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### JUNIOR ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST TO BE CONDUCTED ON MARCH 27

Clubs Show Interest In the Most Popular  
Tournament This Year

After weeks of rehearsing, the Thespians of the I. S. are ready to make their bows Sunday night, March 27th, at our Auditorium.

The Junior One-Act Play Contest, evidently the most popular tournament this year, will be conducted then. Curtain will rise at 8 o'clock promptly because of the many participants.

#### Unprecedented Number Participate

A number of our most active and versatile junior clubs are participating. The Intermediate and Seniors will conduct their tournament very shortly.

The following clubs will vie for dramatic honors: The Seacs (male), Varsity Girls (female), Tranquility (male), and Utopians (female). More entries will be announced next week.

The clubs will meet at 7:30 to determine by lots their respective order of production.

A plaque will be awarded the prize production and a medal will be presented to the best individual performance.

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

The Parents Association announces its Annual Theatre Party for Monday evening, March 28th, at the Prospect Theatre, in the Bronx.

The parents are urged to attend this Theatre Party with their guests. A very fine production will be the feature on that evening. Proceeds will be devoted to Talmud Torah work. The Committee comprises Mesdames Wartels, Vosberg and Minna Cohen.

### I. S. SOCIAL WELFARE GROUP CONDUCTS ORPHAN PARTY

The Pledged Eternal Pals will conduct a party for the kiddies at the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, Sunday, March 20th. Good work, girls!

### FESTIVE SPIRIT EVIDENT AS IN- STITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE PRE- PARES FOR FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER

Fifteenth Annual Event to be Held Sunday  
Evening, April 10th, at W. S. Branch

With the slogan, "The Fifteenth Anniversary Dinner Must Be A Success," the Dinner Committee has set the ball rolling for what will undoubtedly be the most outstanding function in celebration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Institution.

It is expected that the attendance this year will surpass that of previous years. Prominent speakers and personages of note will grace the occasion. The I. S. Annual Dinner always excites an interest such as no other event does during the year.

Especially are the members of the Dinner Committee and their associates on the Board of Directors and the executive officers exerting themselves to the fullest in seeing that no stone is left unturned towards insuring a dinner success far surpassing any Annual Dinner heretofore held.

#### Send in for Table Reservations Now!

Mr. Isaac Settel is Chairman of the Committee in charge of the dinner arrangements; the Associate Co-Chairmen are Mr. Lester Udell and Mr. Aaron Wartels; Mr. Max E. Sanders is Treasurer, and Mr. David H. Gluck is Secretary. These names, it can be seen at once, are the indefatigable workers of the I. S., and their association with any activity is synonymous with the successful conducting of that particular activity.

The Executive Director announces that reservations can be made now at the exceedingly low price of \$3.50 per guest. Surely at this low price the membership and their friends should send in their reservations immediately.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 5:42.  
Sedrah for week: 'P'kudeh."

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## A JEWISH THOUGHT

I am for Good-will, on the broad basis of Americanism. The greatest contrast to Americanism is the Communism in Soviet Russia, where there is intolerance, illiberality and the suppression of good-will because of the tyranny of the majority. And if we, as Americans, find prejudice rancoring in our hearts let us remember the words of that great American, the seer of his people, the late President, Woodrow Wilson, who said, "And I wish that, whenever an impulse to settle a thing some short way tempts us, we might close the door and take down some old stories of what American idealists and statesmen did in the past, and not let any counsel in that does not sound in the authentic American tradition." The authentic American tradition is good-will to all faiths and justice to all mankind. May we each and every one of us promote this Americanism of good-will by attuning our hearts ever to the spirit of love of stranger and of the strange faith that may be his.

In Europe, good-will must first be engendered on the part of the clergy. The clergy alone must blaze the way by preaching the doctrine of non-sectarianism. Non-sectarianism does not mean the break down of a minority sect, and its devotees, by virtue of a preponderance of force and numbers of the majority, but rather the encouragement of the efforts of the minority to live its faith, and lead its way of life unmolested. Then indeed will we be true to the words of the prompt Malachi who said, "Have we not all one Father, hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?"

"Good-Will Between Jew and Christian,"  
 —RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN.

In the historic correspondence in 1642 between Bradford, Partridge, Reyner and Chauncey of Plymouth, with Governor Bellingham of Massachusetts, there is established for the guidance of the colony the principle that "yejudicials of Moyses are immutable and perpetual." In framing the capital laws of the colony, legislators sought to harmonize their ideas with Biblical ideas by appending Mosaic quotations. This Biblical influence was paramount in all the New England colonies.

In the Connecticut code of 1650, the Mosaic model is adopted. Magistrates are empowered to administer justice "according to the laws here established and for want of them according to the word of God." In New Haven also the extension of Jewish influence was visible. The founders of the colony, John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton, were expert Hebrew scholars. Davenport introduced the study of Hebrew in the first public school in New Haven.

By GEORGE COHEN, "The Jews in the Making of America."

DUTCH SUPPER & DANCE—MEN'S CLUB AND DAUGHTERS OF I. S.

**MEN'S CLUB - I. S. DAUGHTERS  
PREPARE FOR GALA AFFAIR IN  
DUTCH SUPPER, ENTERTAINMENT  
AND DANCE**

**April 2nd To Be A Classic, According To  
Predictions**

The Men's Club of the West Side Branch and the I. S. Daughters will conduct one of the most unusual and distinctive social functions this year in the form of a Dutch Supper and Dance and Entertainment.

The committee has arranged a splendid program of entertainment features, has purchased enough refreshments to appease even the most Gargantuan appetite, and has secured the services of a splendid aggregation of rhythm dispensers and blues-chasers.

This gala affair will be conducted in the gymnasium of the West Side Building, 148 West 85th Street, April 2nd. Tickets are only 89c and may be secured either through the Men's Club, the I. S. Daughters, or the executive offices at the Main Building. The proceeds will be devoted to the furtherance of the welfare work of this active organization.

**WOMEN'S BRANCH OF U. O. J. C. A.  
CONDUCT ANNUAL PURIM  
GATHERING**

The Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America is to hold its annual Purim Gathering at the Institutional Synagogue West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street, on Wednesday afternoon, March 23rd, at 2:30 o'clock.

An unusually interesting and delightful program has been prepared for that afternoon, and will include among other numbers, "Half An Hour of Jewish Inspiration," by Janice Jacoby of the Jane Manner Studio, accompanied by Ruth Burke, composer. Violin selections by Miss Fannie Rothback and a message from Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, President of the Women's Branch of the Union, and a greeting from Mrs. Isaac Siegel, President of the Women's League of the I. S. Mrs. Seppy I. Silberman, chairman of the Program Committee, will preside.

The Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue will act as hostesses, and all the members and friends of the I. S. are welcome.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Abraham Goldstein in the loss of his beloved brother.

**THE CULTURED JEW**

**"WE OWE TO THE JEW . . ."**

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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 these.

In the Diplomatic Service the Jew has distinguished himself. Oscar Strauss served under four Presidents; and recently Rabbi Kornfield was appointed Minister to Persia, and Mr. Guggenheim as Cuban Ambassador.

Here are some miscellaneous and very interesting details of the importance of the Jews in the development of America.

In 1654 Joseph Barison settled in New York City. He was the first Jew to settle in New York City. 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.

The first Synagogue was built in 1691. In addition to the Synagogue, a Hebrew School was established. In 1772 a Jew was admitted to the University of Pennsylvania. This is the first record of a Jew gaining admission to a State University. In 1864, there were a great many Hebrew schools throughout the United States. In 1853, the first Yeshivah was founded. It was called the "Zion Collegiate Institute." In 1867, "Mainmonides Hebrew College" was founded in Philadelphia.

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, 8 lieutenant-colonels, 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'Angiers.

(To be continued)

**SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 2nd, AT WEST SIDE BRANCH**

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE  
JEWISH WORLD

Chief Rabbi of Roumania, Rabbi Nemirower, received the award of Grand Officer of the Roumanian Crown from King Carol at a celebration of his sixtieth birthday on February 29th.

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While a decline in the number of Jews attending other major universities is reported, the University of Cornell has witnessed an increase in the number of Jewish students enrolled, according to a report made to the B'nai B'rith.

The Jewish group is now the second largest religious denomination at the University.

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A recent Jewish Telegraphic Agency report states that owing to the impoverished condition of a large portion of the Jewish community of Warsaw, disease among Jews is constantly on the increase, and their capacity to fight it is fast diminishing. These facts were revealed in Warsaw on March 4th at a physicians' meeting.

Victims of starvation are frequently brought for treatment and it is no unusual sight for patients to make their appearance lacking shirts on their backs.

Most of the physicians declared that even during the World War they rarely saw anything to compare with the misery which they are compelled to face now when attending Jewish patients.

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The eleven Jewish professors on the staff of Yale University contributed forty-three articles in the past year to journals both here and abroad. This number is considered very large in view of the small representation of Jews on Yale faculties.

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The teaching of Hebrew and the Jewish religion in the secondary schools of Italy was begun on February 25th.

The action was taken by the Minister of Education in view of the fact that there are an appreciable number of Jewish pupils in the secondary schools.

I. S. POOL PRODUCES OUTSTANDING SWIMMING STARS

Harold Kramer is now at C. C. N. Y. He is the captain of the C. C. N. Y. swimming team. Sporting critics hail him as one of the outstanding swimmers of the day. He is the holder of two inter-collegiate swimming records. He has vowed to break at least two more swimming records before he graduates next year.

William Friedman was the breast-stroke champion at Stuyvesant High School and N. Y. U. He is now in the senior year at Harvard Law School.

Gersie Sobel and Moe Rothman were members of the De Witt Clinton High School Swimming Team. They represent Syracuse College at the inter-collegiate games.

Bennie Levinson swam for De Witt Clinton High School and he is now swimming for Lehigh College.

"Pete" Small, our old back-stroker, graduated Clinton and Brown College with a remarkable record of swimming victories.

Others of our old swimming team who were record breakers in inter-high school athletic circles are Henry Josephs and "Red" Glaxon.

At present we find "Hickey" Rosenberg as captain of the DeWitt Clinton High School swimming team and Alfred Wolken a member of the team.

Dan Marcus is one of the star swimmers representing Commerce High School.

BERNARD WOLKEN,  
Swimming Director.

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