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I. S. Prepares for Membership Entertainment Wednesday Evening at Main Building

I. S. TO DEBATE BROOKLYN Y FOR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

I. S. Team Confident; Metropolitan Debating Championship Involved.

The Institutional Synagogue, champions of the Northern Division (Manhattan and Bronx) in the Metropolitan League of Jewish Centers, will debate the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A., this year's leader in the Southern Division, and last year's city champions, for the debating championship of the entire Metropolitan League.

The debate will be conducted Sunday afternoon, November 22nd, at the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A., 339 Eighth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. I. S. members are urged to attend this debate.

The Topic, Teams and Judges

The topic to be debated is, Resolved, That a System of Compusory Federal and State Insurance Against Unemployment I's Essential for the Economic Stability of the United States. The I. S. will uphold the affirmative, the Brooklyn Y will uphold the negative.

The I. S. team will consist of Charles Cohen and Morris Urieff, last year's debaters. The Y Team will consist of Ruth Goldberg, Frank Teller, Ben Brender and Eugene Gordon.

The Judges picked by the Y are Mr. Leo Abrams, Mr. Joseph J. Obst, and the Hon. William T. Cowin. Mr. Cowin is Asst. U. S. Attorney.

The I. S. Team has a splendid record of debating victories. They debated and defeated in most cases by unanimous decisions the Teams representing the Federation Settlement. Bronx House, Schiff Center, Washington Heights Y and the 92nd Street Y. Only the Washington Heights Y debate was held in our building.

Clubs Contribute Operetta; T. T. "Old-Timers" In Comedy.

The much anticipated rally and gala entertainment for members, seat-holders and subscribers to the Educational Fund will take place Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th, at 8:15 P. M. promptly, in the Auditorium of the Main Building. Admission is free. Members are requested to be prompt in their attendance at the entertainment.

A large attendance is anticipated, so it is suggested that members and their guests arrive as early as is possible for them, so that they may secure advantageous seats and avoid the inconvenience of a last-minute hustle for seats. The spacious auditorium can seat all the members and their guests.

Unique Entertainment Planned

In addition to the addresses to be delivered by the Hon. Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, and others whose names are not available at the time of this printing, there will be a musical program and the presentation of an operetta by the Club Division and a comedy by the Talmud Torah

The Operetta And The Comedy

The Talmud Torah enlists the "Old-timers" to present a popular comedy first produced here several years ago. The original cast will once more tread on the familiar I. S. stage. "Two Goyim" will undoubtedly win the hearty approval of all.

The Club Division will present the entire Junior Club Division in an operetta, "The Black Pirate." The songs, dance routines, costumes and comedy will undoubtedly win for these versatile juniors the plaudits of all

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The comedy "Two Goyim" was coached by Dr. Datt. "The Black Pirate" was coached by Mr. Bookbinder, Misses Stoller, Taitz, Dora and Helen Zausmer, and Messrs. Joe Abrams and Solly Alper.

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I. S. THEATRE PARTY

The I. S. is conducting its annual Theatre Party the evenings of December 22nd and 23rd. The members of the Theatre and Ticket Committees are Messrs. Sanders, Udell, Wartels, Gluck and the Messrs. Lou G. Siegel and William L. Basser.

The jobs our active committee members have undertaken are big ones, and the I. S. is fortunate in having such ardent workers to execute them, but these men are dependent upon the whole-hearted co-operation and assistance of the rest of the members and friends of the I. S. They therefore appeal to you to make the coming Theatre Party the most successful one ever conducted. You can assist by reserving your seats now, by soliciting ads for our Souvenir Journal, by urging your rriends to attend this Theatre Party and to reserve their seats now, and by submitting advertising matter to our Journal.

A JEWISH THOUGHT

(Ed. Note: The Institutional will publish regularly in this column some of the most cut-standing thoughts of famous Jews. These thoughts may at times be frankly controvers al. It is not to be assumed that these thoughts are in accordance with or repugnant to the Institutional attitude and policy towards simi ar problems.)

Why I am a Jew? Certainly, it is not because I think that Jewish culture is the greatest of all possible cultures or because I feel that the Jew is the greatest of all possible human-beings. Chauvinism of any kind whatever, I have always felt, is unforgivably stupid.

"It is true, that it is the tendency of a persecuted race to be chauvinistic, especially if it has sensitivity, culture, and sensibilities. That is why the Jew must always exert especial care in avoiding it. For chauvinism, after a'l, defeats its own purpose. You cannot convince anyone of your capabilities if you are continually trumpeting about them through bugles Let actions speak louder than any words! Yes, we may be proud of our history, we may refuse ever to conceal our identity; but modesty is always an enviable virtue.

"No, emphatically no, chauvinism has not made of me a Jew. True, I have in recent years come to realize that there is a unique importance in Jewish culture, and that the Jews have contributed much to the world of thought. But every man of learning realizes that the Jew has not been alone in this respect. We must always remember that the Jew is only one part of a great civilizatoin.

The late ARTHUR SCHNITZLER, in an interview in "The Day."

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

FINDS NUMBER OF JEWS IN PRISONS SINKING

Startling drop in Jewish criminality and delinquency in New York is described in an article appearing in the current Outlook magazine from the pen of Ernest K. Couter. According to Mr. Couter's article the number of Jews in prisons and reformatories is sinking to practical y a negligible quantity.

"Regardless of the fact that 27.4 per cent of the population of New York City is Jewish, the facts today are that less than eight per cent of the population of the five great prisons of the state where convicted felons of New York City are sent, are Jews

"While the Jewish boys in the House of Refuge, a state institution for delinquents between the ages of 12 and 18, were 58% of the whole number seventeen years ago, the number of Jewish boys in that institution on last June 1 was less than 5%. The exact present figure is 3.56%. Of the prisoners at Elmira 6.7% are Jewish. At Sing Sing 10.6% are Jews. At the state institution for delinquent girls only seven out of the 511 girls are Jewish."

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Mr. Couter further points out that the number of Jewish children arraigned before the Children's Court was reduced from 33% to 12.1%.

The author of the article attributes the amazing decrease to the efforts of the Jewish communal leaders, who set about to do the necessary preventive work.

Thirty per cent of the Jewish population of Vienna faces a winter of starvation, according to statistics made public on November 6th. According to a statement made by Dr. Kiang-Kang-ho, professor of Chinese at McGill University, Jews have been settled in China since the year 100. Chine is the only land where the Jew is not persecuted

The Czecho-Slovakian government recently ordered the Union of German Trade and Industrial Employees to eliminate from its constitution a provision which would exclude Jews from membership. It threatened to discontinue its doles to the unemployed unless members of unions, if the offending paragraphs were not dropped.



We take great pleasure in welcoming the following new members to the Gym and Pool:

1. Yale Levin 2. Harry Davis 3. Saul Simon 4. M. Bleiberg 5. E. Liebowitz 6. S. Glotzer 7. M. Kleinmark 8. Ira Kamelhor

November has been set aside as "Get A Member Month." We urge every member to bring a member. For particulars on how to get a free membership see Mr. Urieff at the desk.

I. S. LOSES TO WASHINGTON HEIGHTS "Y" IN CLOSE FIGHT

The first Basketball Game and Dance sponsored by the Center and Extension Activities Department was held last Sunday night.

A large and lively audience was held spell-bound in the many breathless moment of this closely contested game. Coming out from behind after a lead on the part of the Washington Heights "Y," who at the end of the first half were leading by 8 points, our boys, showing plenty of fight, scoring 28 points to the "Y's" 31.

The high scorer of both teams was "Howey" Levy of the I. S, with a score of 13 points to his record.

Our boys showed that they could, and would, fight even in the face of tremendous odds as far as weight and height was concerned. However, this is the first game and their showing last Sunday night leads us to believe that they will probably overcome their next opponents, the Federation Settlement, on November 29th.

JUNIOR RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT

The Junior Clubs and their friends will attend the Junior Rally this Saturday evening in the Game Room.

Outstanding athletes have been invited to address the Rally. Entertainment, club songs, cheers and surprises will feature the evening.

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An expansive program of music projects is planned by the Dept. of Center and Extension Activities A detailed announcement will appear in the next issue.

Free piano lessons, choral work, voice

training, are some of the major activities of this new department.

Mr. Bernstein has secured the services of Mr. Max Schwarzmann. graduate of the Vienna Conservatory of Music, who will direct the music courses.

Members who wish to register for these courses should see Mr. Cohen at once.

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