad approach of Spring and the Amiga's dance—tra la!

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The Kawecos are now all male. The metamorphosis from a co-ed club to a he-club occurred last week. They welcome prospective members, ages about 18, to visit them any Sunday afternoon.

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A couple of good days: Monday—Art Class, Tuesday—Council Meeting; Wednesday—Music Class and Dancing Class; Thursday—Rabbi Goldstein's discussion group and Question-Answer Box; Saturday night—Club Dances; Sunday—starting next month, Debates.

We welcome The Rangers—an active Junior group. Their officers are Morris Abbott, president; Abraham Franco, secretary; Murray Lubell, vice-president; Benjamin Stone, athletic manager. This new group has already adopted itself to I. S. activity. We wish them a long and happy existence in the I. S.

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In preparation for our One-Act Play Contest to be conducted some time in the latter part of March, many of our clubs are very busily engaged. Many of our other clubs are looking around for suitable material to be present that night.

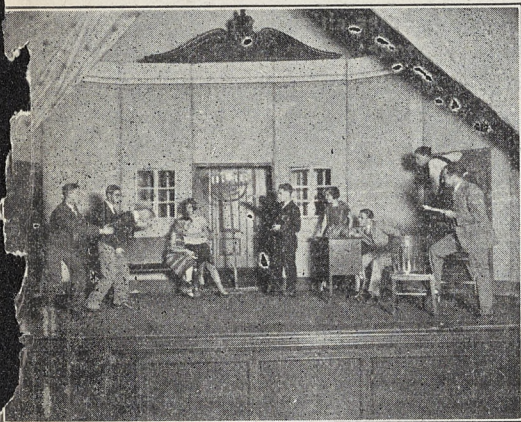
REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST PRODUCTION OF OUR DRAMATIC GROUP IS ON SUNDAY

I. S. Drama Shop To Present "Razor Blades," A Series of Three One-Act Plays

Comedy and Melodrama To Feature Production.

The first attempt by the distinct I. S. Drama Group to produce a series of plays will take place this Sunday evening, February 2nd, at 8:30 p. m. at the I. S. Auditorium, when the I. S. players will introduce a new regime in the dramatic annals of the I. S.

The performance has been entitled "Razor Blades," and will consist of three one-act plays: "The Simoon," "The Mountain Walks," and "My Lady Help." Hereafter the general interest in the work of the group will add more assurance, so that the production of serious dramatic plays will be encouraged. Mr. Kapelsohn, who is directing the presentation, has promised us an evening of comedy, light, whimsical, romantic, enjoyable, and screamingly and hilariously funny. No more murders nor nightmares about murder and shooting.



A life may be spent in passive anticipation, or it may be an absorbing period of work and fulfillment. The group intends to make their playing life one of interest and achievement. In order to insure a constructive and enlightened interpretation of the classics of the stage, the Players need the support of an audience who believes in their work, and who by their constant interest, will enable the group to produce plays of varied appeal.

Work on the stage is not all the glory and glamour that it seems, but behind it are months of experiment, toil without stint, sacrifice and energy without thought of compensation. But, if a message has been carried to the audience, if a thought has been expressed with clarity, if the beauty and spirit of the play have been caught up across the footlights, then the players feel that their tireless efforts have been amply repaid.

THE SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES OF RABBI GOLDSTEIN ARE INDEED DIVERSIFIED

January 23, 1930.

Dr. Rabbi Goldstein,
Institutional Synagogue,
37 West 116th Street,
My dear Doctor:

The officers and members of the Hebrew Children's Home wish to take this opportunity of extending to you our sincerest of thanks for your kind interest in our little children.

While we give them maintenance and a home and look after their bodily welfare, you and your staff take care of their spiritual beings. You are training their little minds in the ways and ideals of Judaism, and we know that they will be better men and women because of your kind guidance.

In their name we pray for your continued health and happiness, and that the Almighty Father will grant you and yours long life and prosperity for your goodness to these little ones.

Sincerely yours,
HEBREW CHILDREN'S HOME,
Jeanette Schwerens,
Secretary.

Best Wishes are Extended to MR. LESTER UDELL

on the occasion of his being installed as president of the

OHAB ZEDEK CONGREGATION at Rockaway Park

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was the main speaker at the installation exercises. Those who know Lester and his extreme modesty and gentility of character are certain that he will succeed at his new post while at the same time maintaining his high repute as vice-president of the I. S.

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be enclosed in a sealed envelope, the title of the play and the name and address of the author.

4. Only those scripts will be returned which have a self-addressed envelope accompanying them, enclosed in the sealed envelope. The winning plays will become the property of the Metropolitan League.

Closing Date—This contest will close April 1, 1930. Plays received later than that date will not be accepted by the Metropolitan League, 71 West 47th Street, New York City.

AVIATOR TO CONDUCT CLASS IN PLANE BUILD- ING FOR JUNIORS

A unique educational activity is offered to the junior members of our I. S. clubs in the way of an aviation class. Mr. Herman Nadler, who himself is an aviator, has kindly volunteered to take care of this group.

The boys will be taught the rudiments of model plane making and the fundamentals of aviation principles. There is no doubt but that every real boy will be interested in joining this class, which will be held every Thursday evening in Room 506.

It is intended to have each club build a model plane, so that airplane races may be held between various organizations. A model plane costs several dollars to build and funds will be contributed by individual club members. Mr. Nadler has already spoken to Boy Scouts and several other club members, who have taken up this idea like wild-fire. The interest exhibited insures a success of this educational treat.

CANADA MAY NAME JEWISH SENATOR

Two Jewish delegations are leaving Montreal this week for Ottawa to urge the Federal government to appoint a Jew to the Canadian Senate. One delegation is pushing the claims of A. J. Freiman, millionaire department store owner of Ottawa and president of the Canadian Zionist Organization. The other delegation is back the Hon. Samuel W. Jacobs, member of the Dominion Parliament for Montreal and the first Jew ever elected there.

It is understood that the government is favorable to naming a Jewish Senator but is undecided as to the choice. By the provisions of the British North American Act the ninety-six members of the Senate are appointed for life by the Governor-General on recommendation of the Cabinet-Council.

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.

RESERVE THAT EVENING FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS



Although cold wintry blasts still howl and snow is on the ground, the thoughts of quite a few of our gym members have already turned to baseball; and plans are at present under way to organize a baseball nine, which is to represent the I. S. in competition.

There will probably be two teams: one for the younger and the other for the older patrons of the gymnasium. A score of names have already been submitted to Mr. Silbert, who will shortly announce the first day for tryouts. There is enough baseball talent in the gymnasium to insure a well-balanced nine. All those interested should submit their names to Mr. Silbert.

The House Council also plans to conduct an interclub baseball tournament which, from all indications, should be as successful as the presently conducted basketball tournament.

In all ranks of men there are always a few who stand out from the others by their virtuousness. The popularity of these has been deserved. Behold! All ye readers, and marvel, at their utopian blend of character, brotherhood and undying affection. Much can be learned from their history, that which I have written below is too much. For what can be said of people who live, but do not exist?

B. L. D.

N. M.

I now introduce **Oscar Abrams Von Imbrek Von Hrvatsky**. Born on a boat, and always at sea. His dreams center on the beauties of the South Sea Islands. Sports a yellow mustache; by the time his words get through they don't mean anything. Man's closest friend, for he covers our nakedness—he sells pants. His ambition in life is to sell an elephant a pair of pants, but I think his success would lie in selling bloomers. He thinks he's the main spring in the clock, but he's only a loose nut.

He's a born gambler. If he were wealthy he'd bet real money. A very passionate swimmer, uses the breast stroke. The less said about him the pleasanter.

Now meet "Squat" **Phil Svigals**. We don't know where he got the name, unless he won it in a handball game. He never could have sat at King Arthur's round table. He couldn't fit into the chair. Not that he's fat all over—except perhaps his head, too. At the present time he's a gen-

tleman of leisure. His birth was an international event, he was born on the 12 mile line. Never plays basketball because his boy friends are cops and they'll arrest him if he shoots a goal. What he does the rest of his time is a secret, and since we don't like secrets, we don't like him. Here's hoping the next census doesn't include him.

This is about "Looie" Silverstein, "dot dope." The ice cream soda baby. Balconies were made for his type. His own thoughts are always so silly that he can't help grinning at himself. He doesn't think because he has nothing to think with; besides, we don't care what he thinks. It's a great pleasure for him to dye for a living. Reads detective stories and thinks every beard is a disguise. Got thrown out of the "Y" for pulling a reverend's beard. According to him, everybody's a crook. Does not even trust himself. His soul goes marching on but his body stays.

HE FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS

Irv Briskin, a laborer for a large contracting firm, took a half day off one Monday without permission, in order to attend a ball game. Next day he received a letter from the company, telling him his services were no longer required. On Friday he put on his overalls and went back to work.

The boss was surprised to see him and asked if he had not received the letter, informing him that his services were no longer required.

"Yes," answered Irv easily, "but that was only on the inside. On the outside the message was different."

"What do you mean?" asked the boss, perplexed.

"Well," answered Irving confidently, "it said on the envelope, 'Return in Three Days to Levine & Co., Contractors,' so I took a three days' vacation, and here I am."

99 SYNAGOGUES CLOSED IN RUSSIA

During the first eight months of 1929, 99 synagogues have been closed in Soviet Russia, according to an official government report published today. During the entire year of 1928, 59 synagogues had been closed. Smolensk and other cities are now without a single synagogue.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS FOR THE

ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

of the

Parents Association

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(Tickets may be secured from any member of the Committee, or Mr. Bernstein, at the office.)

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