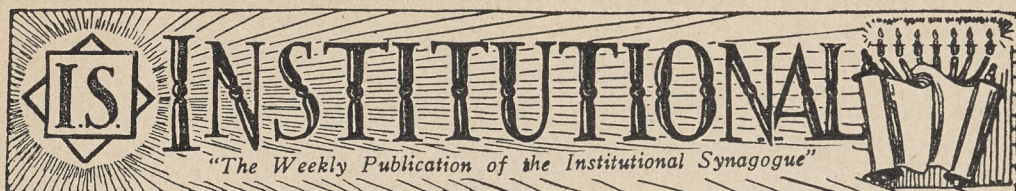


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JUNIOR ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST TO BE CONDUCTED ON MARCH 27

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.

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. CELEBRATES PURIM

A series of Purim Celebrations are planned for this week.

Sunday morning the Parents Association will conduct a Purim Party for the Talmud Torah at the Main Building. The faculty of the West Side Talmud Torah will conduct a Purim Party for their pupils.

The Junior Council will sponsor a Purim party for the Junior clubs and their guests. Many clubs are conducting Purim programs.

The West Side Women's League, the I. S. Brotherhood, the I. S. Sisterhood, and the Parents' Association will conduct their respective Purim programs also.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 5:49.

Sedrah for week: "Vayikrah."

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Purim, the Feast of Lots

Biblical Origin

Purim (literally "Lots") is one of the minor historical festivities of the Jewish calendar, and occurs on the 14th day of Adar. Its observance is based on the narrative recorded in one of the five small Biblical Scrolls or Megilloth, known as the Book of Esther.

Commemorates Miraculous Deliverance of Persian Jews

The events associated with the Feast of Purim occurred in Persia during the reign of Ahasuerus (Xerxes, 485-464 B. C.). Haman, haughty Prime Minister and arch anti-Semite, plotted to exterminate the entire Jewish people because a Jew, Mordecai, refused to bow down to him. His sinister designs were frustrated by the timely intervention of Queen Esther. The observance of this festival was ordained by the Great Men of the Synod, of which Mordecai was said to have been a member.

Reading the Megillah or Scroll of Esther

It is customary to read Megillath Esther (the Scroll of Esther) in the synagogue and at home on the eve of the Purim festival, as well as on the following morning. Because of the important part played by Esther, women are required to attend the Purim Service. Whenever the Reader mentions the name of Haman, the children are permitted to stamp their feet, whirl their "greggers" or wooden rattles, and to resort to other noise-making devices.

Mishloach Monos (Sending of Gifts)

Two important customs prevalent on this holiday, are the giving of alms to the poor and the mutual exchange of presents between friends and relatives. The latter custom gave rise to the interesting character known as the "Shalach Monos Tregger" (the messenger who carried the gifts from home to home on Purim).

Purim S'udah—An Occasion for Family Reunion

Exhuberant joy is the keynote of the Purim Festival. It is marked by unbounded festivity and offers opportunities for participation of both parents and children in the domestic celebration. Special dainties and sweets are consumed, including the triangular cakes known as Haman Taachen. All kinds of merry-making are indulged in, culminating in the evening with the jovial S'udah (party) at which all the members of the household are gathered.

Masqueradig—Purim Shpieler (Players)

Masquerading by both young and old has been a general practice on this holiday. Companies of amateurs (Purim Shpieler) used to go from house to house to dance, sing and produce episodes of the Purim story, usually concluding with the comic ditty, "Heint is Purim morgen is ois, git uns a groshen, und varft us aro's."

HAPPY PURIM!

—JEWISH WELFARE BOARD.

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

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED

It is not a pleasant duty, in the least, to make an appeal for funds through the medium of these columns. Certainly it is more pleasant to discuss matters of more enjoyable connotations. It is because of the present financial situation that the I. S. finds itself in dire straits. It is imperative that your aid be solicited and an attempt made to remedy the present unfortunate predicament.

Our teaching staff of the Talmud Torah and the staff of the other departments have not been paid in months. They are anxiously awaiting the fulfillment of your pledges and membership, so that there may be enough in the treasury to have some of their checks honored. The current expenses of the building, although they have been kept at a minimum by Mr. Bernstein, the Executive Director, are large enough to cause a deficiency in the little we have on hand. Is it not fair that we ask you to continue in fulfilling the noble purposes which you have undertaken?

**MEN'S CLUB - I. S. DAUGHTERS
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A colorful and unique program of entertainment is being arranged under the auspices of the Department of "Center Activities. Mr. Bookbinder and Mr. Abrams will again add that certain spice to the program as masters of ceremony.

The proceeds will be devoted to the furtherance of the welfare work of this active organization.

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HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our heartiest felicitations to the most recent addition to a family long active in I. S. work. A hearty and healthy son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward. Mrs. Ward is former president of the I. S. Daughters. She is the daughter of our popular Mrs. Annie R. Morris, president of the I. S. Sisterhood. This third generation member is already boosting the I. S. in a series of vibrating howls.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to our Associate Director, Clarence Liberman, upon his marriage to Miss Lillian Bronnerwein this Sunday.

THE CULTURED JEW

(Continued)

"WE OWE TO THE JEW . . ."

Outstanding in American art can be found the Jews, Moses Ezekiel Keyser, Katherine Cohon, Louis Lieb, Ja 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 Jew, Emma Lazarus. She wrote the inscription found at the base of the Statue of Liberty.

Professor Morris R. Cohen is an outstanding authority on Philosophy; Fabian Franklyn on Mathematics; Franz Booz on Anthropology; Joseph Jostrow on Psychology; Simon Flexner on Pathology. Dr. Flexner is also director of one of the largest scientific institutions, the "Rockefeller Scientific Research Institute." In American music we find Block in classic music; Gershwin, Berlin, and Al Jolson in the jazz and popular music.

"But," said the second boy, "we are also great composers and interpreters of modern music and jazz. My music teacher told me that the greatest writers of popular music are Jews."

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We recently overheard several boys discuss the Jew and Music. "The Jews," said one boy, "have beautiful synagogue music. In our Children Shul services we are greatly pleased to raise our voices and sing with great spirit our beautiful prayers, or sometimes our Yiddish folk songs. I like the Palestinian Scout songs best."

(To be continued)

We mourn the loss of
MRS. BERTHA MILLARD
sister of our active director and worker,
Mr. Henry Blankfort.

To the bereaved family we extend our sincere condolence.

SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 2nd, AT WEST SIDE BRANCH

THE -INSTITUTIONAL

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

A monthly publication to combat prejudice will be published by the "International League to Combat Anti-Semitism," it was announced in Paris on February 17th, with the appearance of the first issue.

Known as "The Right To Live," the publication is dedicated "to a presentation of the essential claims of the national minorities, to give to those who are soliciting in vain the audience of the crowd, a tribunal without restraint."

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Do you know that there is a Jewish Brigadier General in the Chinese Army now fighting Japan? He is Moise Abraham Cohen, an American Jew, and is known as "Brigadier General Cohen Moishe."

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With the nomination of Judge Benjamin Nathan Cardozo to the Supreme Court of the United States, two Jews will sit upon that august bench for the first time in American Jewish history. The other is Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

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The English press heralds General Morris Abraham Cohen, the Jewish chief in the Chinese army, as the diplomatic and financial force behind modern China.

Cohen's commands, it is stated, are obeyed implicitly by the Chinese National party, of which he is now the head.

President Cyrus Adler announces that the Ark which was constructed in the thirteenth century, and had been used for many years in the Synagogue of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, has now been placed in the Museum for Jewish Ceremonial Objects of the Seminary.

The Ark is probably the oldest piece of Jewish ecclesiastical furniture in the United States. It was brought to this country by the late Professor Solomon Schechter in 1902. He had found the boards in the Genizah at Cairo in 1896. Most of them have been brought here, but part of the upper board is now in the British Museum.

The Ark contained the name of Solomon bar Yefet, who lived in Cairo the first half of the thirteenth century, and also that of Obadyah bar Yefet Abu Almuall, who defrayed all the expenses of the building. The third name, Solomon Halevi Ben Tobia, can still be clearly read.

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Dr. Bemo Cheis, Dr. Bernhard Schick, Dr. Rudolph Glueck and Dr. Israel Kohn have been decorated with the Order of the Jugo-Slavian Crown by King Alexander in recognition of their communal service.

In bestowing these honors, government representatives spoke in high praise about the entire Jewish population of Jugo-Slavia.

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Jeshurun will conduct a Gala Dance on March 26th in the Main Building Gym. All welcome.

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