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Pre-View Feature, Congenial Atmosphere, a Scintillating Souvenir Journal,
A Worthy Cause, All Spells Success for the I. S. Theatre Party

HOLIDAY ATMOSPHERE ENVELOPES BUILDING AS I. S. CELEBRATES CHANUKAH

Certainly one of the most active Chanukah Celebrations was conducted here last week and will conclude this week. The Talmud Torah, the various clubs of the Social-Educational Department conducted their respective celebrations both at the Main Building and at the West Side Branch.

Elaborate functions were conducted by the Talmud Torah and the Club Division. The Parents' Association conducted its annual Chanukah Party for the Talmud Torah pupils. The Jolly Vagabonds conducted a very colorful Chanukah Masquerade in the game room last Saturday. Miss Henrietta Weinstein, the charming club leader of the Jolly Vagabonds, assisted by Miss Sarah Taitz, arranged a very happy program of Chanukah games and distributed Chanukah delicacies. Mr. Bookbinder lit the candles and Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Cohen spoke on the significance of Chanukah.

The Institutional Parents' Association conducted a well attended Chanukah celebration, and so did most of our other adult organizations.

I. S. TO CONDUCT RUMMAGE SALE

The I. S. will conduct a rummage sale very shortly this month under the auspices of Institutional Synagogue Sisterhood, Women's League of West Side Branch, and the Daughters of I. S.

Kindly send all merchandise, old and new, that you can spare, to the West Side Branch Building, 148 West 85th Street, or phone Wadsworth 3-2339 or University 4-6729 and same will be called for.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to our popular Literary and Educational Director, Mr. Charles Cohen, on the occasion of his being admitted to the Bar of the State of New York.

Encouraging Response to Theatre Party on December 22nd and 23rd

With the committees actively engaged in disposing of tickets and securing ads for a superbly scintillating Souvenir Journal, the Institutional Synagogue membership can anticipate the biggest and best Theatre Party yet conducted, on December 22nd and 23rd, at the Hollywood Theatre.

The association of such outstanding workers as Max E. Sanders, Lester Udell, Aaron Wartels and David H. Gluck of our Theatre Committee, and Lou G. Siegel and William L. Basser, who are supervising our Journal, is certainly an assurance of a successful and popular social event.

Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, charming and active worker of the Women's League, has been appointed to the Journal Committee. With the addition of Mrs. Sedwitz to this group of active workers, a superb journal can be anticipated. Mrs. Sedwitz is also the treasurer of the W. S. Women's League. She is admired by all as a sincere worker and a gracious and popular personality.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Harry Charners, General Manager of the Warner Bros. Organization of New York, we have secured a pre-view of a feature picture which will by far surpass the usually excellent productions at the Hollywood Theatre.

An excellent presentation is assured, a congenial atmosphere is certain and the proceeds are being devoted to a worthy cause — the further development of the Educational and Social Welfare activities and projects of the Institutional Synagogue.

You can assist by reserving your seats now, by soliciting ads for our Souvenir Journal, by urging your friends to attend this Theatre Party and to reserve their seats now, and by submitting advertising matter to our Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES: 4.12
Sedrah for Week: Micketz.

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Chanukah

(Concluded from last week)

The Miracle of the Oil and the Lighting of the Candles

During the purification of the Temple a miracle took place. When the heathens entered the Temple courts, they defiled all the oil they found there by their very touch. But it so happened that one small cruse of oil remained undefiled, as the unbroken seal upon it proved. It, however, contained oil enough for one day only; and to prepare another supply of oil required at least eight days. A miracle then occurred which caused the small cruse of oil to last eight days. We therefore celebrate Chanukah on the anniversary of those eight days by the lighting of candles. In this connection it should be noted that we have no ceremony commemorating our success on the battlefield. There is only one explanation for this, namely, that our prime goal was to purify the Temple, and therefore we commemorate nothing else.

"Hallel" and "Al-Hanissim"

Since "Hallel" is said on almost every holiday, we need not explain this practice beyond stating that "Hallel" is a praise to our heavenly Father for redeeming us from our enemies and difficulties. The prayer of "Al Hanissim," on the other hand, is of a more definite nature. In it, we thank the Almighty for helping us to conquer our enemies, who were stronger and more numerous than we.

The Secondary Features of Chanukah

The giving of money presents to the children is obviously an excellent way of conveying to them an idea that Chanukah is a very joyful festival and of inducing them to ask questions. As to the toleration of some forms of gambling on Chanukah, such as top playing and the like, it is perhaps used as a reminder of the fact that the results of war are uncertain, just as the results of gambling are. Consequently we are duty bound to thank the Lord for our success on the field of battle twenty-one centuries ago.

The Main Lesson of Chanukah

The main lesson of Chanukah is the power of faith, which the Chanukah event proves. What enabled the Jews to endure privations, sufferings, and even death, if not faith? What encouraged the Jews to fight their enemies, who exceeded them in numbers and military strength, if not faith? What enabled the dim Chanukah candles to survive many empires, if not faith?

The dim Chanukah candles remind us of events long past and whisper to us hopes for a glorious future. Let us therefore light the Chanukah candles with songs of good cheer and rejoicing.

U. O. J. C. A.

It is with profound sorrow that we learn of the death of Mr. Harry Alper, father of Mr. Soily Alper, musical director of the Institutional Revue. May his soul rest in peace!

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR I. S. THEATRE PARTY

**MUSICAL COMEDY REVUE AND
DANCE PLANNED FOR DEC. 26
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Fine Skits, Songs, Dances, Costumes Feature Unusual Function — Huge Attendance Anticipated

Under the auspices of the Dept. of Center Activities, a colorful and gala Musical Comedy Revue will be presented on Saturday evening, December 26th, in the I. S. Auditorium. Dancing will follow in the Gym.

Mr. Bookbinder and his associates, Miss Stoller and Messrs. Solly Alper and Joe Abrams, have arranged a series of unusual dance routines, songs, skits and all the colorful trappings of an excellent musical revue. A "pony" chorus has been rehearsing these past weeks. Excellent soloists and comedians will add a spicy dash to the program.

Tickets may now be purchased through any member of the cast, the ticket committee, the Staff or the Executive Director's offices. Early purchasers can secure the best seats if they make their reservations now. It is planned that club parties can secure immediate reservations of the desired orchestra seats if they advise Mr. Charles Cohen at once. There will be a single admission for the Dance and Revue. In other words, a dance and revue both for the one price.

A large audience is anticipated. Many notables will be present. A gala carnival spirit, a colorful function, a spicy and peppy revue, a sure-fire musical comedy will assure all an memorable evening of fun and frivolity.

**I. S. BASKETBALL TEAM
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The Metropolitan League schedule arranged by the Athletic Committee of the Metropolitan League, will give the I. S. contact with some of the finest teams in the city.

The schedule is as follows:—

Week of December 13—Federation Settlement at Institutional Synagogue.

Week of December 20 — Washington Heights Y at I. S.

Week of December 27—I. S. at Emanuel Brotherhood.

Week of January 3—Central Jewish Institute at I. S.

Week of January 10—I. S. at Federation Settlement.

Week of January 24—Welcome House at Institutional Synagogue.

Week of January 31—I. S. at Washington Heights.

Week of February 14 — I. S. at Central Jewish Institute.

Week of February 21—Emanuel Brotherhood at I. S.

LATE NEWS

I. S. Defeats Welcome House in First League Game

I. S. vs. Federation Settlement this Sunday night — I. S. Gym — Dancing, too.

**UNVEIL MEMORIAL TO JEWISH
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A memorial to the Jewish war dead was unveiled in the Jewish cemetery at Merano, in the presence of representatives of the Italian government and leaders of the Jewish community.

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DECEMBER 22nd - 23rd AT HOLLYWOOD THEATRE

I. S. CONSTITUENCY URGED TO ATTEND LEHMAN DINNER

The Metropolitan League will conduct a dinner on December 20th at the Hotel Commodore.

The I. S. is honored that its President, Hon. Isaac Siegel, has been designated as Chairman of the Dinner Committee. The "Institutional" is in receipt of this communication from the League:

"By this time you have doubtless received an invitation to the dinner to be given under the auspices of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations at the Hotel Commodore on December 20th. If you have not, please consider yourself invited and advise your friends that they will be most welcome.

"We are happy to announce that in addition to the distinguished presence of Judge Irving Lehman, who as president of the National Jewish Welfare Board and one of the founders of the League, will be our guest of honor, the dinner of the 20th will be graced by addresses by Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, of the New York State Court of Appeals, and Dr. John H. Finley, Associate Editor of the New York Times. There will be other speakers prominent in the affairs of our community and those of the Jewish Center movement in Greater New York."

All those intending to attend the dinner are urgently requested to make their reservations at once through Mr. Bernstein. Checks are to be made payable to "Metropolitan League," and mailed to Mr. Bernstein with the reservation. The invitation will be \$3.50 a plate. The presence of the ladies is desired as that of the gentlemen. We should like all to understand that there will be no solicitation of funds. No plans will be made for money raising.

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CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Professor Milton J. Rosenau, of Harvard University, and Dr. Morris Taylor, director of General District Service of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, were among the twenty-four Bostonians who have been invited by President Hoover to attend the Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership in Washington, D. C.

The population of Palestine now numbers 1,035,154, an increase of 35% over the census of 1922.

The only synagogue in the town of Boroshilov, Ukraine, has been converted into a school, states a J. T. A. report.

The Lithuanian government recently passed a law which virtually denies the Jews the right to purchase state lands. It stipulates that only those persons may purchase state lands who have been engaged in agriculture for a generation and are also, at present, farmers.

Three Jews, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Professor William M. Leiserson, Professor of Economics at Antioch College, and Dr. I. M. Rubinow, were included in a commission of ten appointed by Governor White of Ohio to study unemployment insurance as authorized by the last session of the Ohio Legislature.

The Minister of Interior of South Africa, Dr. Malan, openly threatened retaliatory measures against the Jews if they persisted in opposing the Immigration Act. He declared, "It will be very easy to arouse feelings of hatred against the Jews in this country."

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