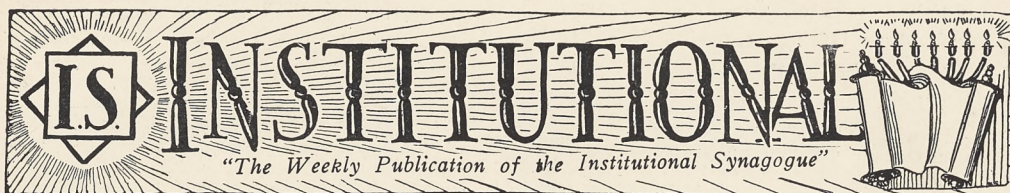


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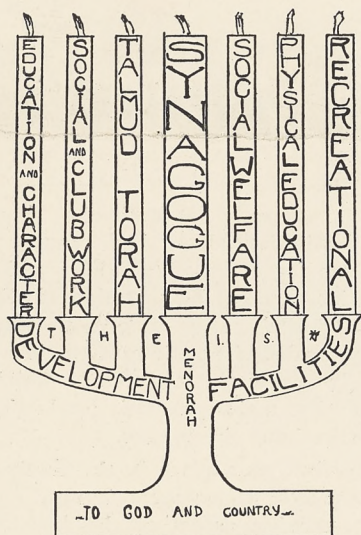


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What the I. S. stands for

GAME ROOM TOURNAMENTS ANNOUNCED

Tournament is the watchword and championship the goal. As on all fronts, contests get into swing in the I. S. Game Room. Mr. Seymour Siegel has arranged a series of tournaments which include everything that would interest an I. S. member. Every conceivable type of individual tournament is included. Checkers and chess for the intellectuals, "jacks" for the girls, and ping-pong for the athletes.

Not only has every type of activity been included, but to equalize the difference in ages, the tournament has been divided into groups. The Seniors have a tournament in each of the above fields all to themselves, as have the lower-intermediates, the juniors, the girls, as well as the Talmud Torah pupils, respectively.

In addition to these individual tournaments, inter-club tournaments are also under way and everything points to a hotly contested tournament for the championship of the Institutional Synagogue.

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.

WEST SIDE WOMEN'S LEAGUE RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE APPEALS FOR MORE MERCHANDISE

The Rummage Sale Committee of our very active West Side Women's League appeals to friends of the Institution to donate merchandise.

The Institutional Synagogue Rummage Sale is completing its third week of business in the store so generously contributed for the purpose by our very active Director, Mr. Isaac Settlet, at 370 West 35th Street, corner of Ninth Avenue.

The proceeds of the Rummage Sale are used by the West Side Women's League for the furtherance of its welfare work in the Institutional Synagogue. Friends of the Institutional Synagogue may render a great service to the Institution by contributing merchandise. If you have any merchandise which you desire to donate, phone UNIVERSITY 4-6729 or 6730.

We congratulate and extend best wishes to Director and Mrs. Isaac Settlet upon the birth of a lusty grandchild. Mother and child doing well, father and grandparents very boastful.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 4:23

Sedrah for Week: "Meketz."

Eighth Chanukah Candle should be lit before Sabbath candles.

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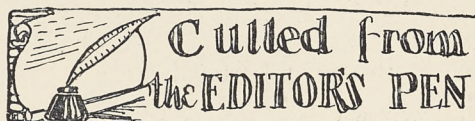
Forum

The following sentiments expressed by Judge Irving Lehman, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, are deemed appropriate for publication at this time.

"For generations the Jews of America have recognized their obligation to care for the sick and the poor, the defective and the handicapped; yet from the standpoint of service to the country no work is so important as providing for the moral, mental, and physical development of the normal young man and woman. It is not sufficient to send our boys and girls to the public schools or even to provide for their higher education in colleges and universities. It is the duty of the Jews to take up the work where the state and public agencies stop. It is for us to see that our Jewish youth develop into citizens who will at all times be ready and able to serve their country in a manner that will be a source of pride to ourselves and our fellow-citizens. Jewish young men and women are entitled to opportunities for social intercourse, for physical and mental development, in the hours which they can devote to recreation, and we who can must see that these opportunities are given them in a manner that will also help to develop their moral character. . . .

"I agree fully with those who deprecate a voluntary social segregation by the Jews as much as they deprecate a prejudice on the part of the non-Jew which compels such segregation. Jewish Centers are not intended to create a Jewish social life separate and apart from the social life of the community as a whole, but they do rest upon the recognition that Jews, like non-Jews, have social needs and desires, and that some of these needs and desires can be fully met only by the Jews themselves. These Centers add to the enrichment of the civic life of American cities."

At the convention of the Jewish Welfare Board it was announced that the Hon. Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue and Vice-President of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centers, was appointed to the Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board.



We have seen many dramatic productions at many institutions. Many of these institutions have had dramatic departments for years. We believe with sincere pride that our presentation of "Saturday's Children" easily ranks with some of the outstanding dramatic presentations produced by centers. "Saturday's Children" was the first major dramatic production of the Institutional Synagogue.

Dramatics has a place in the Institution. Our Dramatic Department is now one of the outstanding assets of the Institution, and fully merits encouragement. Your reviewer suggests that a friend of the Institution might do much good by offering to underwrite the I. S. Masquers.

Because of the necessary limitation of space in last week's "Institutional's" account of the production of "Saturday's Children," the names of many of the people who co-operated to make this production so successful were omitted.

Belatedly, but nevertheless with sincere appreciation, the "Institutional" wishes to acknowledge and thank the following: Max Miller, Superintendent of the Institution, for his exceedingly fine work in the construction and painting of the scenery. Assisting Mr. Miller in this work was his tireless friend, "Whitie." "Stacy" Baum rendered invaluable service in erecting the scenery and a number of other valuable services. Bernie Baum and Charlie Reisman were of great assistance to Mr. Baum and Mr. Rosenblat. Mr. Max Schenkin also rendered great service backstage. Mr. Moe Polenberg, who acted on the reception committee, also rendered great service. Ben Schenkin and Oscar Kammerman did splendid work as an arrangement committee. All last week Mr. Bernstein and the members of the production were complimented on the excellency of the production.

SING? PLAY INSTRUMENTS? SEE MR. SCHWARZMANN!

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT BROADCASTS CHANUKAH PROGRAM

Utopians Club Enacts Typical Holiday Program over Station WPCB

The precocious and active members of the Utopian Club and their charming club leader, Miss Sara Taitz, were invited to broadcast a typical Chanukah club program for the Club Department last Sunday morning.

Although this was the radio debut of many of the members, the program was broadcast with fine smoothness and with much vivacity.

Miss Sara Taitz opened the broadcast by extending an invitation to accompany her to the Institutional Synagogue. "We will visit," said Miss Taitz, "one of the many girls' clubs of the Institution." As Miss Taitz and her radio listeners approached the Utopian Clubroom, there was heard the voices of the members. The chairman was calling the meeting to order. In response to a question by the chairman as to what holiday was being celebrated the girls shouted "Chanukah!" Then one of the girls suggested that the club celebrate Chanukah.

The radio listeners could visualize very realistically a typical clubroom and a typical Chanukah program as conducted at the Institution. Every girl participated in the broadcast. There were the usual giggles and laughs, games and demonstrations, songs and applause which marks any good club program. In fact it was a most natural enactment.

We congratulate the Club Department, the Utopian Girls, and their leader, Miss Taitz, for this very splendid and novel broadcast.

CLUB DEPARTMENT HAS NOVEL CHANUKAH HIKE

Dear Reader:

This article is written Sunday morning. On Wednesday the Clubs are planning to go on a hike. A feature of the hike will be a Chanukah campfire.

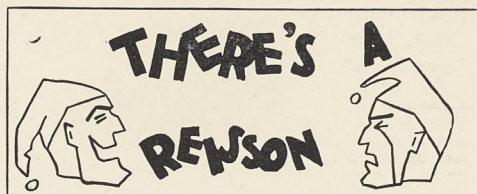
Listen, Reader, you get this "Institutional" Friday. If it has not rained Wednesday, then the following certainly must have occurred — the clubs met in front of the building, the club-leaders were present, Mr. Julius Cohen and Miss Leah Lieber supervised the hike.

TALMUD TORAH BROADCAST THIS SUNDAY MORNING

The Talmud Torah has been invited by Rabbi Goldstein to broadcast a typical Chanukah program this Sunday at 9 o'clock through station WPCB.

Dr. Joseph Datt has arranged a program which will be very novel and which will endeavor to capture a warm and homelike Chanukah atmosphere. Several surprise features are also to be included in the radio broadcast.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will resume his Question Box feature the week following this broadcast.



Most everyone knows the story of Frankenstein. Those who have delved into Jewish history and legend, know that this story is but a slightly different version of the story of the "Golem."

Because of his remarkable scientific discoveries in the field of chemistry, physics and biology, Rabbi Levi of Prague was looked upon by the "goyim" of the city as a wizard, one possessed of the Evil Spirit.

Thought the devout Rabbi: "If I am even one hundredth as powerful as the ignorant people think I am, why can't I create a living person who will serve me?" In the secrecy of his laboratory the Rabbi worked day and night. Finally he made a machine which looked like a man. To this mechanical thing the Rabbi gave the name "Golem." In the "lab" the Rabbi had a "mezzuzuh," which like all "mezzuzoth," had a parchment containing the Sacred Name. This the rabbi inserted into the mouth of the "Golem" . . . the machine-like man moved. It lived! It breathed! The rabbi had created life into a machine!

The "Golem" obeyed the rabbi's slightest bidding. It had the strength and efficiency of a thousand perfect servants.

One time on leaving his quarters, Rabbi Levi forgot to remove the paper containing the Sacred Name from the mouth of the "Golem." The robot walked about the town destroying every object and killing every human in sight. It came to the synagogue and began tearing down its walls, killing hundreds. Rabbi Levi was nearby. He dashed towards the "Golem." Quickly he removed the Sacred Name from its mouth. The "Golem" was crushed to a thousand pieces among the ruins and destruction it had itself caused.

Today we, too, have created a "Golem." It is our Machine Civilization.

We have allowed the Machine to make millions of dollars for a chosen few who worship at the Golden Calf of Wealth and Money. On the other hand the Machine has deprived millions of men from their jobs. These people face a cold and hungry winter in a country which is the richest in the world. There is hunger and starvation in a land where warehouses are bursting with an over-supply of food and goods.

The trouble is not in the Machine itself. The trouble lies with us. The Machine, like the "Golem," was made to serve man. Instead we are swiftly becoming the slaves of the Machine, not the Master.

—Sidney H. Reiss.

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Anti-Semitism is still on the increase throughout the world.

In Roumania forty Jews were wounded when "Cuzists" raided a charity ball given by the Jewish population of Jassy to support the Jassy hospital and ambulance service of that town.

In Vienna the police confiscated Nazi appeals to boycott Jewish stores. This is the second year that the Nazi's have endeavored to start such agitation, last year they distributed hundreds of thousands of leaflets bearing the inscription, "No Jewish Goods."

In Greece anti-Semitism has flared up due to a promise, given by Premier Tsaldaris, to the Jews that the existing conditions and restrictions against Jews in regard to voting would be removed. A motion to this effect would be introduced in Parliament shortly. As soon as this became public the organs friendly to the former Premier threatened to withdraw their support, and thus cause the downfall of the present government, if the project is not abandoned.

New History in Braille

The new history, "The Jews Come to America," by Paul Masserman and Max Baker, is to be transcribed into Braille and made available for the blind. The transcription will be under the joint auspices of the American Red Cross and the Temple Sisterhoods and will be made by Mrs. Ann Gutow, a Braille worker.

This volume was selected because of its general interest as well as the fact that there is a scarcity of books on Jewish subjects available for the blind. It will require a year or more for completion and will make ten or twelve volumes in Braille. It is understood to be the first Braille work on American Jewish history.

DO YOU KNOW THAT .

Jews form about one per cent (1%) of the entire population of the world.

There are more Jews in New York City than in all of Palestine.

The Bible cannot be amended or changed. This prompted Nietzsche to say, "Thank God there is one book that European barbarians have not touched."

The Jewish Supreme Court, consisting of 71 members, was called the Sanhedrin.

Many of the Arabian Nights tales have their source in the Agada of the Talmud.

All the laws of the Talmud were codified by Joseph Kaw in the 16th century. His monumental work was entitled the "Shulchan Aruch" (prepared table).

During the Middle Ages the Jews were the intermediaries by which trade was conducted between the Christian and the Moslem worlds.

There are about one hundred living descendants of the ancient Samaritans. Their Chief Rabbi died during the past month.

About eight per cent of the Jews come from Oriental countries.

The first Jewish kingdom lasted about four hundred years. The second Jewish kingdom lasted about six hundred years.

Since the time of Abraham, Jews have been in Palestine for only 40% of the time

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