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Only One Month To Go For I. S. Theatre Party — December 22nd and 23rd

BROOKLYN Y. DEFEATS I. S. DEBATORS IN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST

The Brooklyn Y. M. H. A. debaters, leaders in the Southern Division, defeated the I. S., leaders of the Northern Division, in the final debate to determine the city championship, last Sunday at the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A.

The Brooklyn team consisted of Ruth Goldberg, Frank Teller, Ben Bender and Eugene Gordon. The I. S. was represented by Charles Cohen and Morris Urieff.

The topic debated, "Resolved, That a System of Compulsory Federal and State Insurance Against Unemployment Is Essential For the Economic Stability of the U. S.," was exceedingly ably discussed by both teams. The judges chosen by the Y were Mr. Leo Abrams, Dr. Joseph J. Obst and the Hon. William T. Cowin.

Both teams were outstanding contenders in this year's tournament. Our team had the unusual and unprecedented record of five consecutive debating victories in the League Tournament. They had defeated the Fed. Settlement, Bronx House, Schiff Center, Washington Heights Y and the 92nd Street Y.

The exact details of the debate are not available to us at the time of this printing because of the close proximity in time of the debate and this issue.

Mr. Kushnick, Educational Director of the Brooklyn Y, in telephone conversation with our Headworker, praised our team and expressed admiration and commendation of the I. S. team. He assured Mr. Cohen that the I. S. team was one of the very finest that he had ever had as guest-debaters at Brooklyn.

We congratulate the victorious Brooklyn Y. M. H. A. We hope that we will have occasion again to debate them for future championships.

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"Only one month to go!" The I. S. Theatre Party Committees are urging this slogan in their respective endeavors. Tickets must be sold more numerous and advertisements must be secured for the Souvenir Journal. "I'll see you on December 22nd or 23rd, at the Hollywood Theatre," are the favorite parting words in I. S. circles.

Only One Month To Go!

The easiest of the committees' duties is convincing their hearers of the worthiness of the Theatre Party purpose. For no one can deny that the further development of the Educational and Social Welfare activities of our own Institutional Synagogue is a just cause. In addition to this factor, however, let us remind you that those present at the theatre are assured of an interesting program.

Only One Month To Go!

There is no doubt that all of the members of the I. S. will be among those present on December 22nd or 23rd. Yet, a successful theatre party is dependent upon the number of friends and acquaintances you may be able to convince to attend. Therefore, it is the duty of every I. S. member to work in whole-hearted cooperation with the committees. If such busy people as Max E. Sanders, Lester Udell, Aaron Wartels, David H. Gluck of our Theatre Committee, and Lou G. Siegel and William L. Bassler of our Journal Committee can spend so much time and energy for the I. S., then surely their request for a little of your time and energy is not unreasonable. Then, let us remember—

ONLY ONE MONTH TO GO!

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THANKSGIVING—1931 STYLE

With characteristic indelicate and blunt irony our peoples will on this day celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Thoughts about the depression will be forgotten in the gorging of turkey and sauce (not the usual political commodity) by those who can afford these dishes. Thoughts about the depression should be temporarily forgotten by those who cannot afford the dishes but who can providentially remember those Thanksgiving Days when they could afford them, and those recollections ought to eliminate the melancholy thoughts of their present inability. Shouldn't they? Society with a magnificent gesture will provide Thanksgiving fares for the unfortunates in the prisons, hospitals and institutions. This is a practical application of that old maxim, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." Our complacent citizenry will murmur their thanksgiving prayers and protest that their neighbors have more to be thankful for than they. There will be the usual public proclamations in the usual florid style. Everybody will be gushing with sweet sentiments—excepting the unfortunates.

Thanksgiving a la mode.

A JEWISH THOUGHT

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

"Concerning the fate of the Jew, I hope that I will not be considered a pessimist if I say that the Jew has no fate. I am really not pessimistic about the Jew. I think that the Jew has something in him which inevitably tends to produce greatness. It is not merely an accident of fate that the most alert and living spirits throughout the world—in culture and art and science—are Jews. It is not an accident that Jews have contributed so monumentally to advance the world's civilization. And I am optimistic enough to believe that much greatness will yet be produced by Jewish blood in this world of ours.

"And yet, I feel keenly that the Jew has no future. By that I mean that the Jew will tomorrow be as he is today, scattered throughout the world, borrowing much from the world's culture, contributing more to it; constantly and inevitably being blended with his surroundings and environment—and yet never surrendering his heritage and the spark of Judaism in him. Palestine can never be a solution for the Jews' problems. I am convinced—notwithstanding all of Herzl's zeal and efforts—that not in Palestine lies the future of the Jew. The Jew will remain a German and an Austrian and a Frenchman and an American. And he will also remain a Jew."

STEFAN ZWEIG, in an interview,
 "The Fate of the Jew," in "Every Friday."

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR I. S. THEATRE PARTY

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN ON "OUR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS"

The public is out of our public institutions and the directors are holding the bag of debts. This state of affairs has come about through a culmination of exceptional and unprecedented times of prosperity. The directors of our Yeshivahs, Talmud Torahs and Synagogues have given too lavishly to support these institutions. Instead of directing they have supported, instead of arousing a public conscience, they have made good the deficits. Instead of caring about the proper maintenance of the spiritual work of these institutions, they have erected monuments of stone instead of lengthening the cords. What has been the result? The very evident result is that we are struggling to forestall foreclosures on our public buildings, while the spiritual work is suffering. Teachers, ministers and social workers have not only had their salaries reduced, in some cases wantonly so, but have also not been paid back salaries for months.

Our problem is then to interest the public once more to become part and parcel of communal endeavor. How can this be done? This can be done when we will change our notion of charity-giving. We have always made charity an affair of the heart, rather than of the soul. For that reason, hospitals, orphan asylums, and homes for the aged and infirm, receive their funds more liberally and more easily from the general public than do educational institutions. Charity giving should start from the synagogue. With that as the source of inspiration, the people will receive the moral and religious impetus which will result in ample financial support for all of our institutions. Charity giving must not be merely impulsive heart giving, but steady and studied religious giving. I urge that we get back to the Biblical teaching of the law of the tithe as our model for discharging the individual's responsibility to the community.

The Bible would have us understand that even this year, although we have not much, yet we are not free from giving. Let us remember the words of the Psalmist, "Blessed is the man who considereth the poor in hard times, for then will the Lord deliver him and keep him alive; he shall be made happy upon the earth."

ALL RARIN' TO GO FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FRIVOLITY AT CABARET NIGHT

Outstanding Social Function Presented In Unique Form, December 26th

In a setting made colorful and impressive by a fine decorative scheme and with furnishings suggesting a cabaret, the Institutional Synagogue clubs and their guests will celebrate the first of a series of house functions and carnivals. A brilliant revue, floor show, and entertainment will be some of the features, and a splendid orchestra will supply a rhythmic happiness. A huge attendance is anticipated.

Mr. Bookbinder is now rehearsing a unique floor show. Associated with him in the conducting of the show are: Misses Stoller, Taitz, Dora and Helen Zausmer, and Messrs. Joe Abrams and Solly Alper.

The revue will be presented in the Auditorium. There will be dancing preceding and following the revue, in the Gym, which will be decorated and furnished like a cabaret.

In all, a congenial atmosphere, a scintillating revue, a ripping orchestra and a most unique setting will spell the most successful social function yet conducted.

PLEDGED ETERNAL PALS HONORED WITH APPOINTMENT AS JR. WELFARE GROUP

The active and popular P. E. P. Girls were the recipients of an unusual tribute last week to their fine spirit and organization. They were designated by the Headworker as the official Jr. Social Welfare Group of the Institutional Synagogue.

These girls will be associated with the adult welfare organizations here in the conducting of welfare projects, raising funds for Passover supplies for needy families, distributing supplies, Big Sister work, and supervising orphan and hospital patients' functions.

The group has already received congratulations from Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Executive Director A. Bernstein, the Headworker and his associates. "Institutional"

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WITH THE CLUBS

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The Sunshine Girls, directed by Miss Zausmer, conducted a splendid Thanksgiving Masque Saturday night.

The Junior Boys Rally conducted last Saturday night was hailed as a success. Mr. Harry Abramowitz, world-famous champion

cross-country runner and record breaker, was the principal speaker.

The Faikens changed their name to the "Varsity Girls." Miss Sara Taitz is their leader. They are rehearsing a splendid play for the One-Act Play Contest.

The Seacs, champ athletes, are planning big doings.

The Iroquois are also planning participation in the Jr. One-Act Play Contest.

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