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DEBATING TOURNAMENT IN FULL SWING

Kroywens and Bengals Win First Two Contests

The Inter-Club Debating Tournament opened in our Library Sunday evening, January 22nd, in a closely contested battle for forensic honors. The topic for the evening was, "Resolved, that a Socialistic form of government is an improvement upon the Capitalistic form of government." The Acme Girls upheld the affirmative and the Kroywen Girls the negative, of that resolution. The judges' decision, by a two to one vote, brought victory to the negative as upheld by the Kroywen Girls. Special commendation was rendered to Betty Levy of the affirmative for her outstanding delivery.

The high standard of the first debate was upheld by the Bengals and Utopians, in the second debate, on the topic, "Resolved, that the War Debts owed to the United States by foreign countries be cancelled or revised." This debate, held on Thursday evening, January 26th, proved an even closer contest than its predecessor. A crowded Library had the pleasure of hearing a lucid and interesting analysis of the present situation in regard to war debts. Again the decision of the Judges was a two to one vote, in favor of the negative, as upheld by the Bengals. J. Dasilver won honors in this debate for delivering the best presentation and rebuttal speeches.

A special feature of the second debate was a general discussion during the intermission period on the topic of the debate. In this discussion numerous members of the audience aired their views.

Thanks must be rendered to Messrs. Morris Urieff, M. J. Bueler, Simeon Goldstein and Julius Cohen for their services as judges.

The tournament will continue with the next scheduled debate between the Trojans and the Seacs, on Wednesday evening, February 8th. The topic of discussion that evening will be, "Resolved, that a system of Federal and State Insurance against Unemployment is essential for the economic stability of the United States."

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED

In view of the present conditions we appeal to our friends to send us as much as they can spare for one year's membership dues.

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.

Probably at no time in the entire history of the Institution has the situation been so critical. The present economic conditions, unemployment, the recent stock crash, etc., have all done material damage to the cause of charity, but as bad as our predicament is, there is no doubt that we will not shirk our task of fostering Jewish education and learning.

We urge you to induce friends to join you in your appreciated interest in the worthy work of the I. S. They may join by filling the form following this article and mailing it to us.

ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby enroll as a member of the Institutional Synagogue. I wish to encourage the fine and worthy efforts of the I. S.

Name

Address

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CHORAL GROUP AND MEM- BERS' ORCHESTRA PLANNED BY CLUB DEPARTMENT

A new undertaking which emphasizes musical interests is announced by the Club Department Staff. A Choral Group and a House Orchestra is to be organized and sponsored. The Group and the Orchestra will be rehearsed by the very capable Mr. Max Schwarzmenn.

Members who are interested in joining these activities are urged to submit their names to Mr. Cohen. As soon as a good nucleus is organized rehearsals will be announced. There will be no fee or charge for membership in these two worthwhile activities.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES, 5:01
Sedrah for Week: "Bo."

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Forum

"THE NEW MORALITY"

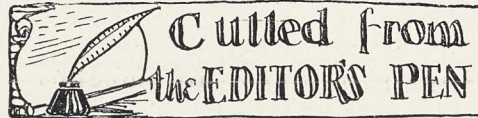
Moral standards are shifting today. There is a clamor for a new morality, a new self-expression. What is the new self-expression as over against the old morality. The old morality is based upon the fixed, timeless morality of the Bible. Our new self-expression is found in the jaded view and the jazz tempo of life. It is vulgar. This form of expression the Bible relentlessly portrays as sin, and rebellion against God.

All about us there is a restless feeling indicating a demand for a new religion. What I ask, shall we get as a substitute for the old religion? What shall replace God, the boon of the Sabbath, and the principles of religion, justice, love and peace? Religion is the established perfect way of life.

Surely the old order is changing, nay it seems to be breaking down, not because the old Biblical morality is wrong, but because we are shrinking from the stern, uncompromising sense of duty. Wealth, ignoble ease, and self-pleasure are weakening our spiritual propensities. Modernity is calling upon religion to sanction all forms of the free inter-mingling of the sexes. We are called old-fashioned, and made to feel like an anachronism, if we fail and refuse to keep pace with our modern experiments in religion and morals. Let us remember, "It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion, it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

If religion will compromise itself with every change, it will be like a tail, trailing the ages, rather than like a head, leading and guiding the changing epochs of mankind. The Rabbis say in the Talmud that when man leaves this world, he is asked in the world beyond, "Hast thou made the Torah, the moral law, fashion itself after the times, or hast thou made the times fashion themselves after the Torah,—the moral law?"

—RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN.

ANNUAL DINNER OF I. S. TO BE
SEASON'S HIGHLIGHT—APRIL 2nd

As a climatic social function of this year and as a means of celebrating the sixteenth anniversary of the Institutional Synagogue, a gala Anniversary Dinner of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on the evening of Sunday, April 2nd.

Prominent speakers and personages of note will grace the occasion. Broadway celebrities and entertainers will add a light touch to the dinner. The Committee is already planning to make this dinner unusually distinctive by the fine and novel entertainment offered by noted stars.

The members of the Dinner Committee and their associates on the Board of Directors and the executive officers are exerting themselves to the fullest in seeing that no stone is left unturned towards insuring a dinner success far surpassing any annual dinner heretofore held.

Mr. Max E. Sanders is Chairman of the Committee in charge of the dinner arrangements. Associated with Mr. Sanders on the Committee are Mr. George Livingston, Mr. Lester Udell, Mr. Aaron Wartels and Mr. David Gluck. These names, it can be seen at once, are the indefatigable workers of the I. S., and their association with any activity is synonymous with the successful conducting of that particular activity.

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SING? PLAY INSTRUMENTS? SEE MR. SCHWARZMANN!

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.**

YE CALENDAR OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Saturday night, February 4th, the **Varsity** entertainment at the West Side Branch. Music for the occasion will be supplied by the personable Solly Alper and his band.

Sunday evening, February 5th, the **Junior League** will conduct a meeting, dance and entertainment at the West Side Branch. Coffee and cake will be served. The small sum of twenty-five cents will permit one to eat, drink, dance, and be merry.

Tuesday afternoon, February 28th, the **Parents' Association** will conduct a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Rachel Vosberg. Tickets may be secured from the members of the Parents' Association.

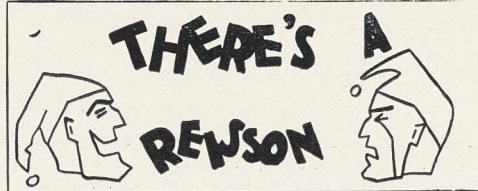
Wednesday afternoon, March 1st, the **West Side Women's League** will conduct a Bridge Party at the Rutgers Club. They extend cordial invitation to friends of the I. S. to attend the bridge.

A social hour followed the Bible Class at the W. S. Women's League's last meeting. Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein officiated as hostess. Mrs. David Ullman will be the hostess at the next social hour. In the absence of Mrs. Isaac Siegel, President, Mrs. Anderson presided.

SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE INTER-CLUB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED

The third in the series of the gym tournaments for the Senior and Intermediate Clubs will be a "round-robin" basketball tournament. Every Intermediate and Senior Club will be entered in this tournament and will play each other. The winners will be announced at the end of approximately six weeks.

Under the guidance of Mr. Levenson, the regular gymnasium members have formed an Intermediate House Team, to represent the Institution in the various matches.



Thru the kind permission of Dr. Frederick Robinson, President of the College of the City of New York, I am enabled to print his brilliant and stimulating address recently delivered over the radio on the topic, "Does Science Conflict With Religion?"

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

(Continued)

There are many things in the universe the power of which affects our lives, yet of which man is not dimly aware. Furthermore, of the many things of which he is aware he does not have a final answer concerning their true nature, origin and laws of actions and intersection. Science seeks to explain the totality of man's environment but it is never sure. Of course life goes on just the same, and more and more things are explained better than they formerly were. The inspiring quest of the scientist is never ending. Science is but the best current explanation of that which never can be fully explained. Indeed, the scientist is not sure that his very subject matter is not illusory.

Many human beings, from the earliest times, have experienced the force of a power greater than themselves. The experience is as real as that of the light of the sun to those who have it. Such people are truly religious. They seek to live in harmony with that supernatural power which they worship as God. They conceive laws or God just as the scientist conceives laws of material nature. When they live in harmony with those laws they are at peace with themselves and all men. The religious man sometimes tries to explain God and the agencies through which God operates — that explanation is theology. Theology bears the same relation to religious experience as science bears to experiences of the material universe. Just as scientists differ in their explanations, so do theologians differ and we have as consequence different religious creeds and sects.

But the religious man does not doubt the reality of God merely because he has not looked upon His face and His ways are past finding out, any more than the scientist doubts the reality of matter merely because he has not disclosed its ultimate character, all its forms and its total extension.

(To be continued)

RESERVE SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 2nd, FOR I. S. ANNUAL DINNER

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Nazi members of the Viennese police force were recently given their choice of either leaving their party or leaving the force.

A mass meeting of Nazi members of the police force recently held was dissolved by order of the Police President and the names of all those present were noted.

Policemen must not belong to any party which approves acts of violence against other citizens, stated the Police President.

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The government of the Republic of Argentine has made a striking concession to Jewish settlers in that country, notably those coming from Eastern Europe, according to an announcement by the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society.

According to a recent edict of the government, capital was prohibited from being exported. This worked a tremendous hardship upon Jewish settlers, who were thus prohibited from sending money to their relatives in Eastern Europe, and especially those living in Soviet Russia. The Buenos Aires Branch of the Hias was asked to intervene.

Negotiations were conducted between the Society and the Commission for Exchange Control, resulting in permission being given to the former to accept remittances on behalf of persons living in Eastern Europe. It was stipulated, however, that those remittances cannot exceed 50 pesos for each remittance and that the total amount to be remitted through the Society shall not exceed ten thousand pesos per month, or about \$2,500. Thanks to this concession the relatives in Europe will now receive, as heretofore, the monetary support upon which they depended.

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A bill will be introduced by the government of Quebec at the present session of the Legislature to curb anti-racial or anti-religious attacks conducted by certain publications in the provinces.

Any individual, whose race or religion is attacked will be able to seek redress in the courts, even if he personally is not attacked, according to the provisions of the projected measure.

DO YOU KNOW THAT .

- 1) One of the legends of the Middle Ages was that one of the Popes was a Jew.
- 2) The word Maccabee is taken from the Hebrew expression meaning "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord."
- 3) The Essene party, one of the three great Jewish sects, has been called "the Monks of Judaism."
- 4) The word "Rabbi" means "my master."
- 5) Josephus, about whom a book was recently written, was a descendant of the Asmoneans.
- 6) The Arabic name given to Mohammedanism was "Islam." Both this word and the Hebrew word, Shalom, are derived from the same root meaning "peace" or "perfection."
- 7) The Arabic equivalent for the Hebrew expression "Sholom Alaychem" is "Salaam Ahlaykoom." Both expressions mean "Peace be upon you."
- 8) The English vernacular "So long," is derived from the Semitic "Sholom" (peace).
- 9) Alfred Dusterberg, head of the Stahlhelm Party in Germany today, is a descendant of Jewish ancestors.
- 10) Frank Wycoff, the 100-yard track ace, and Carl Coan, intercollegiate mile champion, are both Jewish.

A training farm for Canadian Chalutzim is being established in Chambly Basin, Quebec, where prospective Canadian Chalutzim will receive a rudimentary knowledge of agriculture before their departure for Palestine.

The farm is situated not far from Montreal and consists of some 400 acres cultivated, as well as wooded soil. The first groups of Chalutzim from Montreal and Toronto will shortly go on the land.

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