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CONGRATULATIONS

The Institutional Synagogue constituency joins in extending its sincerest best wishes and congratulations to **Executive Director Abraham Bernstein** on the occasion of his birthday, this Saturday.

The "Institutional," for the Institution, wishes Mr. Bernstein many years of happiness and productive activity.

CLUBS' RADIO INSTALLED IN SOCIAL ROOM

Due to the one hundred percent cooperation of the clubs, the Social Department is pleased to announce the installation of a radio and extend to the club members and its friends very cordial invitations to take advantage of concerts and other entertainment through the use of the radio.

The radio is available every night in the week except Friday and Saturday. On Sundays club members may use the radio before and after their meetings.

The radio is kept in the new Social Room. It is planned to add new features and additions to the Social Room so as to give it that atmosphere of congeniality, warmth and good spirit most appreciated by the membership.

CLUB DIVISION CONDUCTS GAME ROOM TOURNAMENT

The Club Division is planning a series of inter-club and membership game room tournaments. Mr. Charles Cohen is in charge of the tournament and is assisted by Mr. Seymour Siegel and Mr. M. Jerry Bueler.

The tournament will be divided amongst the Junior, Intermediate and Senior groups. The girl members will conduct a similar tournament.

Individual and club awards will be made to the survivors. The games will be conducted every night during the week, except for the championship contest, which will take place on Saturday evening. All games will be played on the second floor, social and game room.

Any members desiring to enter the tournament covering ping pong, checkers, chess, caron, and for girls, jacks, should see Mr. Charles Cohen.

"INSTITUTIONAL" ANNOUNCES NEW CONTEST

A most stimulating and profitable contest for House Members is to be conducted by the "Institutional."

One of the objectives of the I. S. is to encourage an understanding of current Hebrew trends of thought and an appreciation of Hebrew Life and Culture as a source and inspiration of individual achievement. In accordance with this objective, we announce "The Jewish Feature of the Month Contest."

The contest is open to all house members. Participants are invited to submit original contributions on any Jewish topic of interest. The contribution may be a news item, an editorial, an essay, a survey, Biblical commentary, a poem, a story, or a review on any subject of Jewish interest.

Every fourth week the contributions submitted during the past month will be viewed by a competent Board of Judges. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second choice of the judges. Winning contributions, or those securing special commendations, will be published in the "Institutional" and the contemplated Literary Monthly.

There is no minimum or maximum word-content requirement. Participants may submit as many contributions as they desire. Content matter will be the principal factor for the judges' consideration. Choice of subjects, clarity of expression, and neatness will be incidental factors.

The contest opens with this announcement.

All contributions for this month are to be submitted to Mr. Cohen no later than January 23rd. Decisions will be announced in the February 5th issue of the "Institutional."

We reiterate, this contest is a most stimulating and profitable one for all — and all should participate.

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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.)

We are faced with the collapse of a generation. It may be irregular to cram into one "generation" both young Halutzim and old leaders, but they have one essential in common; they belong to the ghetto. True, this generation was sufficiently "fed up" with the ghetto to follow Herzl's call and rebel against the ghetto; but it is not the first time in history—nor in our own history—that slaves who mutiny and leave Egypt prove in the end to belong spiritually to Goshen. That is what happened to the first, or say first-and-second, "generation" of Zionism. In the end, after a series of really heroic efforts, it collapsed morally and all the grime of the ghetto, its submissiveness before a government, its lack of self-assurance, its worship of a "geviv," its readiness to provide Levites for an heathen shrine, shows back upon the surface. It is a sad truth, but I am afraid it cannot be refuted. Herzl's precursors, Herzl's companions during the first seven years of Congressional Zionism, Herzl's epigones during the years after we lost him were not of Herzl's kin.

We must bring up a Herzlian generation for tomorrow; we must bring up the youth of Israel under the spell of three principles:

1.—Zionism means a Jewish State; and Jordan is the name of the river that runs in middle of that Jewish State.

2.—No classes in Zionism; whether capitalist or factory hands, farmer lawyer, policeman, chimney-sweep. In Zionism and in Palestine you are but a puppet dangling from a wire and playing a prescribed part and the hand that pulls the wire is called — The State in Building.

3.—Lawyer or farmer or chimney-sweep; learn above all how to resist violence.

If this education is successful, I believe it will give us a Herzlian generation. What we Jews need, above all, is to learn moving in unison—stepping with one step, striking with one stroke. I know the value of individualism—it is a great asset, too. But the highest rung of civilization belongs to those who, though conscious and proud of their individuality, possess the power, at the moment of need to conquer their own will, to fall in with the alignment of a nation, to act in their millions as though they were one single man or one single machine. A multitude incapable of unison, though each of its members be a genius, is called a mob; only the lore of unison makes them a nation. This is what Herzl wanted to teach us when he created the Congress; a Big Parade. Let our boys and girls learn it on small parades. A day may come when much will depend on the question whether the Jewish people is able, at a sign given from one center, to respond, all the world over, with one voice—like one man, "like a machine."

VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, in the "Zionist."

HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FINDETH WISDOM

GYM PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR

The organization will again emphasize the physical phase of its educational program for all members in an endeavor to achieve that hygienic development which is essential for a normal and successful adjustment in adult life, tending toward good morals, wholesome living, good character and citizenship.

The activities will be programmed to allow regular time to calisthenics — basketball, handball, swimming, boxing, individual interests and house teams. Inter-club tournaments and competitions will be held. Also games will be arranged with neighboring community houses. Personal supervision and assistance of the staff will be given in individual cases, or where asked for.

In co-operation with the Club Division, basketball games and dances will be held to promote good fellowship and correct social habits.

The actual plan for operation will be the same that we have had adhered to in the past as to time.

Since this full program is planned, and set up, we urge our members and friends of the West Side to come to participate in it.

M.L.

CENTER DEPARTMENTS BROADCASTS SERIES

The Department of Center Activities is conducting a broadcast series on Sunday afternoons over Station WPCH from 5 to 5:15 p. m.

As the feature of the broadcast period last Sunday, Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen discussed "Jewish Contributions To Civilization."

A series of unique features will be broadcast by the Department on January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

The Headworker announces the addition of several new workers to the Department of Center Activities staff.

Mr. Joe Abrams has been appointed Associate Director of Social Activities.

Mr. M. Jerry Bueler has been appointed Game Room Director.

Miss Sherry Feinberg of the Pledged Eternal Pals, has been appointed secretary.

Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein take this means of expressing their deep appreciation to the President, Board of Directors, and members of the I. S. for the beautiful spirit of love, brotherhood, and friendship displayed by them upon their departure for the South.

THE CULTURED JEW

JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA

Theodore Roosevelt wrote, "I am glad to be able to say that while the Jews of the United States have remained loyal to their faith and their Race traditions, they have become indissolubly incorporated in the great army of American citizenship, prepared to make all sacrifices for the country, either in peace or war, and striving for the perpetuation of good government and for the maintenance of the principles embodied in our Constitution. **They are honorably distinguished by their industry, their obedience to law, and their devotion to national welfare.**"

In viewing the role of the Jew in founding and early development of our country, we are treated to a continuous series of surprises. Did you know that Columbus was financed by three Jews — Santangel, Arragon, and Sanchez; the physician and three sailors of his intrepid crew were Jews; and the map that Columbus consulted was drawn by Jehuda Cresques, a Jew?

The first Jewish settlers are said to have arrived here in 1654. The first governor of the State of Georgia was the Jew, David Emanuel.

During the Revolutionary War seven Jewish officers received commendations for bravery from George Washington.

Two leading generals of the United States forces during the War of 1848 were Jews, de Leon and Kaufman.

Amongst the foremost "Abolitionists of Slavery" in a period preceding the Civil War, we can find a number of Jews, outstanding among whom were Rabbi Einhorn, Penner, Heilprin and Judge Joachensin. A Jew, Judah P. Benjamin, was at this time appointed Secretary of State in the Confederate Cabinet.

Since 1791, when Israel Jacobs was elected to Congress, there have been thirty-one Jewish Congressmen and Six Jewish Senators. We are proud to assert that our president, Isaac Siegel, and our director, Sol Bloom, are among there.

In 1654 Jacob Barison settled in New York City. He was the first Jew to settle in New York. Now there are almost two million Jews living in this city. Levy Asser, in 1655, was the first Jew to receive commendation as a military officer. He fought the Indians under Governor Peter Stuyvesant.

(Continued next week)

HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

According to statistics of the Ohio penitentiary, the Jewish inmates constitute a negligible minority. The average is one Jew to one hundred prisoners, and at the peak of the population, with over five thousand inmates confined, less than fifty were Jewish.

New immigrants are warned not to come to France in view of the increasing unemployment and the acute industrial crisis, in a statement issued by the Paris Committee of Jewish Immigrants to France. The statement, however, points out that positions may be secured for those seeking employment in agricultural districts.

A delegation of Jewish leaders will proceed to Warsaw for the purpose of requesting the Central Polish Government to curb the boycott agitation which is bringing the Jews of Vilna to a state of destitution, it was announced at Vilna, following a special meeting called to discuss the situation.

A testimonial, signed by several hundred prominent musicians, was presented to Rubin Goldmark, one of the founders of The Bohemians and now their president, praising his career as "composer, musician, teacher, and orator," at the twenty-fifth anniversary dinner of The Bohemians, the New York Musicians' Club, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Austrian Government recently presented a gold medal to Rabbi Ehrenberg Grand Rabbi of Mattesburg, in recognition of his services to Austria.

At the recent election in Switzerland two Jews, David Farbstein and Dr. Dicker, were elected to the Swiss Parliament.

More than 1,000 musicians and their guests, including many artists of international fame, attended. Funds derived from the dinner are to be used by the Musicians' Foundation, Inc., an organization sponsored by The Bohemians, for the relief of needy musicians.

The Vilna University Senate suspended all academic organizations which signed the boycott agitation appeals which are being distributed in large quantities in the streets, theatres, and public buildings of the Vilna district.

Do you know that the town of Aaronsburg, Pa., was named after Aaron Levy, a pioneer of Northumberland County, Pa., who materially assisted in planning and laying out the town?

MORRIS A. URIEFF.

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."

Deputy Peter Bercovitch, Jewish member of the Canadian Parliament, refused a cabinet position because of Anti-Semitism in Canada.

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