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**A CONGENIAL ATMOSPHERE,
A SCINTILLATING SOUVENIR
JOURNAL, A WORTHY CAUSE,
ALL SPELL SUCCESS
FOR I. S. THEATRE PARTY**

**Reserve Tickets Now; Submit Advertising
Contracts Now**

With the committees actively engaged in disposing of tickets and securing ads for a brilliant Souvenir Journal, the Institutional Synagogue membership can anticipate the biggest and best Theatre Party yet conducted, on Sunday evening, December 11th, at the Sam Harris Theatre.

The association of such outstanding workers as Lester Udell, Chairman of the Theatre Committee, and his associates, Messrs. Max E. Sanders, David H. Gluck, and Aaron Wartels, and also Mr. Lou G. Siegel and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz, Chairmen of the Men's and Women's Committees respectively, of the Souvenir Journal and their co-workers, Messrs. William Bassler, David H. Gluck, Isaac Goldman, George L. Livingston and the Mesdames Max E. Sanders,

CLUB DRIVE STARTED

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.**

HAVE YOU PAID UP YOUR PLEDGE?

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time, owing to the unstable conditions prevailing in Harlem. We therefore ask you to be sincere enough to co-operate with us and send in your contributions as pledged with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your co-operation, which I know I may expect from you.

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director.

D. L. Messing, Max E. Levine, Herbert S. Goldstein, and Max Stavish, is certainly an assurance of a successful and popular social event.

Executive Director Abraham Bernstein advises the Institutional that he has secured the services of many Broadway stars. Bert Lahr and Jack Pearl are some of the stars who will entertain the I. S. constituency.

Your Co-operation A Factor For Success

An excellent presentation is assured, a congenial atmosphere is certain and the proceeds are being devoted to a worthy cause—the further development of the Educational and Social Welfare activities of the Institutional Synagogue.

The jobs our active committee members have undertaken are big ones, and the I. S. is fortunate in having such ardent workers to execute them. These workers are dependent upon the whole-hearted co-operation and assistance of the rest of the members and friends of the I. S. They therefore appeal to you to make the coming Theatre Party the most successful one ever conducted. You can assist by reserving your seats now, by soliciting ads for our Souvenir Journal, by urging your friends to attend the Theatre Party and to reserve your seats now, and by submitting advertising matter to our Journal.

**LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 4:22.
Sedrah for Week: "Va-yaro."**

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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

His Last Days

Achad Ha'Am spent the last six years of his life in Palestine, where he was privileged to witness the beginning of the realization of his hopes for a national renaissance — the revival of the ancient Hebrew language and culture and the founding of the Hebrew University. He had been in ill health for a long time. As a manifestation of the affection and esteem in which the sage was regarded by his brethren, the municipality of Tel Aviv named the street on which he resided "Achad Ha'Am" and diverted all traffic from the block adjoining his home every evening out of consideration for his delicate health.

When the sad tidings of Achad Ha'Am's death became known, glowing tributes were paid to the memory and achievements of this great teacher in Israel, by leading Jews throughout the world.

It was generally recognized that the influence of this unique personality was not confined to the Jews in Eretz Yisroel, but was world wide in scope. From the time when the spotlight of Jewish attention was first focused upon him in 1889 to the very end, this spiritual dynamo influenced profoundly the outlook of the leaders of Jewish thought. His emphasis upon cultural Zionism, though not crystalized into a party program, has had a shaping influence upon the development of Zionism. His belief that the redemption of Zion must be preceded by the spiritual regeneration of the Jewish people has stimulated Jewish cultural activities in all lands. His conception of Palestine as a cultural reservoir of Jewish inspiration, quenching the spiritual thirst of the scattered Jewish communities, revealed the possibility of a normal development of Jewish life in the Diaspora and reinforced the faith that life may have some degree of permanency.

A dazzling Jewish light was extinguished when Achad Ha'Am's soul was returned to His Maker. We may honor his memory most appropriately by familiarizing ourselves with his writings, by acquiring an appreciation of his prophetic spirit and ideas, and emulating his unwavering faith in and steadfast devotion to the perpetuation of Judaism.

— JEWISH WELFARE BOARD.

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

I. S. MASQUERS WILL PRESENT 3-ACT BROADWAY HIT

On Sunday evening, December 18th, at 8:30 p. m., the curtain in the Auditorium of the Institutional Synagogue will open on the first three-act play to be presented in the Institution.

"Saturday's Children," by Maxwell Anderson, with a history of a long run on Broadway, will be presented by the I. S. Masquers and sponsored by the Social-Educational Department and A. N. I. 18, one of our newer clubs.

In the cast we have such favorites in amateur circles as Gertrude Lunfield playing the part of "Bobbie," "Pete" Stein playing "Grims," Helen Kirschenbaum playing "Florrie," Sylvia Rosenfeld playing "Mrs. Gorlik."

The production, under the direction of Mr. Samuel H. Wallach, Dramatic Director of the I. S., has been in rehearsal for several weeks and promises to be one of the outstanding features of the program of activities for the year. Scenery and lighting effects, under the direction of Ira X. Baum and a staff of capable assistants, will undoubtedly be a distinctive feature of the production.

Tickets are now on sale. They may be purchased from the Members Ticket Committee or from any member of the staff. You are urged to secure your tickets now.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN RESUMES RADIO BROADCASTS

The popular Question Box feature broadcast the past two years through station WPCH by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein in association with Mr. Morris Jablow, of our Board of Directors, was resumed last Sunday.

Rabbi Goldstein invites readers and their friends to submit questions concerning problems of religion, ethics, and current trends of thought. Such communications may be addressed to Rabbi Goldstein at the Institutional Synagogue or at WPCH.

Readers are invited to listen in Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:30 to a stimulating and profitable program. Following the discussions by Rabbi Goldstein, superb musical entertainment is part of the broadcast

PERSONALS

We are happy to extend heartiest felicitation to Mr. Julius Cohen, Assistant Headworker, upon his engagement to Miss Claire Schwartz.

It is with profound sorrow that we learn of the death of the beloved sister of our active member, Mr. Harry Fischel. To the bereaved family we extend our sincere condolences.

THE BOOK-SHELF

CONTEMPORARY POETS

The Works of Lane N. Adisonn, T. S. Elliot and other contemporaries; an anthology of modern American and British Poets.

Alter Brody, Arthur Gutterman, Franklyn P. Adams (F. P. A. of "Herald-Tribune" fame), Chaim Nacham Bialik and Raskin are some of the Jewish poets represented in this work. Their work contains a peculiar satirical vein, reminiscent of the "punch line" of those Jewish folk stories employed by our parents to illustrate some sagacity on the part of the Jewish figure in the story.

Your reviewer is placed in this predicament—if one were to offer him a casket of jewels and urge him to take a few, he would not know which jewels to take. Your reviewer is offered in this book choice jewels of poetry. Which shall he choose for this review? He fingers the pages at random with this result:

Lane N. Adisonn's poetry. Can you visualize Puck chiseling humor on granite? If so you can best appreciate Adisonn's poetry and his style. Light, airy poetry is clumsily hammered by this "Puck." His more serious poems have a rare beauty. They are written in an even cadenza and graceful tempo. On occasion a Rabelesian touch colors a poem. On the whole we enjoy in Adisonn a poet of extreme moods and great versatility.

T. S. Elliot's poetry. Modernism plus in theme, rhythm and style. It is, to employ Elliot's phrase, "mathematically precise poetry." Your reviewer does not enjoy reading Elliot's poetry.

Arthur Gutterman's poetry. Readers of this column are best familiar with his works through his occasional contributions to the Editorial page of the "Times." This is "trick" poetry. Gutterman uses an emphasized rhyme. His poetry is pleasant, clever and well worth reading.

Franklyn P. Adams' poetry. Readers who remember the former "New York World" can also recollect that popular column, "The Conning Tower," edited by one F. P. A.—Franklyn P. Adams. Many of our best of the younger poets first appeared in "The Conning Tower." Now F. P. A. is a feature of the "Herald Tribune." His poetry is at times erudite, cynical, satirical and often written in a humorous vein.

Jules Anise poetry. Ah, here is poetry! These selections are appropriately placed near the end of the anthology. They should be, because Anise's poems are like the dessert at the conclusion of a delectable repast. Well thought and well written, they are well worth reading.

THE I. S. SERVES ALL AND DESERVES YOUR SERVICE

**CURRENT EVENTS IN THE
JEWISH WORLD**

Cochin Jewry, the oldest Jewish community in India, has recently awakened to the fact that unless immediate steps are taken to organize the community, a very dismal future is in store.

The community has shrunk to about 1,500 persons. It has the distinction of being the oldest Jewish settlement in India, as well as being the smallest and poorest in the land. A notable feature of its communal life since the organization of the community in the sixteenth century, is the consistency with which its members have sought to consolidate their position by adherence to the tenets of Judaism.

An association was recently formed to reorganize the Jewish community along modern lines, in order to prevent further shrinkage.

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The establishment of Biro Bidjon in Siberia as a Jewish republic has not been a conspicuous success thus far. Now the Soviets have announced a second five-year plan for that distant territory. The new plan provides for the settlement of 300,000 new immigrants by 1937, of whom not less than 50% shall be Jews. The cultivation of 250,000 hectares of land is also called for.

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Discrimination against Jews in northern England is growing, according to the Manchester "Daily Express." The press discloses that 100,000 Jews are suffering from such discrimination today in that part of Great Britain.

It charges that many Jews are forced to anglicize their names, but that even this does not help. The discrimination is particularly keen in the insurance business, the paper states, and extends to athletics and the social world as well. Jews are even barred from certain public dances, it alleges.

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In spite of fifteen years of anti-religious propoganda in Soviet Russia, the Moscow synagogues were thronged with worshipers during the recent High Holy Day services.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION TO
CONDUCT SPECIAL MEETING**

The Parents Association will conduct a very special meeting this Tuesday evening at the main building. Special surprises are in store. New members are invited and visitors are cordially urged to attend this meeting.

Jews from all parts of Palestine gathered recently at the colony of Rishon-le-Zion to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. The High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, and other high officials participated in the festivities.

The founding of Rishon-le-Zion in 1882 marked the first effort of modern Jews to recolonize their homeland in Palestine. Simultaneously there began an immigration from Russia and other countries which resulted in the establishment of numerous other colonies.

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Jews fared well in the national and state elections. Two new governors, Herbert H. Lehman and Henry Horner were elected and another, Arthur R. Seligman, were re-elected. The Jewish registration in the new congress was increased by two, and the total now stands at nine Representatives. All seven Jewish members of the last Congress, including two Republicans, were re-elected.

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In Belgium, where Jews have enjoyed their full civil rights since 1815, anti-Semitism has increased to alarming proportions due to the economic crisis. This situation is all the more tragic because the Jews, formerly diamond merchants, have suffered the hardest through the depressions. A large portion of the 44,000 Jews of Belgium are unemployed and fallen into ruin. They now have to face, in addition, the attacks of the anti-Semites.

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