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WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONDUCTS MEETING AT PRESIDENT'S HOME

One of the most distinguished assets of the Institution is the very active Women's League, meeting at the West Side Branch. This organization, because of its sincere interest in Institutional activity, and its indefatigable efforts on behalf of the Institution, has merited for itself a significant and commendable place in I. S. life.

Last Monday afternoon the Women's League met at the home of their president, Mrs. Isaac Siegel. An interesting business meeting was followed by refreshments and very interesting entertainment.

Mrs. Benjamin Goldstein, a very charming and active worker, addressed the meeting with a very well prepared discussion on "Women's Place in the Community Life." Following Mrs. Goldstein's well received address, Miss Sara Taitz, Club Leader of the Varsity Girls, then entertained with dramatic readings.

The Women's League forwarded to Mr. Bernstein a One Hundred and Fifty Dollar check, the balance of a Three Hundred Dollar Pledge to the Scholarship Fund.

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.

ADVERTISING COURSES TO BE OFFERED BY CENTER DEPT.

Arrangements have been completed with Mr. Sidney J. Simon, M. C. S., for a course of lectures in Advertising to be given at the Main Building every Tuesday beginning on Tuesday, January 26th.

Mr. Simon is the head of the Industrial Advertising Service at 506 Broadway, an agency specializing in trade paper advertising as well as direct-mail work. He is the author of "Thirty Years of Magazine Advertising," and other works in various fields.

The course which Mr. Simon has planned will be arranged for the special benefit of three groups — first, high school students who intend studying advertising at college; second, young men and women who would like to enter the field of advertising, although unable to attend college; third, business men who wish to know more about advertising. For the first group, Mr. Simon's course will lay a foundation which will make their subsequent college course more beneficial. For the second group, the course is designed to provide sufficient acquaintance with the processes and routine of advertising production to enable a young man or woman to qualify for a position in an agency or advertising department. The course will enable business men not only to work intelligently in cooperation with their advertising departments or agencies, but, in a measure, to prepare their own advertising.

All those wishing to take this course should see Mr. Cohen as early as possible in order that adequate facilities may be provided to accommodate the first session, which promises to be well attended, on Tuesday, January 26th.

KOFFEE-KLOTCH OF PARENTS' ASSOCIATION WELL ATTENDED

The Parents' Association conducted a very pleasant Koffee-Klotch last Tuesday night at the West Side Branch. Mrs. I. Stein, President of the Parents' Association, and her active committee, presided.

The Parents' Association will very shortly conduct their annual theatre party. They voted twenty-five dollars to the Institutional Synagogue in honor of Rabbi Goldstein.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES: 4.36.

Sedrah for Week: Bo.

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CHAMISHO OSER B'SHVAT

Chamisho Oser B'Shvat (the fifteenth of the month of Sh'vat) which falls this year on Saturday, January 23rd, is one of the minor Jewish festivals. It is perhaps the least known of them all, and yet it has a charm of its own. It proves the attachment of the Jewish people to the soil of Palestine more than any other holiday. It does not commemorate any great event in our history, and is based solely on the climatic conditions of Palestine during this time of the year. It occurs during the middle of winter, when some countries are covered with snow, some with ice, and most are affected by the winter colds. How different are the climatic conditions of Palestine. The rains and hails cease, the sun resumes its dominion, and trees and flowers are in bloom again. No wonder that on this day in Palestine young and old enjoy nature; no wonder also that the rabbis of old designated the fifteenth of the Jewish month of Sh'vat as "Rosh Hashonoh L'Illonos," the New Year for Trees. The persistence of the festival Chamisho Oser B'Shvat in exile is tangible proof of the Jewish attachment to Palestine.

Arbor Day

This festival is known in Palestine as Arbor Day ("arbor" is the Latin word for trees), because it is the occasion for the annual planting of thousands of trees all over the land. In the diaspora it has long been customary to celebrate the day by eating fruits that are known to grow in Palestine, such as raisins, almonds, figs, dates, Palestinian oranges, and St John's bread (Bokser).

To Be Celebrated By All

In recent years the "Rosh Hashonoh L'Illonos," the New Year for Trees, has also been observed by holiday lectures, entertainments and the like, bringing more vividly to our attention the rapid strides that are being made in the restoration of Palestine as the Jewish Homeland. This is a most appropriate day to make donations for Palestine.

Chamisho Oser B'Shvat, through its very persistence, proves that we have remained true to our old oath: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, Let my right Hand forget her cunning."

—MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ, U. O. J. C. A.

HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FINDETH WISDOM

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Institutional Synagogue has every reason to be proud and grateful to the superb women and young ladies who make up its more active official groups.

Their sincere interest in our objectives, their earnest participation in those activities and functions most beneficial to the Institution, their co-operative effort in aiding the Institution to develop its welfare work, are indicative of the sterling personalities of those who make up these groups. I have particular reference now to the **West Side Women's League**, the **Parents' Association**, and the new and younger group, the **Pledged Eternal Pals**.

During the past week we received from these groups contributions for the Scholarship Fund, the Talmud Torah and the Family Welfare Work respectively. This is but another of their many, many contributions to the I. S.

I am pleased to acknowledge not only our acceptance of these contributions, but also to acknowledge the appreciation of our membership to these fine women and young ladies for their splendid work in the past.

At a time when the Institution is called to do its utmost for its city-wide constituency and beneficiaries, it is gratifying to know that there are friends of the I. S. who appreciate this situation and determine that there will not be and must not be a "let down."

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN.

"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.

THE CULTURED JEW

JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA

(Continued from last week)

Jacob Cohen, Bernard Gratz and Solomon E. King were the Jewish champions of Liberty and Civil Rights in 1826.

In the Revolutionary War the Jews contributed 100 officers and petty officers. The first true heroes recorded in this war were Jews: Colonel David S. Franks, Lieut. Isaac Franks, and Major Benjamin Moses.

In the Mexican War a Jew twice received the highest laudatory commendation from Congress. He was Major David de Leon.

In the Civil War, seven to eight thousand Jewish soldiers saw active service. It is interesting to note that there were NINE Jewish generals, 18 colonels, 40 majors, 205 captains, 325 lieutenants and 20 Jewish surgeons.

Aside from military service, the Jews contributed to American Culture. Especially noteworthy is the fact that the first statue presented to the United States was the gift, in 1835, of a Jew, Comm. Uriah P. Levy. The statue is one of Thomas Jefferson, in bronze, and was elected by the French Jewish sculptor, David d'Angers.

Outstanding in American Art can be found the Jews Moses Ezedkial, Keyser, Katherine Cohon, Louis Lieb, Jo Davidson, Jacob Epstein, E. C. Piexatto, Toby Rosenthal, and Mulzner and his son Joseph. Bernard Beinenson is today one of the world's leading Art Critics.

The most distinguished poetess in America was the Jewess Emma Lazarus. She wrote the inscription found at the base of the Statue of Liberty.

HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

An appeal to the Christian people to combat anti-Semitism was broadcast last week at Vienna over the radio by the Catholic prelate, Bichl Mair.

Declaring that "peace on earth" applies equally to the Jews, the Austrian clergyman warned the Christian nations against the new slogan against the "Chosen People."

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Anti-Semitism has, in the course of the past several weeks, driven from their native towns in Mecklenberg, Jews whose families have been living there for generations, it is disclosed in the "C. V. Zeitung," organ of the Central Union of German citizens of the Jewish faith.

The Jews are being forced to uproot themselves, leave the soil to which they have been attached for centuries because their lives have been made unbearable by the masses who are seeking a scapegoat on which to vent their misery.

The paper points out that anti-Semitism in Germany has been proceeding at a progressive rate since the Revolution.

The Central Union organ calls for a "united front of decent-minded people extending beyond party boundaries which will be potent to save Germany from the horrors of civil war and barbarism."

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The Jews were urged to forget injuries done them in the past by Spain and think only in terms of the present enlightened Spain by the Spanish Minister of Education, Don Fernando Delos Rios, upon his arrival in Spanish Morocco.

Greeted in behalf of the Jewish community by the president of the Kehilla, the Minister referred to the grave wrongs done against the Jews by the Catholic Kings of Spain and expressed gratification that the Republic has wiped out the ignominy of the expulsion act.

For the first time in the history of the local Jewish community of Athens, Ga., Jewish students of the University of Georgia have been organized into several different study groups.

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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.

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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?

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Anti-Semitic agitators in the village of Bial-Podolska, Poland, are using aeroplanes to circulate leaflets propagandizing the economic boycott against the Jews, according to the "Folkszeitung" of Warsaw.

Following church services, the local aeroplane works sent up a number of aeroplanes from which multicolored leaflets were dropped upon the throngs. The spectacular display had a most impressive effect upon the peasants and the townsmen in the entire district, the paper reports.

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Do you know that the Herrman family, the only Jewish family in Easman, Ga., during the Civil War, had three of its members as Mayor of Eastman in succession?

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