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RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO SPEAK ON STATION WPCB EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will deliver an address over Station WPCB every Sunday afternoon, four o'clock, and in addition will answer questions submitted to him in writing. These questions may be sent to him, or in care of the Institutional Synagogue, or in care of Station WPCB. The name of the author of the question may be omitted if so desired.

ORATORICAL CONTEST AT I. S. THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Abe Margulies and Irving Levine to
Represent Home Institution

This Sunday afternoon the I. S. membership will have the opportunity to listen to the Metropolitan League Oratorical Contest. Representatives from all affiliated institutions of the Manhattan and Bronx will compete in the preliminary contest, which Mr. Samuel Leff is directing.

Silver and gold medals will be awarded to first and second place winners at this contest. Some time in April the winning contestants will meet those in Brooklyn, and in the finals, and the subsequent prize winner will represent the Metropolitan League in the National Oratorical Tournament.

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Victory Is Accorded to I. S. Intermediate Debating Team in First Battle Against Washington Heights "Y"

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

Services5:45 p. m.

Saturday

Morning Services, West Side,
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.

Argue Interesting Subject in "Resolved, Anti-Semitism Can Be Eliminated"

Flashing a fiery rebuttal as a final resort, the I. S. Intermediate team fought its way to a victory last Sunday afternoon at the I. S., against the Washington Heights "Y," in the first Metropolitan League debate this season, by a 2-1 decision. The topic argued was "Resolved, That Anti-Semitism Can Be Eliminated in the United States," the I. S. team maintaining the affirmative.

Well Prepared Forensic Contest

Both teams were well prepared and the well delivered presentations evoked the admiration of the audience. The I. S. team consisting of Messrs. Abe Margulies, Irving Levine and Morris Urioff, was practically the same that won the championship in the Manhattan and Bronx last year. Considering that the team representing Washington Heights engaged in its first debate, they surely gave the I. S. partisans a scare.

Setting out to prove that by means of education and the restoration of the Holy Land, anti-Semitism can be eliminated, Mr. Margulies also traced the lessening of Jew hatred during the ages. Mr. Slater, Washington Heights speaker, presented the fact that if anti-Semitism could not be eliminated in 3,000 years, it certainly could not be at present.

Will Palestine Hinder?

Mr. Levine, I. S. second speaker, by means of incidents and proven facts, manifested that the hatred of Jews is negligible compared to what it was a few years ago. Mr. Kreiss followed and asserted that Palestine restored would lead to even further anti-Semitism and hinder the problem.

The rebuttal proved unusually entertaining, Messrs. Kreiss and Slater for the "Y" and Urieff and Margulies for the local team. During the intermission, Dr. Huntington, an author of a book on the subject,

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ARE YOU GOING TO THE MOST SUPERB HON. SOL BLOOM TESTIMONIAL On the Occasion of the THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER of the INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

To Be Held at the

Ballroom of the Hotel Astor on April 6, 1930

EVERYBODY IS GOING

WHY NOT YOU?

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 5:37

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CLUBBERY

March 29th is going to prove the biggest night that the Abe Lincolns have enjoyed in the seven years of their existence. This sterling senior club intends to make their affair of special significance to the other clubs of the institution, and co-operation is their key-note.

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Getting primed for the debate with the Aces has kept the Panthers, under the leadership of Mr. Ferster, in a constant state of agitation. Watch these boys go when it comes to argument.

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A surprise party was given in honor of Lola Gonzales, who is president of the Happy Wanderers, since she is leaving for boarding school. The girls presented the gifts to her as farewell tokens, and Miss Goldberg was their honorary guest.

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The Intermediates wish to welcome a new girls' sorority into their field, the Delta Iota Rho. These girls are interested in social work and are assured of an enjoyable season at the I. S.

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The Seacs are now getting ready for the big season of a baseball diamond, under the leadership of Abe Margolies. The captains of the other various teams, such as track, basketball and baseball, is Barouch.

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The Argoes conducted elections last Monday night with the following results: Abe Leal, president; Louis Goldberg, vice-president; Leo Lang, secretary; Milton Rosenberg, treasurer.

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The reorganized senior organization, the Ko-Sacs, after elections last Monday evening, stand as follows: Al Herbin, president; Al Ross, vice-president; Cy Jacobs, secretary-treasurer; Manny Glickman, social director; Chester Chaikin, athletic director.

PURIM THEN and NOW

Year in, year out, the Jews the world over celebrate the jolly festival of Purim. This year we will celebrate it on Friday, March 14th. Thursday, March 13th, the preceding day, will be observed by the pious Jews who are enjoying good health, as a fast day. On Thursday evening Purim will be ushered in by the saying of the special prayer of "Al Hanissim," and the reading of "Megilath Esther."

The features of Purim celebration are—the exchange of presents between relatives and friends, the festive meal at the decline of the day (or in the morning when it occurs on Friday) and the Purim theatrical presentations. All these features deserve our attention, but before explaining them, a short account must be given of the event that gave rise to this joyful festival of Purim. The occurrences that are responsible for the origin of this holiday took place during the Babylonian Exile, and resemble in several respects the recent attacks upon Jews of Palestine. As will become clear from the subsequent paragraphs, Purim has exilic marks both in its historic background as well as in its modes of celebration.

PARALLELS IN RECENT ATTACKS ON THE JEWS IN PALESTINE

Did not something similar happen recently in Palestine? We have Hamans today, as in days gone by; we are dependent upon potentates—their policies and whims as of yore; and the contradiction between the general English policy towards the Jews and that of the Palestinian government brought about bloodshed. To be sure, there is a difference in degree, but the similarities cannot be ignored either. Happily, the attacks on the Jews during the Persian period united the Jews, and the recent events in our ancient homeland tend to bring about the same end.

Purim is beyond any doubt one of the most joyful holidays we have, if not the most joyful; yet there is a popular saying in Yiddish that Purim is no holiday. Why such a contradiction, and why are we permitted to drink on Purim more than on any other holiday?

The answer to the above question is not far to seek. On Purim we may drink, because, in order to be able to rejoice we must forget for a while the exilic nature of it. It is true that our lives were saved, but subordinates to a foreign Emperor we remained. It is true that something miraculous happened to us; but through the intervention of a drunken king. It is true that we finally succeeded, but how?—through fighting and bloodshed. The rabbis tell us that we will celebrate Purim all the time. Yes, but—when we shall be redeemed—it will be a festival of an entirely different nature; then it will serve as a symbol of an exilic joy and success.

A very happy Purim to all.

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ.

Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America.

Remember that Purim begins next Thursday Evening, March 13th

Intermediates Prepare for Gala Affair in Purim Masquerade and Dance

March 15th to be a Classic According to Predictions

Next Saturday night, March 15th, seems to be the main topic of conversation among club members at the Institutional Synagogue, for on that memorable evening, the Eighth Annual Purim Masquerade and Dance will be conducted under the auspices of the Intermediate Council, and from present indications it will indeed be a gala affair.

Every effort is being made by the Committee to induce everyone to come down in costume according to custom. At the door masks and novelty paper hats will be given away free, so that those unable to come down in masquerade will be following the spirit of the dance.

Three prizes have been offered to further induce patrons to come down in costume. First, a prize will be given for the most original; second, one for the most elaborate, and a series of booby prizes will also be given.

To each club selling over twenty tickets, which really should be a very easy task, special alcoves will be reserved. Hamantaschen, novel decorations, entertainment and spotlight dancing are also promised, so that the affair may be a noteworthy one.

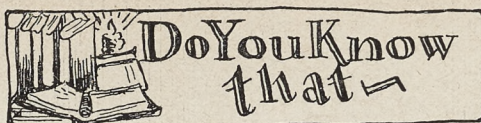
To furnish the music, the I. S. band, the six-piece Wayne County Club Orchestra, has been engaged.

A record-breaking crowd is expected to be present, according to announcement made by Jack Rachunow of the Tranquility, chairman of the committee. Tickets may be secured from any members of the committee or at the door for the ridiculously low price of 50 cents. You will all be there, anyway, so why not get your tickets now?

I. S. BOY SCOUT TROOP 525 WINS AWARDS AT RALLY

The Institutional Synagogue Boy Scout Troop 525, which is led by Scoutmaster Raphael Mutterperl, is the only Manhattan troop to win prizes, minatures, gold menorahs, for attendance at the Chanukah celebration, conducted by the Metropolitan Boy Scout troops. These awards will be distributed at the Purim celebration, to be held next week.

Incidentally, the Boy Scout troop of the I. S. is one of the finest in the entire Manhattan area, and they have established a very fine reputation among their colleagues and have time and again won prizes and medals for their outstanding work.



1. Louis Marshall was chiefly responsible for the non-Zionistic Reform Jews entering the so-called Zionist "Agency"?
2. It was Mohammed who first called the Jews "The People of the Book"?
3. David Salomons was Lord Mayor of London in 1855?
4. Aaron Hart is the first Jew known to have settled in Canada?
5. Paul A. Warburg is mainly responsible for the formation of the Federal Reserve Board?
6. Approximately one-fourth of the Jews live in the Americas?
7. In Berlin Jews had to pay for permission to marry?
8. Chatham Square was the first Jewish cemetery in America?
9. Many Orthodox Jews oppose Zionism because of the belief that the restoration is to come about in a divine and Messianic way?

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The I. S. will be represented this year by Mr. A. Margulies, who will speak on a great Jewish personality in law, Justice Louis Brandeis. The other speaker will be Irving Israel, who will speak on a great Jewish personality in science, Dr. Albert Einstein. Both men have proven their ability as speakers in the past few debates of the Intermediate Team, of which these men are members.

DR. FREDERICK ROBINSON NEXT SPEAKER AT SMOKER

As we go to press, we are indeed happy to announce that Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein has been instrumental in inducing Dr. Frederick Robinson, president of City College, to be the next speaker at the coming smoker of the Young Men's Club of the West Side. The meeting is to be held on the evening of March 24th. Further details will follow in the subsequent issue of the INSTITUTIONAL.

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led the forum. The judges were Messrs. Lester Lyons of Columbia Law Review, Mr. Mitchell Rosenberg, an attorney, and Dr. Huntington. The judges' decision was rendered by Mr. Lyons. Mr. Reimer coached the Heights boys and Mr. Shapiro, the I. S. team. The latter acted as chairman, and Paul Margulies was timekeeper.

A PROCLAMATION TO ALL MERRY MAKERS!

Now it came to pass in the days of the Institutional Synagogue which reigns over the fun and recreation of all good Jews in Harlem.

That in these days a decree was issued by the Intermediate Council of that self-same Institutional Synagogue that the feast of Purim should be observed with joy and merriment.

And it was further decreed that all good members of the same Institutional Synagogue should assemble to celebrate Purim on the 15th day of the month of March and should make merry at the Purim Dance, which the Intermediate Council has arranged, and it will be bigger and better than any entertainment before arranged by them.

And it was further ordered that everybody come prepared for a great time, and lend to the merriment, and enjoy the dancing even unto 12:30 the next morning. Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend so that all may come and make merry.

The Condolences

of the Institutional Synagogue are extended to the family of our late supporter

MR. HYMAN TROTSKY

who was well known in Jewish circles
May they know no more sorrows

Mazel Tov to

DR. ZADOK KAPNER

on the occasion of the engagement of his daughter

FANNIE

to

MR. MAX SHEVRIN

The Institutional Synagogue extends its congratulations and very best wishes.

CONGRATULATIONS

are extended to

MR. AND MRS. HARRY WARD

outstanding members of the I. S. younger set, who were married last Sunday.

Mrs. Ward, formerly Miss Lena Morris, who was president of the Daughters, is the daughter of MRS. ANNIE R. MORRIS President of the Sisterhood Mr. Ward was president of the Brotherhood

Don't forget to say "Al Hanissim"



In preparation for the Metropolitan League Handball Tournament, Mr. Silbert is stressing this popular indoor game among the gymnasium members, as a means of increasing material for the team. The first match will be played during this week against the Temple Ansche Chesed. As a nucleus, the following members of last year will again be with it: Joe Cohen, Al Edelman, Hy Epstein, William Goldbloom, Sol Meyers, and Phil Svigals.

The I. S. Handball Team were "runners up" in a Handball Tournament last year, and seek to regain their prestige. Although predictions are not in place, we are almost certain that the I. S. will come out at the head of the Northern Division this year.

During the week of the 15th, the Jacob Schiff Center will be entertained at the I. S. The Temple Ansche Chesed will be the next opponent during the week of the 29th, when they clash with the I. S. handball proteges. The last divisional match will be played during the week of April 5th with the I. S. matched against the Jacob Schiff Center, the game to be played at the latter location. During the week of May 17th, the winner of the Northern Division will play a round robin with the camps of the Southern Division in order

to determine the League championship.

This Sunday morning the championship I. S. swimming team will go into battle array against the forces of the Bensonhurst Jewish Community Center. This meet, which is in the nature of a practice for both teams, is arranged by Mr. Silverman primarily to the Metropolitan League Swimming Tournament, which this year will be held at the I. S. natatorium.

Among the stars who will compete for the I. S. will be Bennie Levenson in the back stroke; Bernie Wolken in the 50-100 yard dashes; Ray Wolken in the dive. Ray, who is only 14 years old, has developed into one of the finest divers under the capable tutelage of Mr. Silverman, and great things are expected from Ray Wolken in the near future.

Also Sig Meyers, who is the present captain of the N. Y. U. Swimming Team, will swim in the 50-100 yard dashes; Bennie Silverman, breast stroke and back stroke

swim; Ike Weedman, breast stroke, and Harold Kramer, who is an up-and-coming star with the C. C. N. Y. Swimming Team, 220-yard swim. A sizeable crowd of I. S. supporters is expected to be present at the meet to cheer their mates along to victory, which, we hope, will surely be ours.

A PROBLEM FOR THE MERCY OF JEWS

A number of Arabs have been condemned to death for murders committed in the Palestine riots. Now arise gentle Jews to say, "Let us plead for the lives of these men. Let the Jew show that in him is no bloodthirst. Whoever is for reconciliation between Jew and Arab in Palestine will stretch forth the hand of friendship to the Arab—and wait until the Arab will grasp it. Let no ghost of executed Arab stand between the two peoples, though the death sentence be ever so just. By pleading for mercy in their behalf we can make friends of our enemies."

These are answered by irreconcilables: "The Arab must learn that he may not with impunity murder Jews. The ghosts of executed Arabs will forever stand as an admonition restraining the hands of their brethren. These executions must be carried into effect and no Arab who has been condemned may be spared."

We guess that if the issue were brought to a referendum of Jews they would vote for mercy, being Jews. We recall a certain celebrated murder case in New York to which many Jews were summoned for jury duty but none accepted.

"Why do you reject all Jews?" it was asked of the district attorney.

"Oh, they're too gentle," he replied.

For the same reason the defense sought Jews for the jury but lost them all through peremptory challenge.

ORDERS FOR WINE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED BY OFFICE

In order to get wine for sacramental purposes and properly within the law, application must be made through the Synagogue. This must be done long enough in advance of Passover to enable the office to have the necessary papers signed and delivered to the government authorities.

The Institutional Synagogue is doing this solely for the convenience of their members and seatholders. Requests made later than March 15th will not be complied with. Since we are anxious that every worshipper in our institution have for Passover wine that is Kosher ritually and in accordance with the Constitution of our beloved country, we urge immediate action. Kindly inform Mr. Bernstein of your requirements. Phone University 6729. The following wines may be secured: Richon-Le-Zion "Carmel" wines, which are made, bottled and packed in sealed cases in Palestine. These wines are shipped direct to you in original cases from United States Customs Bonded Warehouse. Each case contains twelve bottles, or a minimum of 2.4 gallons.

1. CARMEL PORT, beautiful aroma, rich color, fairly sweet.
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3. CARMEL MALAGA. A fine old wine with the distinctive character of old Malaga. Amber color, sweet.
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