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**BRILLIANT PROGRAM OF FEATURES AND SOUVENIR JOURNAL WILL MARK SIXTEENTH ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY**

**Lou G. Siegel and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz Will Direct Souvenir Journal Committee**

With a colorful program of noteworthy stars and entertainers, amongst whom are Jack Pearl and Bert Lahr, an exceedingly brilliant Souvenir Journal and that genial hospitality and cordiality which marks all Institutional affairs, the Sixteenth Annual Theatre Party will most certainly be "THE BEST THEATRE PARTY EVER CONDUCTED."

Already Mr. Bernstein reports many requests for reservations. And with the subsequent announcements of stars to be added to the entertainment there will be a voluminous request for reservations. The Theatre Party will be held Sunday evening, December 11th, at the Sam Harris Theatre.

The Chairman of the Theatre Party Committee, Mr. Lester Udell, and his associates, Messrs. Max E. Sanders, David H. Gluck and Aaron Wartels, are actively engaged in promoting a program of revue features and disposing of reservations to the many interested friends.

A feature of every Theatre Party is the superb Souvenir Journal. This year's Souvenir Journal will be supervised by committees representing men and women workers of the Institution. Chairman of the men's division is the genial and exceedingly popular Lou G. Siegel, well known in the business circles of the city. Associated with Mr. Siegel are Messrs. William Basser, David H. Gluck, Isaac Goldman and George L. Livingston. The women's division will be directed by the very charming and estimable Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz. Associated with Mrs. Sedwitz are Mesdames Max E. Sanders, D. L. Messing, Max E. Levine, Herbert S. Goldstein and Max Stavish.

**RABBI GOLDSTEIN TO BROADCAST OVER WMCA**

This year Rabbi Goldstein will deliver his address and answer questions on religious, social and domestic problems every Sunday morning at 10:45 over station WMCA.

He will be accompanied by Mr. Morris Jablow, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the institution.

**W. S. WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONDUCTS ACTIVE MEETING AND PLANS BUSY PROGRAM**

The very active W. S. Women's League meeting last week planned a very busy program of activities. This co-operative work on their part is characteristic of this very splendid group. Mr. Bernstein asked the ladies to extend their best efforts towards making the Theatre Party a success. He suggested that a committee to supervise the women's division of the Souvenir Journal be chosen from the League.

Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz was unanimously chosen Chairlady. Her associates are Mesdames Sanders, Messing, M. E. Levine, H. S. Goldstein, and Stavish.

A Rummage Sale is planned for the near future. The Rummage Sale Committee consists of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Chairlady, Mrs. Isaac Siegel, who is Honorary Chairlady, and Mesdames David Ullman, William Horowitz, Joseph Sedwitz, David Weisberg and D. L. Messing. Contributions are invited.

**SHEMINI ATZERETH AND SIMCHAS TORAH CELEBRATED WITH MUCH JOY AND JOVIALITY AT BOTH MAIN AND WEST SIDE BUILDINGS**

In a spirit of "simcha" and with much mirth and joviality, the I. S. members and friends celebrated the Shemini Atzereth and Simchas Torah. "Hakuvahs," songs, greetings, and refreshments colored the services and the celebration.

At the West Side main synagogue, Mr. Sigmund Arnstein was honored as Chasen Torah, Mr. Max E. Sanders was given the distinction of Chasen B'raisheth, and Mr. Harold Kaplan was chosen as moftir.

At the West Side small synagogue Chasen Torah was accorded to Emanuel Gluck, Mr. M. Weingarten was chosen as Chasen B'raisheth, and Mr. Sol Simon was given the distinction of Moftir.

At the Harlem Synagogue the honor of being Chasen Torah was given to Dr. Zaddock Kapner, Mr. A. Kramer was selected as Chasen B'raisheth, and Moftir was accorded to Mr. R. Friedman.

At the annual Shemini Atzereth celebration at Rabbi Goldstein's home, Cantor Yavneh entertained. Several guest speakers present lauded the services of Executive Director Abraham Bernstein.

**FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES, 4:45**

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## GREAT JEWISH PHILOSOPHERS

(Ed. Note:—With the public celebration of Benedict Spinoza's birth (1632-1677) great attention will be centered on the Jew's contribution to philosophy. The "Institutional" will, therefore, publish a weekly series, of which the following is the first installment, of great Jewish philosophers. The following installment is prepared by the Jewish Welfare Board.)

ASHER GINZBERG, more popularly known by his pen name, ACHAD HA'AM, whose colorful career came to a close on January 2, 1927, at the age of seventy, was a brilliant Hebrew essayist and stylist, and one of the outstanding philosophers of this generation, who exerted a profound influence upon contemporary Jewish thought.

## His Youth and Education

He was born August 5, 1856, in Skvira, in the Province of Kiev, Southern Russia, and was brought up in an atmosphere of religious piety and mysticism, his father, Isaiah, being a member of a family of Chassidim. He displayed unusual ability in the Jewish studies which he pursued in the local Hebrew school, which included Hebrew grammar, Biblical and Rabbinic literature. So well did he master the intricacies of the Talmud that the Rabbis in the vicinity frequently turned to the young man for advice.

Following the custom of the period, Ginzberg was married when he was in his eighteenth year. He moved to Odessa in 1878 and while there familiarized himself with the works of leading Russian writers and critics. He also plunged assiduously into the study of the medieval Jewish poets and philosophers, his favorite being Maimonides, who had a marked influence later upon his writings.

## Choveve Zion and B'ne Mosheh

He embraced the cause of Zion, stepping to the side of Dr. Leo Pinsker, recognized leader of the Choveve Zion (Lovers of Zion) movement, in 1884. He soon found himself out of accord with the policies of this organization and was prevailed upon to express his views in a famous essay entitled "Lo Zu Haderech" (This Is Not The Way!), which appeared in the Hebrew Journal Ha'Melitz in 1889. His main objection was to the secularization of the movement, and the over-emphasis of the philanthropic aspect of Palestinian colonization. He insisted upon placing the cultural phase in the foreground, setting forth his views and constructive suggestions in 1891 in a group of articles entitled "Derech Ha-chayim" (The Way of Life). He withdrew from the Choveve Zion and proceeded to organize a secret Zionist League which he called B'ne Mosheh, whose primary aim was the reawakening of the Jewish national consciousness, and which included in its membership a select group of noted Choveve Zionists, who were in agreement with his point of view. He was its recognized leader until it was disbanded in 1897. (to be continued)

RESERVE TICKETS NOW FOR I. S. THEATRE PARTY — DEC. 11th  
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## ATHLETICS

The Business Men's and Senior Gymnasium classes have been holding regular sessions for the past month. They meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 8 and 10 p. m. Beginning with Sunday, October 30th, they will have an additional session every Sunday morning between the hours of 10:30 and 12.

Under the direction of Mr. Levenson, a complete gym program has been arranged. This includes calisthenic classes, basketball, handball, the use of apparatus and swimming. Special classes in calisthenics and swimming are now being arranged. All those interested speak to Mr. Levenson or Mr. Wolken, the Swimming Director.

The first of our periodical medical examinations will be held on Sunday, October 30, at 10:30 a. m. All members who have not had a medical examination during the past year, or have received noticed to report for one on that day, are urged to make their appearances promptly at 10:30.

The clubs will resume their regular gym and pool schedule this Sunday, October 30. Only those clubs who have made arrangements for a gym period will be allowed the use of the gym and pool. All other clubs are urged to see Mr. Levenson as soon as possible in order to get a period and aid us in completing our club schedule.

No club will be allowed the use of the gym and pool unless they have on file in the office medical examination certificates. Clubs not having medical certificates on file are urged either to report for an examination on the 30th or to bring their medical certificates when they report for their gym period.

Inter-club tournaments will start in the very near future. Arrangements are being made to hold a basketball and a handball tournament as well as a swimming meet. Only those clubs having medical certificates and who are in good standing will be allowed to compete.

The Sunday afternoon Girls Gym classes, under the able leadership of Miss Florence Meltzer, will resume their sessions starting Sunday, October 30th, at 4 p. m.

The Institutional Athletic Association announces the opening of its new season. Classes meet every Tuesday evening from 7 to 10. The classes have already been formed and are open for a few new members. The calisthenic classes take place at 7:15 and 8:15 with a plunge or instructions in swimming directly after the gym class. The added attractions are a steam room and various individual instructions in reducing that surplus flesh.

## THE BOOK-SHELF

**Clear Black Licorice; a novel by Jules Anise**

The novel must be a farce. We have the testimony of one of the book's finely etched characters for that. To a trite observation that "There's farce and farce," this character retorts punningly, "Yea, that's as farce you can see." But it's interesting—that is, the plot—and not the authors' style.

The author's style is peculiar. There are sombre overtones of frustration, hysterical shrieks of ideology, a veritable drenching of puns, caustic observations and at times putrid and trite sentiments. Anise is reputed to be a Jew. And in the course of the plot's unfolding an endeavor is made to show minutely the peculiar changes in the principal character's religious beliefs.

The plot is complicated. And unusual. Maybe there is no plot at all. Let's explain the paradox. Things happen in the book. They happen insanely and inconsistently. But the joy of the book lies in the reader's attempt to tie all the strands together so they form a cord or chain of logical circumstances. One receives the same reaction upon completing a cross-word puzzle. Cause and effect never occur in this book. So much for the plot.

There are several unusual characters. They are pleasant and in concord with the inane situations of the book. There is one called Juco. Idealist, practical, somewhat like Don Quixote and sometimes like Sancho Panza, this Juco with a characteristic grace glides through the book. Then there is a non-descript called Jupiter. It is Jupiter who remarks on no provocation that "To a woman the consciousness of being prepossessing gives a sense of tranquillity that even religion fails to bestow." He is a Rabelesian character who was once a Puritan. Then there is a female character called "Licorice" by her friends. She is a genial personality—the second or first of the two rational characters in the plot. The other rational character is also a female, a writer, called "Weasel." She explained this unflattering nickname in this way, "Papers always ask me to write gratis; women's clubs always ask me to speak at teas—to them I always say 'We sell only; never speak at teas or give free statements to the Press. We sell only'. 'We sell' is contracted to 'Weasel' by the Press and the Public." There is also an assortment of other nondescript characters. We cannot do justice to them.

Moliere and Voltaire and Rabelais and Cabel and Barry would recognize numerous potential plots in this volume, "Clear Black Licorice."

**CURRENT EVENTS IN THE  
JEWISH WORLD**

The confiscation of the largest Moscow Temple, the "Chor Shul," was contemplated by the Soviet authorities on the eve of Rosh Hashana and was prevented only through a mass petition addressed to the Central Soviet authorities, it was learned in Riga, through a letter received by the former Moscow cantor, Lange.

The letter states that the confiscation of the synagogue was planned to parallel the confiscation of a large church.

When this became known a mass petition was drawn up by the Jews, who appealed to the Zik not to carry out its intentions inasmuch as two synagogues remaining would not be sufficient to accommodate the high holy day worshippers.

Following this the Zik ordered the Moscow Soviet not to carry out its confiscation plans.

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The Jewish Community in Smyrna is on the verge of collapse owing to the stringencies imposed by the Turkish government, the Turkish Jewish press indicates.

The papers point out that in the last seven years, Jewish institutions and Jewish life have been steadily retrogressing in Smyrna. The Jewish population of Smyrna shows a decrease of 25,000 during this period while eight large schools, seven Jewish newspapers, and three Talmud Torahs have been closed.

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Leaders of the orthodox Jewish Community of Leipzig, Germany, recently granted a dispensation to Dr. Hermann Badt, former Ministerial Director of the ousted Prussian Government and member of the Federal Council, permitting him to appear on Yom Kippur before the Leipzig Tribunal to conduct the case of the Braun-Severing Ministry against Chancellor Franz von Papen for unconstitutional ouster.

Dr. Badt, an observing Jew, who has always observed the Sabbath and Jewish holy days, was placed in a difficult dilemma. While the Braun-Severing group insisted upon his presence in the court as the most qualified theoretician on home constitution, Dr. Badt's religious beliefs called upon him to observe Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish religious calendar.

Orthodox Jewish leaders agreed to grant him the dispensation on the ground that the matter calling for his presence in court was that of the highest public interest as well as in the interest of Jewish prestige.

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For the first time in the history of New Jersey, a certificate of incorporation has been filed in the Hebrew language. Mordecai L. Lipis drew up the incorporation papers for the Vaad Ha'Kehillah, a new federation composed chiefly of orthodox congregations, and in so doing, he decided upon two fairly novel steps; first, among the objects cited for the Vaad is aid for the rebuilding of Palestine; and secondly, the incorporation papers themselves are being filed in Hebrew with the Secretary of State. And instead of the customary transcription by the County Registrar in filing the papers, photostatic copies of the original Hebrew incorporation certificate will be placed upon the Registrar's books.

**HAVE YOU TRIED TO GET ANOTHER MEMBER?**