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Stage Set for Theatre Party as I. S. Constituency Awaits December 22nd and 23rd

**MUSICAL COMEDY REVUE AND
DANCE PLANNED FOR DEC. 26
AT I. S. AROUSES MUCH INTEREST**

**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 committees, 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.

**Tickets May Yet Be Secured; But Reserve
Now**

Tuesday and Wednesday nights, December 22nd and 23rd, will find the I. S. constituency in the Hollywood Theatre, Broadway and 52nd Street, New York City, enjoying the Fifteenth Annual I. S. Theatre Party, which according to present indications, should be the best ever. Last minute preparations have already been completed, and according to Mr. Bernstein, the Souvenir Journal will be off the press with plenty of time to spare.

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.

All workers of the I. S. are assured that the fond wishes concerning the success of the Party will be gratified. Responses have been very encouraging, especially for a party of the scale and magnitude such as the present one. To those people who are a bit lackadaisical in their intention, our advice is **"HURRY UP, PLEASE, GET YOUR TICKETS NOW, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."**

The care that has been exerted in planning the Journal and the addition of several unique features will go a long way in making this year's Souvenir Journal the finest hitherto produced by the I. S.

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.

I. S. members and their friends are all set for one of the finest social functions of the year, the I. S. Theatre Party, December 22nd and 23rd at the Hollywood Theatre.

**FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES, 4.14
Sedrah for week: Va Yigash**

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I AM A JEW

I will continue to hold my banner aloft. I find myself born—ay, born—into a people and a religion. The preservation of my people must be for a purpose, for God does nothing without a purpose. His reasons are unfathomable to me, but on my own reason I place little dependence; test it where I will, it fails me. The simple, the ultimate in every direction is sealed to me. It is as difficult to understand matter as mind. The courses of the planets are no harder to explain than the growth of a blade of grass. Therefore am I willing to remain a link in the great chain. What has been preserved for four thousand years was not saved that I should overthrow it. My people have survived the prehistoric paganism, the Babylonian polytheism, the aesthetic Hillenism, the sagacious Romanism, at once the blandishments and persecutions of the Church; and it will survive the modern dilettantism and the current materialism holding aloft the traditional Jewish ideals inflexibly until the world shall become capable of recognizing their worth.

CYRUS ADLER.

THE INSTITUTIONAL INVITES ALL INTERESTED TO JOIN STAFF

Many I. S. members have expressed their desire at one time or another to write for the "Institutional." The opportunity is now afforded those who have ability and the inclination. The "Institutional" staff will receive intensive training in all phases of journalism; lectures, visits to newspaper plants, practice in writing, proof-reading and layout, and sympathetic and intelligent criticism, will be some of the advantages accruing to those who make the grade.

Mr. Alan Dennison, of the former Jewish Tribune, and a frequent contributor of poetry and short stories to magazines, will be associated with the "Institutional" as literary adviser.

I. S. DEBATES BRONX "Y" ON
DECEMBER 19th

The Institutional Synagogue Debating Team will meet the Bronx "Y" Varsity Debating Team in the first debate of the season on Saturday evening, December 19th, at the Bronx "Y." The I. S. team will uphold the negative of the question, "Shall the Jury System in Civil Cases be Abolished?"

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.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR I. S. THEATRE PARTY

MUSIC DEPARTMENT PLANNED AS NEW INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITY

An expansive program of music projects is planned by the Department of Center Activities. Free piano lessons, choral work, voice training, and music appreciation, are some of the major activities of this new department.

Mr. Max Schwarzmann, graduate of the Vienna Conservatory of Music, will direct the music courses. It is planned that courses will be conducted Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. A registration period of two weeks will commence with this issue.

Readers of the "Institutional" who are interested in taking advantage of these free instructions should communicate their desire to Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen at once.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES CHANUKAH

The active Parents Association conducted their annual Chanukah party last Tuesday night. A large attendance witnessed and participated in a thoroughly colorful and enjoyable program.

Mrs. A. Wartels and Mrs. Leah Siegel were Chairladies. The hostesses were Mesdames Minna Cohen, Nieworth, Flussig and Levine. Assisting in the arrangement of the program were Mesdames Saslofsky, Rose Cohen, Ellgard and Rothstein.

Miss Eva Stein entertained and Master Bernard Stein lit the Chanukah candles. Cantor Yavneh, in his own inimitable fashion, sang beautiful melodies.

Mrs. I. Stein, President of the Parents Association, extends an invitation through these columns to parents of the Talmud Torah pupils to join the Parents Association.

The Parents Association conducted its annual Chanukah celebration for the pupils in the auditorium. Delicacies and Chanukah "dredles" were distributed.

GIRLS TEAM BEATS H. H. I.

The I. S. Girls Team gained their first victory of the season when they beat the H. H. I. sextet by a score of 16 to 13 last Tuesday night.

The team played remarkably well for the first game of the season. Under the capable coaching of Florence Meltzer they should improve their game even still further.

The members of the team are: Sylvia Weinstein, Evelyn Grulitz, Marian Roth, Pauline Sherman, Bella Kaplan, Lillian Hammand and Pauline Cohen.

THE CULTURED JEW

NEW SYNAGOGUE MUSIC

Ernest Bloch, one of the outstanding composers of modern Jewish music, has completed his "Service for the Sabbath." He was commissioned to write this service more than a year ago. He went abroad where he has remained ever since devoting himself exclusively to the composition of this important work.

The first version of the new service (the composer has made two) is scored for mixed chorus, baritone cantor, organ and a small orchestra. It is adapted for use in the Reform synagogue, and it is understood that no difficulties will be encountered in its presentation.

The second version, which calls for the addition of a large orchestra and a much augmented chorus, is arranged for concert purposes. The new Service will probably be ready for presentation early next season.

TWO NEW PERIODICALS

There have recently been added to the field of Jewish journalism two new periodicals — "Current Jewish Record" and "Opinion." The former, the first issue of which has already appeared, is a monthly, each number of which will contain 96 pages devoted to material selected from the best that is written or said on Jewish subjects by Jews or non-Jews. It is expected to constitute a record of Jewish life and Jewish opinion, month by month, with a strong bias in favor of the best in Jewish life and thought.

"Opinion," the first issue of which is to appear on December 4, is a weekly under the editorship of James Waterman Wise. It is announced as "a journal of Jewish life and letters" and its distinguished editorial board includes Ludwig Lewisohn, George A. Kohut, John Haynes Holmes, Maurice Samuel, Irwin Edman, Mordecai M. Kaplan and Stephen S. Wise. It will foster the national renaissance of the Jewish people and Jewish culture, and will present without partisanship such news as is of importance to the American Jew.

BL. BLTIN.

I. S. BOYS' TEAM BEATS FED. SETTLEMENT

The I. S. Basketball Team won its second Metropolitan League game last Sunday night when it defeated the Federation Settlement Team by the score of 24-18. It was a very close, dramatic and heated contest.

The team defeated the Welcome House team last Sunday night at their court.

The next League game will be played against the Washington Heights "Y" Sunday afternoon at their court.

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

1. Ten Jewish Communities have been dissolved in Czech-Slovakia during the last five months, owing to the decrease in the Jewish population.

2. The head of the only Jewish family resident in Rockland, Ontario, Mr. Samuel Mayerovitch, was accorded a signal honor when he was elected by popular acclamation a member of the Town Council for the year 1932.

3. Three Jewish youths are included in a list of 149 students to whom Yale awarded scholarships on December 9th. They are Eugene Victor Rostow of New Haven, Jack Rosenbaum of New York City, and Vernard Herman of Dorchester, Mass.

4. For the first time in ten years, the Commissar of Education of Russia, issued a call for the convocation of a conference of Yiddish cultural workers.

5. Two Jews have been named on the General Crisis Committee of Holland organized at the initiative of the Princess Royal, Juliana. The Jewish members are Mrs. C. Wysenbeck Frauchen of Amsterdam, and Dr. A. C. Josephus Jitts, of The Hague.

6. Approximately \$50,000 was assigned by the Roumanian Parliament for Jewish cultural purposes in their budget for the year 1932.

7. Jacob Gugel, a young Jewish engineer, has been appointed Chief Commissar of the gigantic Soviet construction project in the Magnitogorsk, Ural.

Forty thousand workers and 2,500 engineers are engaged in the project which Gugel will supervise. When completed Magnitogorsk will have the largest metallurgical factory in the world.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE TO HONOR JUDGE LEHMAN

Judge Irving Lehman will be the guest of honor at the Metropolitan Jewish Center Dinner to be held under the auspices of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations on Sunday evening, December 20, 1931, at the Commodore Hotel.

Congressman Isaac Siegel, vice-president of the League and president of the Institutional Synagogue, is chairman of the Dinner Committee. Commenting on the approaching dinner, Mr. Siegel said, "The influence of Judge Lehman in furthering the development of the Jewish Center idea throughout our land is beyond calculation. Judge Lehman has been serving the movement for many years in various capacities, such as president of the Y. M. H. A. 92nd Street, president of the metropolitan organization, and since its merger with the National Council of Y. M. H. A.'s, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board. We are privileged to gather on December 20th as his co-workers, friends, and admirers in paying tribute to him and expressing our loyalty to the cause to which he is so ardently devoted."

Reservations for the dinner may be made through Mr. Bernstein or at the office of the League, 71 West 47th Street.

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