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I. S. DEBATERS DEFEAT 92nd ST. "Y" IN FINAL DEBATE

I. S. Proves Negative of Suggested Modification of Volstead Act

In the last debate of the current season, the I. S. Intermediate Debating Team defeated the forensic team of the New York Y. M. H. A. last Thursday evening at the I. S. by a two-to-one decision. This debate is one of a series conducted by Mr. Leff, of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centers.

The topic debated is as timely as it was interesting, it being: "Resolved, That the Volstead Act be modified to permit the sale of light wines and beers by the government." The I. S. maintained the negative of that proposition.

The first speaker of the evening, Mr. Weinberger, of the "Y," demonstrated the evils of the present system of prohibition and alleged that to allow present conditions to continue would undermine the foundations of our government. Mr. Irving Levine, of the I. S., countered with a multitude of statistics and authorities that although there are admitted evils, the present situation is far more desirable than what things were in pre-prohibition days.

With the assertion that the public demanded a modification or a repeal of the Volstead Act, Mr. Levinson, of the "Y," pointed to the present political situation as evidence. He reiterated that the demands of the people for light wines and beer must be met in order to maintain our democracy.

Mr. A. Margulies, the I. S. Captain, continued by proving that modification in itself sanctions prohibition and then clinched his arguments by proving that, even if the affirmative plan of modification were desirable and even necessary it would be impracticable, since any change of the ½ of 1% alcoholic requirement would be unconstitutional, and cited the late Chief Justice Taft as authority.

The rebuttal was as brilliant and sparkling as anyone has seen in many moons. Both sides were evidently stocked to the gills with facts and figures. The result,

Royal Welcome Accorded I. S.

Notables at Annual Award Night

Daily Services

Harlem W. Side

Friday Evening	6:30	6:30 P. M.
Saturday Morning...	8:30	9:00 A. M.
Mincha & Mariv	8:10	8:10 P. M.
Daily morning	7:15	7:00 A. M.
Daily afternoon	8:10	8:10 P. M.

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begs to announce that the I. S. Radio Hour over Station WPCH will continue throughout the summer. Tune in every Sunday at 4:30 P. M.

therefore, was scintillating rebuttal speeches. The judges were Miss Goldklang, Mr. Abrams and Mr. Mitchell Rosenberg, who rendered the decision. Mr. Beckelman coached the "Y" team and Mr. Shapiro, S-E Director, the I. S. debaters. The latter was chairman of the evening.

Benny Leonard, Rabbi and President Speak

As the termination to the thirteenth successful season of I. S. activity, the Annual Award Night held last Thursday evening at the auditorium proved a huge attraction. Over seventy-five medals and prizes were awarded.

Stirring addresses were made by Pres. Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Goldstein, and Benny Leonard, the guest of honor. Members of the Board of Directors were also present to render their assistance.

An excellent and varied program was presented before the distribution of the awards, which covered all the fields of I. S. cultural, religious and athletic activity.

Mr. Abraham Bernstein expressed his thanks for the co-operation and generosity of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, who donated the

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Mystery and Murder Stalk Across I. S.

Stage During One-Act Play Contest

Junior Giants Share First Prize With Seacs

The annual Junior One-Act Play Contest, which was held at the I. S. auditorium last Wednesday evening, proved as interesting and as successful as any of the preceding contests. Because of the fine work displayed by the boys of the Junior Giants and the Seacs, it was decided to divide the first prize between them.

From the viewpoint of dramatic quality, the play presented by the Junior Giants, "The Return," an adaptation of "La Belle Louise," was foremost, but as regards entertainment and costuming, the length of preparation, "Professor Bolshuskis' School," it had the edge over the former. Both presentations were well received by those present.

The first play of the evening was produced by the Boy Scouts, Troop 525. The depicted part of the Scout ritual and the

procedure followed at Scout meetings. Mr. Hyman Elliot, the Scout Master, coached the lads. Mr. Al Wolkin rendered several piano selections between the acts.

"La Belle Louise," effectively portrayed a mystery scene. The apparition and ghostlike effects no doubt sent many a youngster to bed that evening a little more frightened than usual. The actors emoted well and manifested diligent preparation. The cast consisted of S. Zaffas as Wallie, Mac Resnick as Joie, M. Cohen as Froncios. The stage director was I. Moses, and stage manager, I. Samuels.

"Professor Bolshuskis' School," presented by the Seacs, who were coached by A. Margulies, was vaudevillian in its make-up. The quips and jests that punctuated the performance kept the audience happy. The judges of the contest were Mr. Julius Cohen, Dramatic Director of the H. H. I.; David Blatt and Mr. Wm. Shapiro, S-E Director.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 8:15

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GOLDSTEIN WINS BIBLE STORY CONTEST BY UNANIMOUS DECISION

Louis Goldstein, age 13, of the Seacs Junior Club, was declared the winner in the Bible Story Contest conducted by the S-E Department according to the unanimous decision of the judges, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, Mr. Samuel Cass and Dr. Joseph Datt, Principal of the Hebrew School. The title of the essay was "What the Story of Jericho Means to Me." Isadore Moses was given honorable mention. The winning composition follows:

"On crossing the Jordan and entering Canaan the Israelites met with no resistance. Terror had paralyzed the tribes and populations which then held the land. Nor were they united by any tie which might have enabled them to oppose the invaders. Although there were thirty-one kings besides those who ruled near the coast line of the Mediterranean, these rulers were petty chiefs who were independent of each other, and each of them governed only a single township within the adjoining district. They remained passive, while the Israelites could expect no help from elsewhere and were left entirely to its own resources. The tribes of Israel, on the other hand, were headed by a well-trying leader; they were united, skilled in warfare and eager for conquest.

Joshua, the son of Nun, of the tribe Ephraim, was accepted as the rightful successor of the great Prophet Moses, having laid his hands upon the disciples and endowed him with the spirit of G-d. Yet Joshua was far from being a prophet practical in his aspiration. He was more concerned in affairs of immediate necessity and utility than in ideals of the future. In his early years, when overthrowing the Amalekites near Rephidim, he had given proof of courage and good generalship. His connection with the tribe of Ephraim, the most distinguished among the tribes,

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ANOTHER SEASON OF I. S. ACTIVITY PASSES

With this, the last issue of the "Institutional," and with the presentation of awards for the meritorious on Award Night, the curtain for the current season falls. Even with the changing population in the immediate vicinity of the Main Building, the financial panic, with its consequent decrease of contributions, a season of worthy achievement has resulted. The constant popularity and growth of the West Side due to the efforts of our President Isaac Siegel and his committees, have more than offset any membership losses in Harlem. At all times, has the West Side given encouraging manifestations of strong development, and as a fertile location for the extension of I. S. ideas and activities.

Among the cultural activities (and in this we include the religious) the most outstanding were the Bible classes of the West Side Young Men's Club under the tutelage of our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. The discussions were a constant source of inspiration to those who attended.

Regarding Social Service, the Sisterhood reached the apex of its fine work during the past season.

The smokers which it conducted further enhanced its glory, such eminent citizens as District Attorney Crain and President Robinson of City College being speakers. As worthy were the Bible classes conducted by the Rabbi with the Parents' Association, Daughters and the Women's League of the W. S.

The high standards of the Talmud Torah were again maintained, disseminating the great spiritual lessons of Judaism. Encouraging to note was that our Rabbinical Yeshivas have enrolled among their students, I. S. Talmud Torah graduates, our work is bearing fruit!

Among our youth, the Social-Education and Recreation Departments have constantly ministered to its requirements. The Thursday Evening Forums, debates, athletic contests, Bible Story contest, Dramatics, Tourneys and diversified social activities have all contributed in exemplifying the fact that habits of a good Jew are consistent with reasonable mental and physical diversifications.

In parting, we may observe that as long as the I. S. continues in its pioneer work of spreading the doctrines of traditional Judaism under the sincere and capable leadership that it always has been fortunate in obtaining, no amount of temporary financial stress can hinder its progress. It has since its inception striven towards a splendid goal and in passing its thirteenth milestone, we salute the underlying and motivating ideals!

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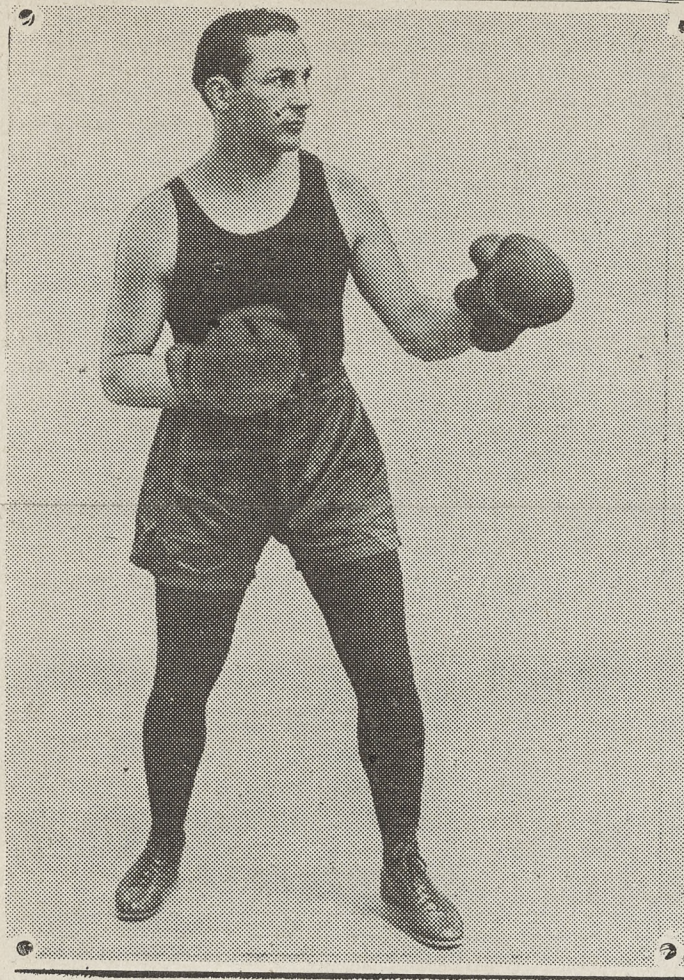
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RETIRING SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL
DIRECTOR

It is with deep regret that Mr. William H. Shapiro, Social and Educational Director of the Institutional Synagogue, has found it necessary to leave the department because of a multitude of legal and educational work which demands every bit of his time. His friends who have worked with him on the various house activities wish him success in his more specialized undertaking.

FIELD DAY

40-Yd. Dash.—1—B. Herman; 2—Bensusson, Seacs; 3—Hon. Mention: Zaffos, Jr. Giants; Margulies, Seacs.

40-Yd. T. T.—1—Devell; 2—Margulies; Hon. Mention: J. Cohen, 4B1; Serlin.

40-Yd., Girls T. T. & Club.—1—Myra Rose, Happy Wanderers; 2—Sederlmen; Hon. Mention: Valentine; Behar, 3A1.

50-Yd. T. T.—1—Dobrow, 6B; 2—Debell, 2A; Hon. Mention: Cohen, 2B; Silverman, 4A.

Special 60-Yd. Dash.—1—Leal, Argoes; 2—Heckler, Argoes.

Special 440-Yd. Dash.—1—Shapiro, Argoes; 2—Karger, Vagabonds.

100-Yd. Dash.—1—Shapiro, Argoes; 2—Zaffos, Jr. Giants.

Relay.—Jr. Clubs: 1—Seacs; 2—Boy Scouts.

T. T. Relay.—Dobrow, Margulies, Barrish, Meyer.

8-Lb. Shot Put.—1—I. Sacks, Chi-Aeta; 2—A. Leal, Argoes.

Running Broad Jump.—Juniors: 1—A. Margulies; 2—S. Samuels.

SWIMMING AWARDS

Junior Swimming Championships

Gold Medalist.—A. Walker, 2 first places.

Silver Medalists.—Ray Wolken, 1; Moe Wald, 1.

Buttons.—Schmidt, Spector, Leal, Rosenberg, Harris, Moses, Samuels.

Intermediate Basketball Championship Won by Pals.—Rubinfeld, Finn, Bottomley, Robinson, Gruder, Sherman, Robinowitz, Goldberg.

The Hebrews had confidence in both God and Joshua, wanting to get this fertile spot, obeyed and did what was asked for. Each day when the Hebrews marched around the wall of Jericho, the inhabitants thought that they were crazy. On the seventh day they marched around seven times, the priests blew their horns and the walls fell before them. Meeting with little resistance, the Hebrews slew the population. Not one Israelite was killed in the battle. God had commanded that whatever they captured they should burn, and no one should take anything. The only exceptions were articles which were useful in the Temple. The manner and ability he had in leading the Jews to make conquests of new lands. He surely was capable of filling the place Moses had left.

Debating and Council medals in memory of her late husband, Hon. S. R. Morris, and brother, Hon. Eli Rosenberg; also to Mrs. I. Stein, President of the Parents' Association, who contributed the Leaders and Bible Story contest medals. Mr. William Shapiro, retiring S-E Director, was chairman.

The awards and names of the recipients follow:

Chess.—1—J. Barouch, Seacs; 2—R. Wolken, Argoes.

Checkers.—1—R. Wolken, Argoes; 2—I. Samuels, Jr. Giants; 3—M. Reznick, Jr. Giants.

Ping-Ping.—1—J. Kltinberg, Akibies; 2—I. Samuels, Jr. Giants; 3—M. Cohen, Jr. Giants.

Carom.—1—R. Wolken, Argoes; 2—D. Linn, Jr. Giants.

Bible Essay.—1—L. Goldstein, Seacs; 2—I. Moses.

Debating.—Senior: 1—Mr. Vogel; 2—Mr. Cass. Intermediate: 1—M. Urief; 2—I. Levine; 3—Abe Margulies, Junior: 1—I. Moses; 2—Heckler.

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PHIL GOODMAN CONCLUDES PALESTINE EXPERIENCES

MARCH 10—MONDAY

PALESTINE—At 7 a. m. we gazed on the beloved shores of our homeland. Our extreme happiness was darkened by the numerous obstacles we had to encounter. Waiting in line for hours to get through the Immigration officials sobered our gay spirits greatly. By the time our baggage was smashed by the Customs officers we were miserable. Besieged by innumerable Arabs, anxious to carry our baggage, we were in a quandary. Finally, we hopped into a pushcart, etc.

MARCH 12—WEDNESDAY

At present, I do not wish to commit myself to any opinions of Eretz Yisroel for after all it is not fair to judge conditions in these few days.

MARCH 13

Purim in Tel Aviv

Attended the Masquerade Ball of the Herzliah Gymnasia. The spirit prevalent was typical of the Palestinian youth. Amidst boisterous hilarity, the Hora and other native dances were executed.

About midnite we visited the Ball of Mikveh Israel Agricultural School.

Affairs with such ardent enthusiasm demonstrated by the participants are not to be found in America.

MARCH 14

Erev Shebat.

Fifteen minutes before the Shegia, a Shofar was sounded in the streets to warn the populace of the approach of the Sabbath. Proprietors were seen hurriedly closing their respective stores and shops. Preparations for the Sabbath were evident. After services, we strolled along the shores of the sea. The moon was shining bright making it an ideal evening for lovers.

It is quite difficult to portray the splendour of a Palestinian

MARCH 15

Attended services in the morning. A striking feature was the omission of a speech. Sermons are delivered very rarely. After dinner, we walked about the streets of the all Jewish city, Tel Aviv. All stores and shops were closed. During the entire day, I noticed only about ten autos riding through the streets. All public amusements, cinema, etc., were closed. It is absolutely impossible to procure a public conveyance.

In the evening we attended a Ball given by the "Socialist Youth."

MARCH 16

Late in the afternoon we went to a Kevutsah, a Halutzim colony, on the outskirts of Petach Tikvey. We were welcomed very cordially by both the Halut-

zim and Halutzoth. We ate with them a rather coarse but healthy vegetarian meal. After looking around the colony, we retired early as we had to be up at 5 a. m. (The beds were hard.) The life of a Halutz seems to be a difficult but happy life.

MARCH 17

Arrived in Jerusalem in the early part of the afternoon. Went to see Rabbi Isadore Goodman, formerly associate Rabbi of the I. S., now a teacher of the Miz-rachi Seminary, the school which I will enter.

Visited the Wailing Wall in Old Jerusalem.

MARCH 18

In the morning, went to the "Hadoar",

the Post Office. You can't imagine my joy at receiving three letters with U. S. A. stamps.

In the P. M. we visited the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus. They have replete equipment for research study in Chemistry, Physics and Hygiene. The library contains a quarter of a million books.

The panoramic view from Mt. Scopus showed us the Dead Sea and the Desert of Judea.

MARCH 21

Attended classes for the first time at the Seminary.

PHIL GOODMAN.

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