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## **TWO "STAR" WORKERS PREPARE FOR 15th ANNUAL I. S. THEATRE PARTY**



**Max E. Sanders**

With their motto, "The Biggest and Best Theatre Party in I. S. History," two of our most energetic and esteemed workers are now marshalling their selling forces in preparation for the most colorful event this season, the Annual Theatre Party, details of which will be announced shortly.

Mr. Max E. Sanders, very popular, genial and one of the Institution's prize highlights, is Chairman of the Theatre Committee. Associated with Mr. Sanders is the indefatigable and well-liked Mr. Lester Udell, Messrs. Aaron Wartels and David H. Gluck. Messrs. William Bassar and Lou G. Siegel, both well known and esteemed in commercial circles, will again supervise the Journal Committee.

These workers have won the admiration and esteem of not only the I. S. constituency but also their associates and friends in commercial and social circles. Their names are synonymous with energy, sincere efforts and results here.

That these estimable workers are directing the Theatre Party is an immediate assurance that this party will be the best ever.

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

To our constituency:

We believe we deserve your most hearty co-operation. We base that belief not on unperformed promises, but on achievements already attained. We are convinced that you who desire the moral and physical growth of the hundreds who daily make use of the Institutional Synagogue buildings, will encourage that work by your active participation therein in every way. It is time for renewed faith and a determination to see it through. We confidently believe that men and women of real courage and backbone will do all in their power to help this work of ours. In that spirit we are going forward.

What about you?

What about your children?

**ISAAC SIEGEL,**  
President.



**Lester Udell**

**FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES 4:49**  
Sedrah for week: Lech Lechah

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"I am happy to extend cordial greetings to our new clubs and to our 'old-timers.'

"May I, through the 'Institutional,' express my sincere hopes that this year will be the most active, happiest and most beneficial year for our members — and to this goal do I extend the hospitality of the Institutional Synagogue, the co-operative services of my associates, and the facilities of the Institution.

With reiterated best wishes, I am,

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,  
Executive Director."

#### "THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

On October 27th the clubs and classes here will celebrate the birth of Theodore Roosevelt.

The dispassionate eye of Time, the impersonal survey of History, ultimately evaluates the man who influences his times. Legends, fictions, romantic glamor which surround the public man are shorn from him — and there he stands viewed critically as a Man, and an Influence.

Because he was too near our times, we cannot estimate the influence of Roosevelt adequately. Nevertheless, we are cognizant and as a result appreciative of Roosevelt's virtues as a sincere, idealistic, righteous American.

And because of this do we pay him homage. We should not in our idolization of the man Roosevelt, be forgetful of him as a representative of an intelligent Americanism. His was not the chauvinistic, jingoistic "patriotism"; his was not a loud-mouthed screeching of extreme radicalism or extreme reactionary views. His was a virile, responsive adherence to true American ideals.

In the words of our own talented Alan Dennison do we conclude:

"He flung a symbol of himself around the earth;  
Made noble deeds consonant with his name.  
Each year our nation celebrates his birth  
In deathless token of his living fame."

#### THE TALMUD TORAH MOVING PICTURE PARTY

## I. S. Clubs Resume Activity, Showing Early Promise of Eventful Season

### Newly Appointed Staff Formulates Superb Plans; New Organization of Depts. Assures Co-ordinated Program

The Club Department is commencing its fifteenth year in a most auspicious fashion under trying circumstances. Confronted with problems of neighborhood shifts and financial limitations, the Department nevertheless offers the most ambitious program, replete with interesting features, ever undertaken in the I. S.

An encouraging factor was the return of every active club and group this season. A number of new clubs were added to our club membership, thus making the club roster at the beginning of this season greater than the club enrollment at the highest point of past seasons.

#### The New Department Organization

The former Social-Educational Department and the Physical Educational Department were merged as one. The new Department will be identified in the future as the Department of Center and Extension Activities. The advantages and benefits of this change are the co-ordination of activities and projects, a finer and more detailed distribution of supervision and an increased membership. In addition to the Club Division and the Gym-Pool Division the new Girls' Activities Division promises a unique program of activities.

#### Introducing the Staff

The Director of the Department of Center and Extension Activities is Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen. Associated with Mr. Cohen are Mr. Isidore Bookbinder, Club and Social Director; Mr. Michael Levenson, Physical Education Director; Mr. Charles Cohen, Literary and Educational Director; Mr. Koch Polliakoff, Junior Activities Director; Mrs. Florence Levenson, Girls Worker; Miss Florence Meltzer, Girls Athletic Activity Director; Mr. Morris Urieff, Registrar; Mr. Bernard Wolken, Swimming Director; Mr. Seymour Siegel, Librarian and Game Room Director; and Dr. Harry Feit, Medical Examiner. Miss Frances Phillips, the popular Girls Worker last year, will continue her fine work with the Junior Girls. Miss Phillips could not resume her work as a formal Staff Worker because of the press

Congratulations of the I. S. and its staff are extended to Mr. Ezekiel J. London, Field Secretary of the Metropolitan League, on the announcement of his engagement to Miss Hyacinth Levin, daughter of Mrs. Anna D. Levin.

of other obligations. Miss Helen Zausmer, chosen as the best club leader by the staff, has been invited to supervise Junior Girls.

### Talmud Torah Membership Increases West Side and Harlem

The Talmud Torah registration opened last week. An increase in enrollment was the initial result of the registration, which continues this week. A theatre party for the Talmud Torah pupils and their friends is planned for November 8th. Details of the party will be announced shortly. Dr. Joseph E. Datt, the esteemed principal of the Talmud Torah, extends invitation to the parents of the children residing in the community to confer with him on problems relating to their children's religious education. The Talmud Torah conducts extra-curriculum activities in addition to its class room studies, thus affording its pupils opportunity for social expression as well as the acquisition of an appreciative knowledge of Hebrew, Ceremonies, Biblical Study and associated studies.

Dedication and unveiling of the monument erected to our late member, George Gluck, brother of our active director, David Gluck, will take place at 11 A. M., Sunday, Oct. 25, Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Franz Joseph Soc. Plot, in Flushing, L. I.

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### RABBI GOLDSTEIN ON "RELIGION AND SOCIAL SERVICE"

Religion is incomplete without social service. Religion is the seed and when it flowers it is social service. No one is truly religious unless he or she undertakes some form of service to benefit some one else. Social service is religion put into practice. He serves God most who serves man best.

I make the plea for social service through the synagogue. The synagogue, if it is to be vibrant with life, not only within but beyond its precincts as well, must engage its worshippers in social service. Distress wears manifold garb, and it behooves the synagogue to keep its attendants spiritually active by pointing out that each and every one can render some service to his fellow-man.

#### "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

The greatest problem which the world has always had to face, and must still face today is the social question. Whether we shall have social order or disorder depends upon our readiness to learn over and over again the first lesson of brotherhood as taught by the Bible, in the story of Cain and Abel. Cain crushed Abel, and when called upon by God to give account for his brother he defiantly replied, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Then and there the social conflict began. That was the first expression of the later social war cry, "Let every man look out for himself. Down with the claims of others." The most significant part of this story of Cain and Abel is to be found in the scene wherein Abel lies prostrated upon the ground and Cain is about to flee red-handed from the murder, when the third presence, God, is introduced. God is on the scene. It is He who asked, and since then religion has continued to ask, in His name, of the Cains of every generation, "Where is Abel, thy brother?" Is this not the supreme argument, which gives religion its force, in regard to social service that only within the Fatherhood of God can we know and fully know, our brotherhood to one another. We neglect our brethren, our fellowmen, because we are so far from our God. It is the first and supreme social message of religion that in our dealings between man and man there is always present the third partner—God—through the accusing voice of conscience asking for our stewardship as it relates to our fellow men. To speak of social service without the Fatherhood of God, leading to the brotherhood of man, is to present a denatured social program.

When we call upon some eople to relieve need, or devote a little time in behalf of some wayward boy or girl, they look you in the face bewildered, as if you had asked them to climb some mountain top.

### BE AMONG THOSE JEWS WHO KNOW

#### Be a Cultured Jew and Serve

Please fill out this blank and mark an X opposite activities you are interested in and send same to Rabbi Goldstein.

- Beginners Hebrew for Women, Monday afternoon at 1:30 ☐
- For Women, Bible Class and History and meaning of Prayer Book, Monday afternoon at 2:00 ☐
- For Men, Bible Class, History and Meaning of Prayer Book, Monday night at 8:15 ☐
- Peace Movement ☐
- Big Brother Work ☐
- Big Sister Work ☐
- Giving Religious Talks in Clubs ☐
- Joining a Club ☐
- Lay Teaching to Converts and others ☐
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- Encouraging Bible Class attendance ☐
- Cooperation in family purity activities ☐
- Club leadership ☐
- Chaperoning Young Folks Dances ☐
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- I am interested in the following activity (not mentioned above) ☐
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You will hear the reply, "You do not know me. You have made a mistake. I am not that type of person." I say, my friends, for one to declare that he cannot be generous, or that he cannot be unselfish, proves how little he knows about himself.

Judaism is no time-server. If it were, it would be the monkey in spirit form. Judaism attempts to fashion the times but it does not permit itself to be fashioned by them. Our Rabbis, commenting upon the first three words in the Bible (which, according to the Hebrew original may be translated) "With the beginning God created the world" say, that this beginning means the Torah, as we read in the Eighth Chapter of the Book of Proverbs, "The Lord created me (the Torah) as the beginning of His way, the first of His works from of yore." The Torah was the soul which God gave to the physical world. Therefore, the world must be moulded so that it should be patterned after the Torah, instead of expecting the Torah to be patterned after the world."

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