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NEW FEATURES AP-

PENDED TO VARIED

S-E DEPT. PROGRAM

Vocational Guidance, Dancing Class and Poster Class Added

Several new activities are listed by the S-E Department, outstanding among which is the Lecture Bureau, which is to include lectures on the subject of educational guidance given by the members of the Board of Directors engaged in various professions.

The Art and Poster Club will again be resumed on Monday evening under the tutelage of Sam Heifetz, who has done some fine poster work on the I. S. bulletin boards.

On Wednesday evenings, as usual, the Dancing Class will be held, but to make things more interesting, the I. S. House Band, the Wayne County Club Orchestra, will furnish the music. This class is primarily intended to assist those who are socially shy and to teach young men and women the terpsichorean art.

A membership drive for new clubs is (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

Washington Heights "Y" Debating Team Is First Opponent of I. S. Intermediates

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday

Young men's Club of the West
Side8:30 p. m.
Bible Class followed by meeting.
Parents' Association9:00 p. m.
Art and Poster Class.....8:30 p. m.

Tuesday

Senior Council Meeting.....8:30 p. m.
Intermediate Council Meeting,
8:30 p. m.

Wednesday

Dancing Class8:30 p. m.
Women's League of the West
Side10:30 a. m.

Thursday

Rabbi Goldstein's Question Box
Forum8:30 p. m.

Friday

Services5:30 p. m.

Saturday

Morning Services, West Side,
Rosh Chodesh Adar.....9:00 a. m.
Morning Services, Harlem....8:30 a. m.
Boy Scouts8:00 p. m.
Morning and evening services are
held daily at both branches.

First Metro League Contest to Be Held at I. S. This Sunday

The first match in the Metropolitan League Debating Tournament against Intermediate groups will take place at the I. S. this Sunday afternoon, March 2nd, when the team representing the Washington Heights "Y" will be entertained in the I. S. Auditorium.

The subject for the debate will be, "Resolved, That anti-Semitism can be eliminated," with the I. S. assuming the burden of proof in the affirmative. The I. S. team will consist of Abe Margolies, captain; Morris Urieff and Irving Levine.

This is the first time that the I. S. is engaging in any competition against the Washington Heights "Y." Hence, predictions would be unfair. A spirit of battle, however, is expected, because of the determination of the I. S. to retain the championship of Manhattan and Bronx.

Although but little time was had for preparation, excellent briefs have been prepared. Because of the extensive outside reading that was done in preparing the subject, the I. S. feels well able to refute any arguments that their opponents might present.

The terms have been suggested to be defined as follows: "anti-Semitism" is to mean discrimination against the Jew; "eliminated" means to cause the disappearance of. The time element as to how long it would take to eliminate anti-Semitism is waived.

The junior team is now busily engaged in preparing the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the establishment of a Jewish university in the United States is desirable," for a debate to be held on Tuesday, March 18th, against the Y. M. H. A. of Borough Park. Meyer Heckler, Leo Lang and Louis Rosenthal, all of the Argies, constitute the junior team, which Mr. Shapiro is coaching.

The senior team, which last year won the championship of Manhattan and the Bronx, will meet the Yonkers Community Center March 20th, to debate the affirma-

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CLUBBERY

The Elijah's, the only boys' club on the West Side, announces the election of officers: Julius Cohen, president; Joseph Levine, vice-president; Ben Narenberg, secretary, and S. Bergman, treasurer. New members are always invited at 8:15 on Mondays at the West Side Branch of the I. S.

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The Detinu Club, a new co-ed group, are officially welcomed by their constituent senior organizations. Their officers are William Binder, president; Arthur Liberman, vice-president; Miss Rosenthal, secretary, and Miss Bruin, treasurer.

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So excellent was the Washington's Birthday Party, held by the Ramblers last Saturday evening that the boys are still in gay spirits, although they are flat. They look forward to another such "blowout" in the near future.

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With the coming of this balmy weather, the Neons' thoughts are turning towards baseball. Those who remember their crack nines of last year look forward to another season of successes by the Neons' sluggers.

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An open meeting for the friends and well-wishers is now being planned by the Kaweco boys. They also wish to take this opportunity of thanking their colleagues, the Ramblers, for the presentation of the silver loving cup.

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The Gamma Sigma Pi, after having been carrying on their activities with but a very small membership, are now increasing their numbers to at least nine. Their fine work in the past and their excellent reputation certainly makes it a privilege for one to enter this organization of active workers.

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The Abe Lincolns, under the leadership of their hiking captain, Harold Zimmerman, took a jaunt through the Jersey woods last Sunday afternoon, enjoying the fine weather immensely. Incidentally, they are planning to conduct their annual dance on the evening of March 29th.

ON RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

Occasionally there arises a misunderstanding regarding the renewal of memberships. When a member signs an application at the I. S. he does so for a year's duration. At the end of this period, unless he notifies the office officially it is assumed that the member intends to continue his membership. This practice is followed by all similar organizations in the country. Consequently, any one who desires to discontinue his membership for the following year should make his wishes known and not assume that the office is able to divine such an idea.

A great majority of those who became members the early part of 1929 signified their intention of continuing as members of the I. S. by mailing their checks. They realize the good that they receive from the Building as well as its communal worth. The I. S. is very grateful for the confidence that this indicates and on its part pledges to do everything to maintain its present high standard.

FOR APPEARANCE SAKE

It is generally felt that the appearance of its rooms is one of the best indications of the spirit and calibre of an institution. The I. S. has tried hard and has succeeded very well in making its cozy, cheerful and neat rooms a source of inspiration to the clubs that meet in them.

It is for this reason that it is extremely disappointing and discouraging to find, that after some club meetings, rooms are left in a decidedly careless and disorderly condition. Chalk and board erasers are strewn on the floor, bulletin board notices torn, and curtains and pictures taken down and left lying around. The result is not exactly pleasant or encouraging.

Surely, when the reputation and reflection of the I. S. spirit is the issue, insisting upon a little care and consideration on the part of those few who have unthinkingly abused their privileges is not demanding too much.

PURIM and PASSOVER

Another Purim and another Passover will soon be with us and most of our Jewish youth is looking forward to their advent. This declaration must sound optimistic if left unqualified. Too many of our young Jews are cognizant of their holidays insofar as they offer a respite from the monotony of school days. This is a deplorable condition, and when we consider the numbers who are without the joys, which, by heritage, are theirs, we must sympathize with them. These uninitiated know nothing of the glow and warmth that comes from spiritual communion with their wise and inspiring sages—a spiritual communion that reaches to ecstatic heights of expression in the symbolism of the Holy Days. Fortunately, there are others to whom holidays mean genuine pleasure. These youths have familiarized themselves with the significance and lessons of the celebrations.—Bronx Bulletin.

Inter-Club Debating Tourney Commences With Fame and Glory as Goal

List of Five Subjects Give Interesting and Varied Range

The Interclub Debating has taken on new interest through the inauguration of a schedule of debates among the intermediate, senior and junior clubs of the Department. The necessity of teaching the debaters the art of successful presentation of one's ideas is being stressed because of its importance in our daily dealings.

The winning club is to have its name inscribed on a silver plaque 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 six minutes for their presentation. The debates will be judged along the following lines:

- a. Contents—50%
 1. Facts presented
 2. Relevancy of subject matter
- b. Presentation—30%
 1. Delivery
 2. Posture
 3. Orderliness of briefs
- c. Rebuttal—20%

The list of subjects to be debated upon may be selected from any of the following:

1. Resolved, That pupils be dismissed from public school an hour or two earlier on certain days, to make it possible for them to receive religious instruction in their respective faiths.
2. Resolved, That Hebrew be included as one of the elective languages in the High Schools, and that students passing satisfactory examinations, receive credit for advanced knowledge.
3. Resolved, That the establishment of a Jewish university in the United States is desirable.

4. Resolved, That a system of Jewish parochial schools be established throughout the United States.

5. Resolved, That the Bible be read in all public schools.

The schedule for March is as follows:

- March 4—Aces versus Panthers
 March 5—Seacs vs. Happy Wanderers
 March 9—Tranquillities vs. Falcons
 March 11—Argoes vs. Rangers
 March 16—Jeshuruns vs. Kawecos
 March 23—Neons vs. Ramblers
 March 30—Pals vs. Chi-Aetas

Any questions arising about the Interclub Debating will be answered by Mr. Shapiro in Room 307.

DO YOU KNOW THAT—

1. Richard Cumberland was the first dramatist to write a drama in which the Jew was not a villain but the hero?
2. The Biblical sentence, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof," is written on the Liberty Bell?
3. The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies is the largest Jewish charitable organization of New York?
4. The Jewish Year Book records the history of the Jew year to year contemporaneously?
5. Kurt Eisner was president of the Bavarian Republic after the World War?
6. In Russia numerous Jews have become insane through inordinate persecution?
7. General S. Herbert Wolfe, a Jew, worked out the plan of war risk insurance?
8. Commodore Levy, a Jewish Naval Lieutenant, succeeded in wiping out the cruel practice of corporal punishment from the American Navy?
9. Cincinnati is the seat of Reform Judaism in America?
10. "Ha-Maggid," founded by Eleazer Silberman, in Germany in 1856, was the first Hebrew weekly?
11. Theodore Essenes is research assistant to Thomas Edison and received in 1910 the Nichols Gold Medal of the American Chemical Society for the most important research achievement of the year?

MRS. I. STEIN DISTRIBUTES FESTIVAL GOODIES TO S-E DEPT. JUNIORS

Not content with treating the pupils of the Talmud Torah to a Chamisho Osor B'Shevav goodies, the Parents' Association extended their bounty this year to include the junior clubs of the S-E Department. Mr. I. Stein, in the absence of her daughter, Miss Eva Stein, who was to have done the distributing, "did the honors" last Wednesday.

After an impromptu Chamisho Osor B'Shevav program, and after the lads repeated the blessings, the fruits were given to the eager recipients. Mr. Abe Margolies, the leader of the Seacs, in the name of the junior clubs, thanked Mrs. Stein for her kindness in remembering them.

"QUESTION BOX" GROUP DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF INTEREST

At the last Thursday evening Question Box, conducted by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, interesting questions were raised and included among them the following: "Who is a wealthy man?" "Who is wise?" "Who is strong?" and "Who is honored?"

The Rabbi explained at length and with the wealth of anecdotes that he has for illustrations, that Perek was correct in saying that the "wealthy man is one who is satisfied with what he has"; "One who conquers his passions is strong"; while "the wise man learns from everyone," and, of course, the "man who is honored is the one who honors everyone else."

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Institutional Synagogue has a number of choice cemetery plots in Mount Zion Cemetery, which it is ready to dispose of. These plots may be secured in single graves or in family plots.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE TO HOLD ORATORICAL PRELIM AT I. S.

Winners to Orate in April for Final Selection

The Metropolitan League Oratorical Contest will be held Sunday afternoon, March 9th, at 3 o'clock in the Auditorium. Representatives from all affiliated institutions of Manhattan and Bronx will compete for the silver and bronze medals to be awarded to first and second place winners.

These medalists will some time in April compete with the successful contestants from Brooklyn. The first prize winner of this Metropolitan contest will then represent the section in the National Oratorical Tournament.

The I. S. this year will again be represented by a well-balanced group: Abe Margolies, Irving Israel and others, who had spoken last year, and who had proven their ability. Since only two members are allowed to speak in the contest, it is expected that a fine showing will be made.

The Condolences

of the entire I. S. membership are extended to our members, Mr. Harry Gordon, husband, and Mrs. Lester Udell, daughter of the late beloved

MRS. MINNIE GORDON

Also to Mrs. Louis Lipman on the loss of her beloved mother,

MRS. IDA ZUCKER

May God comfort them in their bereavement and may they know no more sorrows.



On account of the few entries for the Interclub Handball Tournament, the contest is being postponed for another week. The clubs are advised that they must enter their contestants with Mr. Silbert immediately in order to make them eligible to compete; also, the fact that the winners will be awarded medals and the winning club will have its name inscribed on a silver plaque. Each club is to be represented by a five-man team, which is to consist of three singles and one set of doubles. Time is short, so hurry and give in your entries.

A very encouraging turnout of girls was present at the gymnasium class held last week. Miss Frances Philips acted as coach and those present certainly enjoyed themselves, if the expressions on their faces meant anything. Basketball, calisthenics took up the major part of their time. Showers followed the conclusion of the strenuous workouts. With the coming of the summer time, it is expected that more girls will take advantage of the gym and pool facilities.

FIRST ANNUAL DANSANT TO BE CONDUCTED BY FALCONS

The Falcons have about decided to give the other clubs a treat. The treat? Oh! yes. On March 8th, their first annual dance, with special treats, two loving cups, spotlight dancing, and tap dancing. A jazzy band and what not—especially what not.

You probably have had a good time at other dances. But come prepared for the time of your life at this one.

The
Institutional Synagogue,
especially the
Social-Educational Department,
congratulates
Mrs. Annie S. Martus
on the occasion of the marriage
of her daughter
BEATRICE THELMA

to
Mr. SIDNEY BROOKS
ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander was formerly
S-E Director of the I. S. for
many years, and Miss Martus
was associated with him on the
S-E Department staff.

A Resolution

The following is a resolution passed at a regular meeting of the Intermediate Council last Tuesday evening in recognition of the services of Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Secretary.

WHEREAS, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, our Executive Director, has recognized the Intermediate Council as the duly authorized voice of the Intermediate Clubs of the Institutional Synagogue, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernstein has by his courtesy and interest manifested an attitude which indicates a congenial relationship towards the Intermediate Council, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernstein has granted us the right to conduct our business freely and reasonably for the mutual benefit of the Institutional Synagogue, the Intermediate Clubs, and the Intermediate Membership of the Institutional Synagogue,

WE, the duly authorized and appointed delegates, alternates, representatives of the Intermediate Clubs of the Institutional Synagogue, do hereby

RESOLVE, That we, by means of this resolution, express our appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Bern-

stein for his interest and faith in the Intermediate Council, and

FURTHERMORE, We pledge ourselves and our clubs to work gladly and whole-heartedly for the benefit of our Institutional Synagogue, our clubs and our membership, and

FURTHERMORE, Pledge our support and volunteer our individual and collective aid to Mr. Bernstein to utilize as he sees fit and best for the welfare of the Institutional Synagogue, and

FURTHERMORE, We order that a copy of this resolution shall be incorporated in the Council minutes and records, and

FURTHERMORE, A copy of this resolution shall be sent to our Executive Director, Mr. Bernstein.

INTERMEDIATE COUNCIL.

(Signed)

Murray Katz, President
Jack Rachunow, Vice-Pres.
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Ruth Baker, Omaha
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Beatrice Treasman, Collegian
Sam Sherman, Pals

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also being conducted. Each member who is instrumental in bringing a club into the building is presented with a year's membership in the gymnasium, according to Mr. Bernstein. The new rates instituted by Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Cohen have been approved of by the Council and the clubs are gradually making their payments. A charter is also issued to each organization in good standing in the I. S.

On Thursday evenings, Rabbi Goldstein's Question Box will be conducted as usual.

On Sunday evenings, social hours for the various intermediate clubs will be inaugurated shortly, in order to provide a convenient meeting place for the membership of the intermediates.

The West Side billiard group facilities will be utilized by senior clubs every Tuesday evening. It has also been arranged that the intermediates will be given an opportunity to use the West Side facilities on Sunday evenings. A junior dancing class for Monday evening is also planned.

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