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LARGE ATTENDANCE AND ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE GREETES NEW CLASSES

A very large and enthusiastic attendance greeted most of the courses and classes started last week by the Club Department. These courses and classes were chosen not only for their cultural values, but also because these courses and classes were consistent with most of the inter- and intra-club tournaments and activities to be conducted this year.

All of these courses are gratis. All members of the institution are urged to attend these classes. The instructors are exceedingly capable in their respective fields and can present their subjects sympathetically and lucidly.

Dramatic classes, rehearsals and activities are conducted every evening in the Auditorium. They are conducted by Mr. Samuel H. Wallach, distinguished producer of many Broadway hits, actor, playwright and coach. Mr. Sol Stein conducts the **Junior Dramatic Workers**. The latter Dramatic Group meets Monday nights.

The most enthusiastic response was the registration for the **Piano and Voice Classes**. Individual instruction is given Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Because every available period is now occupied, a waiting list of prospective students is now being considered. These classes are supervised by Mr. Max Schwarzmenn, a graduate of the Vienna Conservatory of Music.

A **Class in Hebrew** is planned for Monday nights under the leadership of Miss Leah Lieber. On Tuesday nights a **Class in Journalism** is conducted by Miss Celia Fingerhut, former Feature Editor and featured columnist of the St. Louis "Y" Journal. Wednesday evenings are rather active. Mr. Julius Cohen conducts a **Class in Debating and Public Speaking**. A **Cooking Class** which studies every phase of domestic science, from budgeting to table preparation, is supervised by Miss Leah Lieber.

Thursday night presents a varied program. Mr. Morris A. Urieff will conduct

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS THAT OUTSTANDING STARS WILL FEATURE THEATRE PARTY AND SALES VERY FAVORABLE

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 Bassar, 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.

a **Class in Bookkeeping**. Registration is now open for this class. Mr. J. Bueler conducts a **Class in Social Dancing**. Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen conducts a **Club Leaders Training Course** and a **Club Experimental Group**.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 4:28
Sedrah for Week: "Lech-Lecha."

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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 great Jewish philosophers. The following installment is prepared by the Jewish Welfare Board.) (Continued from last week)

ACHAD HA'AM

A Spiritual Center in Palestine—Revival of Jewish Culture as the First Step

Achad Ha'Am was concerned primarily with the problem of perpetuating Judaism as well as the Jewish people. He felt that the revival of the Hebraic spirit, the reawakening of the Jewish national soul throughout the world, must proceed simultaneously with the development of Palestine. The Jewish people must be prepared for an appreciation of Palestine, even as Palestine must be prepared for the Jews. The immediate task was that of Hebrew education, the revival of the Hebrew language, the study of Jewish history, the upbuilding of the Jewish character. Many who could not get themselves to support the program of the political Zionists, saw the value of cultural Zionism, the need for establishing a spiritual center in Palestine which would radiate its influence upon Diaspora Jewry and to which the latter could turn for guidance and inspiration. While Palestine could not be expected to alleviate the physical suffering of the entire Jewish people, since but a small proportion would find a haven of refuge there, it could revivify the dormant Jewish spirit; Palestine with its historic associations could awaken the Jewish creative powers.

His Attitude Toward the Assimilationist and Ghetto Jews

In his essays on Judaism and Culture the "lucidity of thought and meticulous regard for the truth" of the keen critic are evident. He chided the assimilationist for sacrificing his Jewish individuality upon the altar of emancipation, by stifling Jewish interests and relegating them to the background. On the other hand, he was out of sympathy with the extreme Ghetto outlook which attempted to shut out the light of general culture and modern ideas, asserting in his frank, direct manner, that "a spirit that can only live by keeping out the light of modern thought and progress might as well be dead."

Helped Frame Balfour Declaration

Achad Ha'Am settled in London in 1908, where he represented a Russian tea firm. He wrote his last essays in 1912, and remained silent until 1917, when he cooperated with the leading English Zionists in framing the Balfour Declaration. In an introduction to a new edition of his collected essays in Hebrew which he wrote in June, 1920, Achad Ha'Am reveals the history of the negotiations carried on by the Zionist leaders with the British government concerning the exact phraseology of the Balfour Declaration, which had far-reaching implications.

(To be continued)

RESERVE TICKETS NOW FOR I. S. THEATRE PARTY — DEC. 11th
 AT SAM HARRIS THEATRE

CLUB DRIVE OPENS THIS WEEK

With a goal — "Double the present club membership" — the clubs of the Club Department, in association with the members of the staff, are planning an active campaign to secure new clubs.

The Senior Clubs are particularly active in this campaign. The plan of procedure is as follows: Every club-member will solicit amongst his friends. A prospective club will be invited to call at the institution. A guest membership of one week will be extended to the prospective club. If the club is satisfactory, they will then be accepted.

Premiums will be offered to those members and clubs who are conspicuous in bringing in new clubs. The campaign starts with this issue. **FULL SPEED AHEAD—DOUBLE THE PRESENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP.**

TALMUD TORAH TO HAVE MOVING PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT AT REGUN THEATRE

The Institutional Synagogue will be the host to a large gathering of the children of Harlem and their parents. Many hundreds will enjoy a perfect morning at the Regun Theatre, 116th Street between Fifth and Lenox Avenues, on Sunday morning, November 13, 1932. Interesting pictures will be shown and hearty laughter will accompany the choicest comedy of the season.

Congressman Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and other famous speakers will address the audience.

The purpose of this rally is to popularize Jewish education in the neighborhood. It is the aim of the Institutional Synagogue to carry on its policy which has proved so successful in Harlem, helping every Jewish child to receive a religious education.

WEST SIDE WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO CONDUCT RUMMAGE SALE

The very active West Side Women's League will conduct a Rummage Sale in the very near future. The proceeds derived from this sale will be devoted towards the maintenance of the welfare activities conducted by the West Side Women's League.

The Rummage Sale Committee consists of Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Honorary Chairlady, and Chairladies Mesdames David Ullman and William Horowitz, also Mesdames Joseph Sedwitz, David Weisberg and D. L. Messing.

Friends who are interested in contributing clothing to the Rummage Sale may do so by phoning UNiversity 4-6729, 6730. Contributions are invited.

THE BOOK-SHELF

The Romance of Leonardo Da Vinci—by Dmitri Merejkowski, translated from the original Russian by B. D. Guernsey.

"If thou wouldst be an artist, forsake all sadness and care, save for thy art. Let thy soul be as a mirror, which reflects all objects, all movements and colors, remaining itself unmoved and clear." Thus spake the great Leonardo da Vinci, creator of the "Mona Lisa," anatomist, sculptor, mechanic—he designed aeroplanes and flying machines as early as the Renaissance—a life of such a versatile genius would almost encompass a history of that era, an analysis of the times that produced such a Titan, studies of the noted personalities of that era, and an estimate of the influence of these personalities. The book does justice.

Your reviewer read the book twice. He hopes to re-read it. He deems it one of the most outstanding books ever written. Historically correct, style resembling a cadenza of even rhythm, every personality developed perfectly, the book should be a criterion of what a perfect book is and should be.

Savonarola, pro-type of the religious leaders of the Spanish Inquisition, is portrayed in this penetrating fashion: — "This was the face of Savonarola exhausted with self-tortures, but not victorious over his pride and lust. His lower jaw jutted out; wrinkles furrowed his cheeks and neck, — the latter loose skinned, black, that of a mummified corpse; the upturned eyebrows bristled and inhuman gaze filled with obstinate, almost malevolent, supplication was directed toward Heaven."

A. D.

A Thought

A grave-digger one day was musing
While digging holes for the dead-to-be,
When his hold on the shovel losing
He fell himself into Eternity.

Evening Star

Night after night, bright Evening Star,
Your alluring light calls me from afar
To cross the vast unfathom'd vault of sky
And look upon the Kingdom of Eternity.
Thus dared, I sail on moon's soft sheen
And gaze amazed at grand celestial scene
Stunned, with the elegance of halcyon sight,
I fall, and am lost in the abyss of the night.

"BEN GERE"

THE I. S. SERVES ALL AND DESERVES YOUR SERVICE

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo, of the United States Supreme Court, has recently presented a collection of more than 1,000 law books, composing most of his personal library, to the School of Law of St. John's College, Brooklyn.

The collection will be added to the law library of the Borough Hall Division of that college.

The collection contains law volumes dating from 1730 to 1919. Many of them were bequeathed to Justice Cardozo by his father, the late Justice Albert Cardozo of the Court of Common Pleas. Another feature of the collection is a two-volume set containing the complete report of the trial of Aaron Burr. The collection also includes a set of seventy volumes containing briefs of cases on appeal written by Justice Cardozo as Justice of the Appellate Court of New York and briefs written by him in his private practice.

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During the past few weeks Jewish students attending Universities in Vienna and other Austrian cities, were attacked and badly beaten, in a number of anti-Semitic outbreaks. The worst of these outbreaks took place at the University of Vienna.

A delegation, representing the American students at the university, containing both Jews and non-Jews, visited the American Minister, G. B. Stockton, to learn whether they should return to the United States or whether the American Minister could assure them sufficient protection to make it safe for them to remain.

Mr. Stockton assured the delegation he will do all in his power to provide for their safety. However, a large number of the American students are waiting to see what will happen in the near future, and are ready to leave for the United States. Leaders

of the Jewish Community in Vienna have expressed their protest to Dr. Anton Rintelin, Minister of Education of Austria.

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Two new attacks upon Jews were reported from Southern Tunisia recently. Two Jews were injured at Zarzis by Arabs, who perpetrated the attack. A number of arrests were made by the police.

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The first copy of the memorial volume containing the names of twelve thousand Jewish soldiers killed in the World War was dispatched last week to President Paul von Hindenburg by the President of the Union of Jewish Front Soldiers of Germany, which publishes the volume.

Colonel Lowenstein, the President, told press that Reichswehr headquarters are encouraging the Union of Jewish Front Soldiers to enlighten the masses regarding the patriotism of the Jews of Germany.

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The possibility that the Agudath Israel may receive separate immigration certificates to be allotted to members of its organization abroad was seen in the communication which the organization received from the government of Palestine. The government has requested the Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox group, to furnish a list of young orthodox Jews abroad who wish to settle in Palestine and who, in the opinion of the Agudath Israel, are suitable.

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