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YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED.

It is not a pleasant duty, in the least, to make an appeal for funds through the medium of these columns. Certainly it is more pleasant to discuss matters of more enjoyable connotations. It is because of the present financial situation that the I. S. finds itself in dire straits. It is imperative that your aid be solicited and an attempt made to remedy the present unfortunate predicament.

Probably at no time in the entire history of the Institution has the situation been so critical. The present economic conditions, unemployment, the recent stock crash, etc., have all done material damage to the cause of charity, but as bad as our predicament is, there is no doubt that we will not shirk our task in fostering Jewish education and learning. Such things we should value above gold, for they are priceless. We appeal to you, dear members, to fulfill your pledge, that you so generously made recently, that we may continue in our labors.

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURIM MASQUE.

Miss Frances Phillips, Girls Worker and her Social Comm. announces that Purim Masque tickets can now be secured through the S. E. Office or from any member of the Comm. A splendid program of entertainment features has been prepared. Evidently this year's Masque and Dance will by far surpass the best of previous years.

Remember: Saturday Nite. March 7th. Admission 50c. Proceeds for I. S. Passover Relief. Dance conducted under auspices of the Girl's Clubs.

It was with profound sorrow that we learned of the death of Mr. David L. Gellis the beloved father of Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Vice-President and Director of the Parents' Association and the wife of our active Director and Treasurer.

To the bereaved family we extend our sincere condolence.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS FINE THEATRE PARTY

It is the opinion of everyone that the Annual Theatre Party of the Parents' Association, held last Monday evening, at the Prospect Avenue Theatre, was an outstanding success.

Aside from the fine entertainment that was so liberally planned for this festivity, what gave it added impetus was the fact that the proceeds will be used towards assisting the organization in its commendable efforts as regards the Talmud Torah and S-E Dept.

The Parents' Association, of which Mrs. Stein is the president, is unremitting in its efforts to sponsor the Junior Work. At all important Jewish festivities, Succoth, Chamisho Osor B' Shevat, Purim and Chanukah, the hearts of the children are time and again gladdened by the bounty of the members of the Parents' Association.

The Theatre Committee consists of Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Mrs. Rachael Vosberg and Mrs. Mina Cohen.

W. S. WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONDUCTS SUCCESSFUL BRIDGE PARTY

The very active Women's League of our West Side Branch conducted a very well attended and most successful bridge party at the Rutgers Club recently.

The proceeds of this function will be devoted to the furtherance of the splendid projects with which the League has been associated with.

The indefatigable Mrs. Isaac Siegel, President of the League, has asked the Institutional to voice her thanks and the appreciation of the League to Mesdames Annie R. Morris, Max E. Sanders, Joseph E. Sedwitz, Max Stavish, William Horowitz, Benjamin Goldstein, Jack Levine and Alex Cooperstein.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES, 5:20

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THE INSTITUTION OPENS FREE PIANO CLASS

In accordance with the cultural objectives of the Institution, the Social-Educational Department announces that free Piano instruction will be given to those members interested.

Miss Gertrude Goldman, a very charming and active I. S. worker, for many years a member of the Talmud Torah Faculty, and our Directress of Musical Activities in the Social-Educational Department, will conduct the class. The "Institutional" commends Miss Goldman for this very excellent activity and urges the I. S. members to avail themselves of this rare opportunity. Registration will be open for two weeks.

LAST MINUTE NEWS:

Mens' Association of W. S. Branch will conduct Frankfurter Roast and Smoker—Main Bldg. Gym - March 15th.

Admission \$1. — You're Welcome!

In the splendid survey by Dr. Harry S. Linfield, "The Communal Organization of the Jews in the United States", we culled some very interesting information.

The book is an attempt at an analysis and description of the communal organization of the Jewish community of the United States, and the study was made under the auspices of the American Jewish Committee.

There are 4,228,000 Jews in the United States residing in nearly 10,000 urban and rural places. Of these, 4,077,000 live in 871 principal communities, each of which has one or more congregations, and 151,000 Jews are too scattered to form congregations. Twenty years ago there were in the United States 426 principal Jewish communities, and 580, ten years ago.

The Jews of the United States have the following organizations: 3,118 congregations; 7,140 local organizations directly affiliated with congregations; 6,760 independent local organizations; 59 city federations; 18 state organizations; and 146 national organizations.

Fifty years ago, in 1877, there were only 278 congregations: in 1890, 533 congregations, in 1907, 1,769; in 1917, 1,901; now, 3,118.

Of the 3,118 congregations, 2,348, or 75%, have their own synagogue buildings, valued at \$156,000,000, and they are mortgaged to the amount of \$50,250,000. According to Dr. Linfield, director of the Statistical Department of the American Jewish Committee, for every man, woman, and child of the Jewish faith, \$38 is invested in synagogue buildings, and mortgaged at \$12.37 per capita.

A total of 1,754 societies maintain institutions for elementary Jewish education. Of these, 1,490 are affiliated with congregations.

A total of 111 Jewish periodicals are published: 65 in English; 3 in Hebrew; 41 in Yiddish; and 2 in other vernaculars. A total of 39 Jewish communities have their Jewish periodicals.

There are nearly 3,000 synagogue men's societies, women's societies, councils of Jewish women, B'nai B'rith, and similar social-philanthropic organizations, of which number about 66% are affiliated with congregations.

There are over 4,000 Jewish economic-philanthropic societies; 509 loan societies, 2,367 mutual benefit societies, 1,341 cemetery societies, and 21 protective associations. About 1,800 are affiliated with congregations.

There are 61 hospitals, located in 25 communities; 7 national institutions for tuberculous and others; 44 orphans' homes; 43 homes for the aged; and 6 societies for philanthropy abroad.

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QUOTATIONS FROM WASHINGTON'S WRITINGS

Liberty when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness

If we can not learn wisdom from experience, it is difficult to say where it is to be found

The cause of America and Liberty is the cause of every virtuous American citizen, whatever may be his religion or descent.

Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, conscience

Whatever measures have a tendency to dissolve the Union or contribute to violate or lessen the sovereign authority, ought to be considered as hostile to the liberty and independence of America, and the authors of them treated accordingly.

The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and alter their constitutions of government. But the constitution, which at any time exists, 'till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all.

Let us unite in imploring the Supreme Ruler of nations to spread His holy protection over these United States; to perpetuate to our country that prosperity which His goodness has already conferred; and to verify the anticipations of this government being a safeguard to human rights.

Compiled by Jewish Welfare Board.

"JUNIOR TATTLER" MAKES APPEARANCE

The Juniors have displayed a flare for Journalism with the result that one of the finest Junior publications made its appearance this week.

"The Junior Tattler" is a three page publication edited and conducted by the Juniors. It contains splendid Art work conceived and executed by these versatile workers, lucid and well written news items and clever humor and personality features.

The Juniors associated with this fine piece of work are: B. Bimstein, Artist and Editor; S. Heller, Editor; B. Dobrow, Editor; D. Linn, Editor; and M. Barouch, Editor, Mr. Julius Herman, Boys Worker, is the Advisor.

A feature planned for the next issue is an interview with our President, the Hon. Isaac Sigel. Rabbi Goldstein has been asked to write a feature for this issue.

The "Tattler" is a distinct credit to the Institutions' work with Juniors.

Clubbery

Color, fun, music at the Purim Masque
Buy your tickets now-Good? Don't ask.

Everybody should attend the outstanding social function this year. **The Vagabond Dance** will be held February 21st at Odd Fellows Temple. Bert Lown, famous radio feature, and his orchestra will feature the evening. Part of the proceeds will be turned over to the I. S. for unemployment relief. This Dance merits co-operation.

The Aelios, those splendid girls who are so active in Girls Athletics and the Cooking Class, welcome Miss Helen Friedman as their Leader. Under the guidance of Miss Friedman they contemplate an extensive program of social functions and educational activities.

The Duces, led by Mr. Berger, are conducting their own Checker and Chess Tournament. We understand that a number of their members are trying to secure places on the House Checker Teams.

The Viaks, a superb group of workers, are also eager to secure places on the House Checker Team. This group plans a very extensive program of unique athletic and recreational activities.

The Boy Scout Troop 525 conducted a well attended Parents Night last Saturday. Scoutmaster Berk was chairman and introduced various Scouts in their exercises and stunts. Mr. Cohen welcomed the Parents on behalf of the Institution and urged them to believe that they were always welcome to visit the Institution, observe the Boys' work and feel free to consult their boy's problem with his staff.

The Seacs plan a big night, on Wednesday, April 15th, with the help of the **Jeshuruns**. The Seacs will present two plays "Moonshine," the story of a Kentucky moonshiner and a Revenue Officer, and "Tuned." The latter will be the main event of the evening, for though it has a plot of extraordinary interest, it's main feature is the fact that Benjamin Bimstein, a member wrote it. Before and between the acts will be several features presented by the Seacs and Jeshuruns.

By all means, run, ride, dash or prance
To the very excellent Purim Dance.

DON'T FORGET THE BIG PURIM MASQUE * * MARCH 7th.

Athletics

BASKETBALL

In the Quarter-Final round of the Inter-Club Basketball Tournament the Fracarus met the Elks last Sunday and won by a score of 27 to 6.

It was an easy game for the Fracarus, yet the Elks, at times, played in spurts to press the Fracarus and remind them they were in the fight.

The splendid work of Ben Fishman and Chas. Blumenthal, however, kept the Fracarus in front as they scored repeatedly from the floor.

Fishman was not to be stopped in his record and scored six field goals to become the high scorer while Blumenthal scored four field goals between them they scored twenty points of their team's twenty-seven.

The Elks, closely guarded, could not break thru the Fracarus defense, but by sheer dint they managed to score one field goal and four foul goals for a total of six points.

The Viaks forfeited to the Buddies which brings the Tournament to the Semi-Final round to be played. Next Sunday at 10:15 the Pawnees will engage the Fracarus to be followed at 11 by the Buddies against the Kawecos.

The winners will meet in the final game at a dance in our Gym. March 1st, 1931

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SWIMMING

There is an urgent need for candidates for the House Swimming Team in preparation for the Metropolitan League's Swimming Championship.

While the specific date has not as yet been announced, the meet is due very soon.

The I. S. has in the past always entered a splendid aggregation of swimmers, and has been the successful winner twice.

Last year we missed out. We surely ought to retrieve our last trophy and laurels this year, but we cannot do so unless we have sufficient representatives.

We have a nucleus around which we ought to develop.

There surely are among the clubs and house members, some men, capable of fast swimming.

Come out for practice. Do not delay, and when it is too late stand around to voice your complaints and brag about how you could beat so and so who swam.

Action is what counts! Let's have it!

—Jack Silbert

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