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GIRLS TO HAVE GYMNASIUM CLASS SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Hear ye! Hear ye! All young women who desire to use the facilities of the well equipped I. S. gym will be given an opportunity to do so this Sunday afternoon at 4 P. M. Come prepared for a fine time. Now here's your chance, so come and take it.

After a meeting of Miss Frances Phillips, representing the girls' clubs, Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Shapiro, it was decided to allow the young women of the I. S. to partake



Why Not the Girls, Too?

of gym activities. A session will be held every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 P. M. in the Gymnasium, which will be followed by showers.

This Sunday an open session will be conducted with all the members and their friends invited to attend. The girls are requested to bring a regulation gymnasium outfit consisting of middy, sneakers and bloomers.

If the class proves popular, plans are made to continue it throughout the entire season. All those interested are urged to submit their names to either Miss Phillips or Mr. Shapiro. Let's go, and see if we can't get 100 per cent attendance!

The I. S. Daughters are coming down en masse, at least 35 strong. At last Gertie Simon's wish came true.

First Presentation of Institutional Players Wins Approval of All Who Witness "Razor Blades"

THEATRE PARTY OF PARENTS ASSOCIATION BIDS WELL FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

A considerable number of tickets have already been sold by the Parents Association for their forthcoming Theatre Party, which is to be held on February 18th at the Prospect Avenue Theatre. Mrs. I. Stein, who heads the active committee, is already smiling with anticipation of the expected success.

The fact that the proceeds of the Party will be used in furthering the work of the I. S. Talmud Torah in helping the children properly celebrate the Jewish festivals, and also to pay for several scholarships, has made the Theatre Party indeed a worthy cause to strive for. But few people have rejected the tickets that have been given them and a capacity house is expected on the evening of February 18th.

The Parents Association Theatre Party is headed by the co-chairladies, Mrs. A. Wartels and Mrs. R. Vosberg. The others who comprise the remainder are Mesdames Isaac Siegel, D. Gottlieb, I. Bernstein, A. Levine, A. Lifschitz, L. Simpson, N. Simpson, Lieberman, Cohen, Israel Tannenbaum, A. Stern, Fishman, Margulies, Zaslofsky, Fleisig and Gussan.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED AT INTERMEDIATE COUNCIL

The following committees were appointed by Murray Katz, President of the Intermediate Council, at the last meeting of the Intermediate Council: Membership Committee, which is to acquaint and interest outside members of the I. S. to join the building and become member herein, consist of the representatives of the Jeshuruns, Tranquilities, and the Falcons, with the latter representative as chairman.

The committee in charge of Rabbi Goldstein's Thursday evening Question Box consist of the Tranquilities and Jeshuruns. The Dancing Class Committee is constituted of representatives of the Kawecos, Amigos and Jeshuruns, with the latter representative acting as chairman.

Dramatic Group of I. S. Makes Big Hit With Novel Effects.

Outrivaling by far any series of acts ever before presented by an I. S. dramatic group was the presentation of "Razor Blades," directed by Baron Kapelsohn at the Auditorium last Sunday evening.

Beyond a doubt the stage settings, the lighting effects, the novelty of the presentation and the fine choice of plays were of a nature that could compare favorably with any amateur theatrical group in the city. "Razor Blades" will long be remembered by the audience who witnessed the first production of the "Institutional Players."

The production was the climax of almost two months of intensive work by the cast. A melodrama, a comedy, two skits and an unique one-act play of Arabian extraction consisted the program for the evening. The only discouraging fact was the lack of interest exhibited by the members, who certainly would have been present had they known the high type of plays enacted.

The technical and property direction left nothing to be desired. Also the make-up of the players. The Social-Educational Department is indebted to the members of the Falcon Club and to Ben Handsman for the fine cooperation along this line.

The program follows:

- 1.—J. P. M. and Razor Blades (a skit).
- 2.—"May Lady Help" (taken from an English comedy). Scene: Suburbs of London, an artist's home. Characters: the artist, Ben Handsman; his uncle, Phil Greenbaum; a lady, Rose Markowitz.
- 3.—"Simoon" (a sandstorm). Scene: An Arabian "funeral parlor." Characters: Charles, French Foreign Legion Officer, Irving Apfel; an Arabian maiden (a ventriloquist), Miriam Kabatsnick; an Arabian chieftain, Ben Handsman.
- 4.—"Bologney Bill" (a melodrama); a story of people who should have belonged to Grandfather's day. Scene: An all American

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Significance of Chamisho Oser B'Shvat, New Year for Trees

Chamisho Oser B'Shvat (the fifteenth of the month of Sh'vat), which falls this year on Thursday, February 13, is one of the minor Jewish festivals. It is perhaps the least known of them all; and yet it has a charm of its own. It proves the attachment of the Jewish people to the soil of Palestine more than any other holiday. It does not commemorate any great event in our history; and is based solely on the climatic conditions of Palestine during this time of the year. It occurs during the middle of the winter, when some countries of our sojourn are covered with snow; some with ice; and most are effected by the winter colds. How different are the climatic conditions of Palestine. The rains and hails cease; the sun resumes its dominion; and trees and flowers are in bloom again. No wonder that on this day in Palestine young and old enjoy nature; no wonder also that the rabbis of old designated the fifteenth of the Jewish month Sh'vat as "Rosh Hashonoh L'Ilonos," the New Year for Trees. The persistence of the festival Chamisho Oser B'Shvat in exile is tangible proof of the Jewish attachment to Palestine.

This festival is known in Palestine as Arbor Day (arbor is the Latin word for tree), because it is the occasion for the annual planting of thousands of trees all over the land. In the diaspora it has long been customary to celebrate the day by eating fruits that are known to grow in Palestine, such as raisins, almonds, figs, dates, Palestinian oranges, and St. John's bread (bokser).

In recent years the "Rosh Hashonoh L'Ilonos," the New Year for trees, has also been observed by holiday lectures, entertainments, and the like, bringing more vividly to our attention the rapid strides that are being made in the restoration of Palestine as the Jewish Homeland. This is a most appropriate day to make donations for Palestine.

Chamisho Oser B'Shvat through its very persistence proves that we have remained true to our old oath: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ.

More Smokers Like the First One!!

The first smoker conducted by the Men's Club of the I. S. last Monday evening with District Attorney Thomas T. C. Crain as the main speaker, will long live in the memories of those who attended. The informality and congeniality that pervaded the meeting is indeed worthy of note. It seemed like a gathering of the brothers of a clan, a distinct group. Although it was raining and nasty outside, the warmth that filled the West Side vestry room was pleasant, beyond a doubt. The excellence of the arrangements in distributing the refreshments, the coat-checking system, the strict adherence to the traditional Jewish customs also deserve favorable comment.

To Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, who is the leader of this group of enterprising men, goes the credit for arranging the meeting. To Mr. Charles Epstein, president, and his committee, we doff our hats for the particularity exhibited in the execution of the necessary details which made the meeting so enjoyable.

CLUBBERY

Just as the Falcons lead this week's Clubbery, so do they expect to lead this year's social success in the I. S. with their dance, March 8th. A fine orchestra, superb entertainment, warm congeniality, a waltz contest, a club popularity contest, for which silver loving cups will be awarded to the winners, will aid in making this night a night unforgettable.

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The Neons, hardly recuperated from their last social success, their dance, now contemplate their fourth annual theatre party to be held in the latter part of March. Their recent election resulted in an almost complete change of officers. Mr. Bogdanskysky was elected president, Mr. Lebon, vice-president; Mr. Rachels, secretary, and Mr. Rothbart, treasurer.

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Under the leadership of Mr. Strand, the Aces, one of our latest junior clubs, have succeeded in capturing the championships of ping pong and basketball. To show their versatility they also intend to capture the junior debating championship.

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The Panthers, another new junior club, led by Mr. Ferster, challenge anybody and everything to meet their Hockey Team. They plan to publish a club paper which will be circulated amongst the various clubs of the building.

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This Saturday night Social History in the I. S. will be made. The Jeshurun dance will, by virtue of its brilliancy, excessive congeniaity, perpetual vim and snap, set a precedent which will be difficult for any other future dance to overcome. The I. S., in anticipation of a happy evening, will be there.

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February 15th—WHAT IS IT? — The Rambler Dance — and what a dance! They will award a silver loving cup to the most popular club present. "But you ain't heard nothing yet," says Marty Werner, their president. The I. S. is in for a surprise—and a happy evening.

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The Amigas welcome three new members: the Misses Bessie Horowitz, Rebecca Rothkin, and Ida Masover. They extend an invitation to all to spend a memorable evening at their Dance, April 5th.

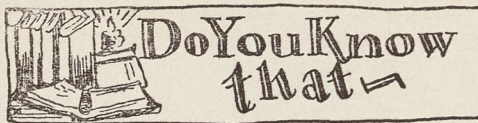
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The Varieties and "variety is the spice of I. S. life," recently conducted elections. Renee Cohen was elected president; Yetta Burland, vice-president; Fay Hirsch, secretary, and Ada Schlossberg, treasurer.

WHY WASTE YOUR EVENINGS IN PLEASURES THAT DON'T MEAN A THING?

Purim Masque and Dance Takes Up Attentions of Intermediate Council

Many Novelties Promised at Premiere
Social Event On
March 15.



With the merry festival of Purim yet many weeks in advance, the Intermediate Council has already made full preparations for their Eighth Annual Purim Masque and Dance, to be held at the I. S. on Saturday evening, March 15th. According to the way the members of the various committees have undertaken their task, success looms on the horizon for this big social event. Tickets have already been distributed among the various clubs, who are selling them rapidly.

No Effort Spared

The Council is sparing no effort in order to make the Purim affair a memorable one. Novel decorations, spot light dancing, entertainment, favors, Hamen taschen and punch are among the many features that make the coming event so popular.

The Council, at its next meeting, will take up the advisability of conducting Annual Purim Journal. These Journals in the past have proven very useful as a favor and as a memento of the Masque. It is expected that this additional source of revenue will aid the financial aspect considerably.

The Committees Who Assist

Mr. Jack Rachnow of the Tranquillity, is the chairman of the Purim Dance Committee with the members of the Omahas, Amigos, and Jeshuruns constituting the remainder of the Committee. Miss Frances Phillips of the Gamma Sigma Pi has been elected as honorary chairman and will lend her valuable assistance in assuring the success of the Purim Masque.

Remember the date, everybody, March 15th, for the biggest night in the social history of the Intermediate Clubs. Make your reservations early so that you won't be disappointed in the rush. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Committee or from the Social-Educational Department Staff.

This Saturday morning Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will speak at 116th Street; Hon. saac Siegel, President, will speak on "Abraham Lincoln" at the West Side Branch.

1. Abraham Ibn Ezra, famous Jewish Bible commentator of the Middle Ages, furnished the incentive for Bible criticism?
2. Morris Winchevsky was called the "crazy philosopher"?
3. Emma Lazarus wrote the poem inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty?
4. Soloman Blumgarten is considered the best American-Yiddish poet?
5. That most of the American-Yiddish have followed the model of Chekov?
6. Abraham Golfaden is called the "Father of the Jewish stage"?
7. The "Ha-MEASSEF" established by Moses Mendelslohn in 1784 was the first modern Jewish periodical—modern in literary style and interests?
8. The Cohen family translated the Talmud into English?
9. The Jewish Publication Society has produced a new version of the Bible?
10. Abraham Mapu wrote the first Jewish novel?
11. Mordecai Manuel Noah tried to establish a "Jewish State" on Long Island in 1825?
12. There is a Jewish Colonial Trust established in England for the purpose of aiding the colonists in Palestine?
13. The original Zionists had to obtain a charter from Sultan Abdul Hammid in order to settle Palestine?
14. David Wholffson followed Herzl as leader of the Zionist movement?
15. The Palestinian colonists use the spineless cactus for cattle fodder?

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.

ORATORICAL CONTEST OF MANHATTAN AREA TO BE HELD AT THE I. S.

Patrons of the I. S. will indeed be glad to learn that the Metropolitan League Manhattan oratorical elimination contest will be held at the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, March 9th, 3 o'clock. The contest is open to every member of the building.

The subjects of the orations will be, as they were last year, dealing with great living Jewish personalities in the various fields of endeavor. Anyone of the I. S. interested in entering the oratorical contest should see Mr. Shapiro at room 307.

The rules of the prize oratorical contest are as follows:

1.—**Contestants:** Any member of any Jewish educational and recreational organization, such as a Y. M. H. A., Y. W. H. A., Hebrew School, Jewish Center, Synagogue or Temple Center, or kindred organization located in the metropolitan district, who is a member in good standing for at least sixty day prior to competing, is eligible to enter

a.—**Age:** The contest is restricted to those between the ages of 18 to 25 inclusive, and is open to both boys and girls.

b.—Each association will be permitted to enter only two persons in the contest, preferably a boy and a girl.

2.—**Preliminary Elimination Contests:** Local preliminary elimination contest will be held as follows:

a.—For Manhattan organizations, at the Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116th St., New York City, Sunday, March 9th, at 3

3.—**THE FINAL CONTEST** will be held during April, 1930. The winners of first and second prizes in each preliminary contest will participate in the finals.

4.—**Registration:** Contestants are requested to appear at the office of the organization where the contests will be held and register not later than 2 p. m. on date of contest.

5.—**Time Allowed Contestants:** Orations in the contest must not be longer than ten minutes. This must be strictly observed.

6.—**Basis of Awards:** All orations will be judged on the following basis:

Fifty per cent for content and composition.

Fifty per cent for delivery.

7.—**Judges:** There will be three judges at each contest, to be selected by the Metropolitan League Oratorical Contest Committee. The decisions of the judges will be final.

8.—**Awards:** For Preliminary Contests There will be two prizes awarded in each preliminary contest, a silver and a bronze medal for the first and second prize winners respectively.

Awards: For Final Contest—Gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively, to winners of first, second and third prizes.



With the Interclub Basketball Tournament drawing to a close, it seems that the PALS are now in the lead after beating their nearest rivals, the RAMBLERS, with a 10-8 score last Sunday. The game was hard fought and needed an extra period to decide the victors. The TRANQUILITY five, playing like a rejuvenated team, overpowered the KAWECOS, 14-2. At no time throughout the game with the KAWECOS were they threatened seriously for victory. The LINCOLNS won by a forfeit over the JESHURUNS, as did the CHI-AETAS from the KOSACS. All games that were postponed will be played this coming Sunday so that the championship can be decided in two weeks.

Following on the heels of basketball comes the Interclub Swimming meet, which has received much greater response among the clubs than was ever before the case. Mr. Silverman announces that there will be five events. The meet will be held on Sunday morning, February 16th. The events are 2 lap, free style swim; 2 lap breast stroke; and a back stroke of the same length; there will be one under water swim event; and a club relay with 4 men on the team, each man to swim 2 laps. The Juniors will also have one and two lap races, according to the sizes of the individual participants. For details see Mr. Silbert at the gymnasium office.

On the Mats

Here's to the mat, the grand old mat,
It's hoary with age—has seen many a spat,
We'll drink to your health, to your mildeewy years.

When we think of your age, we burst into tears.

But listen, dear mat, you don't look so clean
You're worn to a frazzle and loose in the seam;

You've been sadly neglected, and tell you I must

That you pollute the air with germ-laden dust.

To a home for old maids you ought to be sent.

Your life here with us has been very well spent;

Before your insides are smashed and your outsides are torn,

We hope you'll get married and a new mat will be born.

MEMBERS OF I. S. GYMNASIUM MAKE FINE DEBUTS AS BOXERS IN GLOVE TOURNAMENT

The standard bearers of the Institutional Synagogue in the field of scientific fisticuffs were well upheld by two members of the gymnasium who participated in the Golden Gloves Contest sponsored by the Daily News. These men are Mac Bleiberg, who fought in the 125-pound class, and Sammy Weiss, who battles in the 135-pound class.

After a considerable period of practice at the gym with Mr. Silbert, physical director, assisting on the coaching end and acting as sparring partner for the boys, the first tilts were fought on January 6 at the Holy Name Club. There, Mac Bleiberg won his first bout when he beat Howard Higgins in three rounds, by a judge's decision. Because of parental objection, he was not allowed to continue. However, the fine generalship in the ring and his classy footwork will long be remembered by his friends who saw him battle. Incidentally, Mr. Bleiberg is the virile leader of the Argoes Club and these boys certainly know how to behave when he is present.

On the same evening, Sammy Weiss, 135 pounds, stopped Emil Frank by a knockout delivered in one minute 47 seconds. To show that it was not an accident, Mr.

Weiss repeated the knockout in 1:50 seconds against Carl Massula on the following Wednesday evening.

Last Saturday night, being forced to fight twice in the same evening, Sammy Weiss was the victor in the first contest by a knockout; but later on in the evening was knocked out himself, to our great sorrow. He was seconded in his fights by Sidney and Hymie Epstein.

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can country home. Characters: Viola Elfield, Yetta Fleigelman; Ambrose Glutzz, Harry Kazen; Cousin Marion, Marion Margulies; a butcheress, Dorothy Gershenoff; a mulatto, Sam Heifetz.

5.—"Eternal Bliss."

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this
Saturday Night

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