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RECORD ENTRIES FOR DRAMATIC TOURNAMENT— ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

The number of clubs entered in the One-Act Play Contest promises to be the greatest ever participating in a Dramatic Tournament in the Institution.

The various groups that can be found rehearsing on the stage of our auditorium are nearing a state of perfection that augurs well for a close and interesting contest.

A plaque will be awarded the prize production and a medal presented to the best individual performer.

The following rules will govern the contest.

1. Any club in good standing may enter the contest.
2. Each member of every cast must be a member in good standing in his club and in the Department.
3. The play to be produced must be selected and approved by March 7th by Mr. Cohen or Mr. Wallach.
4. A club which selects a play which calls for a cast of at least three characters may include in its cast a member of the opposite sex. However, the person chosen must be a member of the building.
5. Arrangements for rehearsals must be made with the office.
6. There will be evenings devoted to Junior, Intermediate and Senior Club productions, respectively.

WEST SIDE WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANTICIPATES SUCCESSFUL BRIDGE PARTY

Wednesday afternoon, March 1st, the West Side Women's League will conduct a Bridge Party at the Rutgers Club.

Delicious refreshments, fine prizes and a congenial and cordial atmosphere will make this Bridge Party thoroughly enjoyable to all attending.

The proceeds will be devoted to the worthy social welfare work of the I. S.

The West Side Women's League extends a cordial invitation to friends of the I. S. to attend the bridge.

Last Monday afternoon the W. S. Women's League had as its guest Mae Berland Rogin, of the Chicago Company of "Councillor-at-Law," who rendered an interesting dramatic reading.

ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LUNCHEON FESTIVE SPIRIT EVIDENT AS INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE PREPARES FOR 16th ANNUAL DINNER

Max E. Sanders Heads Committee, With
Messrs. George Livingston, Lester
Udell, Aaron Wartels and David
Gluck as Associates.

Sunday evening, April 2nd, will be the biggest night in the history of the I. S., when its membership will celebrate its existence by an Anniversary Dinner at the West Side Branch.

It is expected that the attendance this year will far surpass that of previous years. Prominent speakers and personages of note will grace the occasion.

The I. S. Annual Dinner always excites an interest such as no other event does during the year. The members of the Dinner Committees 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.

Send In For Table Reservations Now!

Tickets for the Dinner will cost three and a half dollars per person and table reservations may now be had. Reservations can be made through any member of the committee, or through our Executive Director, Mr. Abraham Bernstein.

It is urged that reservations be made promptly.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON AROUSES MUCH INTEREST

The Parents' Association Luncheon in honor of Mrs. Rachel Vosberg is arousing much enthusiasm amongst the members of this fine group. The Luncheon will be held Tuesday afternoon, February 28. The committee in charge comprises Mrs. A. Wartels and Mrs. Leah Siegel, Honorary Chairladies; Mrs. I. Stein, President of the Association; Mrs. B. Sadowsky, Secretary, and Mrs. Vogel, Treasurer.

Tickets may be secured from any of the members of the Parents' Association.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 5:26

Sedrah for week: ...*"Mishpatim."*

"Parshas Shekalim"

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Forum

HAMAN A LA MODE

Once again the Jewish people are faced with a situation that reminds one of the dark and evil days of Torquemada of the Spanish Inquisition. Once again the threat has come to force the Jews of an entire nation to leave a country in which they have been born and bred, to take up once more their wanderer's staff and to enact once again the role of the "Wandering Jew."

In our day this threat has emanated from a once world power, Germany, under the guidance of Adolph Hitler.

Evidently Herr Hitler has neglected to read history. For in the pages of any tome dealing with it he would find the economic significance of the Jew. That, from whatever city or country the Jew has been evicted, either forceably or through other means, that city or country has suffered, and suffered greatly, economically.

What better example could we take than that of Spain; and what better answer could we propound than to point to Spain's recent pleas that the Jew return?

But why go back so far in history? Let us take the case of the city of Hebron, in Palestine.

In 1929 Hebron was a flourishing town. Jews had revived it, and Jewish money, merchants, and commerce was its life blood. The Arabs, who had been benefited by this, thought that this was due primarily because of their own efforts. In October, 1929, occurred the Massacre that took the lives of so many Jews. A general exodus of the Jews resulted, with the result that the Arabian mason has no work, the Arabian landlord has no tenant, while the Arabian carpenter is idle. Hebron has "declined and languished."

Herr Hitler has spoken much, as yet he has done nothing. Can it be that he has suddenly realized that not all the Jews are entirely bad? Has he suddenly realized that a nation that can produce a Heine, a Mendelssohn, or an Einstein; and one which

had a culture and high degree of civilization when Germany was merely an uncivilized region inhabited by aborigines, can compare favorably, if not better, with his boasted "nordics"? Or has he suddenly been informed and taken cognizance of the fact, that there is not a country under the sun, of any economic significance, where

Jew has **not been partly** responsible for its rise to such economic significance?

In any event, though Herr Hitler himself has taken no action, the mere fact that one who has publicly stated his policy in regard to the Jew, has been appointed to such a high governmental position, has added more fuel to the already flaming fire of Anti-Semitism in Germany, and swept into flame the embers of it throughout the world.

In Germany the ancient, and oft discredited, blood ritual accusation has once more been launched against the Jew. This time, not against any one individual, but against the Jews of the entire city of Rastenberg, in the Province of Koenigsberg.

In Poland one man risked the life of his wife rather than let her be operated on by a Jewish surgeon in an emergency. Instead of being grateful for the opportune presence of a surgeon, hospital, and modern equipment to save the life of one near to him, this man raced through the streets of the town shouting "The Jews want to kill her."

Once more a voice is heard crying in the wilderness, "How, Long, oh Lord, How Long?" How long must the Jew be the scapegoat of the nations, and how long must civilization be mired in the morass of "benighted ignorance," anti-Semitism?

— M. A. U.

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"BRING IN" A NEW CLUB OR GYM MEMBER

DECLAMATION CONTEST DRAWS INTEREST OF CLUB MEMBERS

The first call for entries for the Declamation Contest to be held in March has resulted in a response commensurate with the interest shown in all the other various tournaments held at the I. S. this year.

Preliminary contests will be held in each individual club. Two winners, chosen from each club, will then compete in the finals for the championship of the institution.

FINE RESPONSE GREET'S CALL FOR PROPOSED CHORAL-ORCHESTRA

A new undertaking which emphasizes musical interests, announced by the Club Department Staff, attracted many who were interested.

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. 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.

TERMELINES CLUB TO STUDY "YOUTH MOVEMENT"

The Termelines Club is particularly interested in a study of the Youth Movement. They have invited Miss Ruth Chalcross to address them on the "Youth Movement in the U. S. R. R." Miss Chalcross, who is a graduate student at Columbia University, toured Europe last summer. The Termelines extend invitation to all those interested to attend the meeting and talk this Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

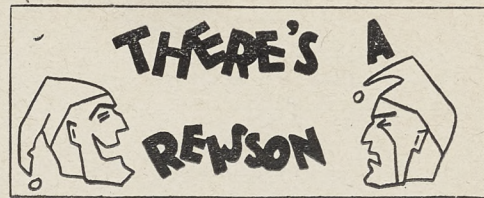
They plan to invite speakers to discuss the Youth Movement in various countries.

TALMUD TORAH TATTLINGS

The real spirit of Chamisho Osor B'shvat was exemplified in the joyous party which was held at the Main Building by the pupils of the Talmud Torah. The spirit and significance of the holiday was explained by Dr. Joseph Datt, and Mrs. Stein spoke on the work of the Parents' Association.

Some of the visiting children, who were not already pupils of the Talmud Torah, immediately after the party enrolled themselves on the I. S. Talmud Torah register. The celebration was featured by beautiful songs in both Hebrew and English, by lusty cheering and, above all, by the traditional Chamisho Osor B'shvat fruit and goodies distributed by the Parents' Association.

Under the direction of Mr. Samberg the services of the Junior Synagogue are attracting more and more children. The room used for their services is being overcrowded and some of the older children are forced to attend the adult services. There is a prize in store for the class with the highest percentage of attendance in Shule.



AREISSTOCRACY

Before you argue on technocracy, or "solving the depression" or the "machine age," there are a number of important facts you should have at your finger tips.

Below are recorded facts which have never been denied. They are authoritative, accurate and incontrovertible.

There is enough wealth in the U. S. that if it were distributed according to the dictates of religion and justice, not a man, woman or child in this country would be hungry, ragged or homeless.

In 1927 Dr. Leo Wolman of Columbia estimated that there were 2,055,000 people unemployed . . . and 1927 was supposed to be a "prosperous year."

In 1930 there were 504 people reported to have an income of at least one million dollars a year. At the same time there was at least 6,000,000 unemployed.

In 1929 when 20 million citizens were living below minimum standards of health, there were 14,800 people receiving incomes of more than \$100,000 each. Who was it who said "the rich get richer, and the poor get children?"

Under the new "reduced" electric rates, about 50 per cent of the people pay more than under the old rate. The chances are about 50 to 1 that you are included in that 50 per cent.

In 1932 the Brooklyn Edison Co. had a \$4,000,000 decrease in wage payments as compared with 1930. Nevertheless, during the same period dividends were up \$2,800,000. Understand the reasons for the depression?

Two hundred corporations control 39 per cent of the wealth of the U. S. In 1929 this amounted to 81 billion dollars. Only 5 per cent of these 200 corporations are controlled by majority ownership. Control of these corporations is centered in less than 2,000 men, actually in less than 100 men. In other words, less than 100 men control 81 billion dollars of corporate wealth.

More than a million children are employed in industry.

The Sales Tax is a wonderful device to enable bankers and others of swollen incomes to escape the taxes they can afford to pay. The sales tax is an excellent way to "soak the poor" and bleed the forgotten man.

The basic reason of our depression is the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. If we spread our existing wealth according to the laws found in the Bible, the depression would be over in thirty days.

SIDNEY H. REISS.

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

CURRENT BOOKS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

"Yoshe Kalb"

The story of "Yoshe Kalb," a dramatization of which has been one of the outstanding successes of the Yiddish Art Theatre in New York, has been translated into English by Maurice Samuel and will appear early in the Spring under the title "The Sinner."

The original novel was written in Yiddish by I. J. Singer and tells a fantastic story of the Chassidic and wonder-working rabbis of the Austrian-Russian border. It tells a story of youth, passion and mysticism with an amazing picture of Chassidic life, with its strange manners, traditions and customs. The young hero expiates a sin by the sufferings of a self-imposed exile during which he travels among strange peoples in strange lands. Superstition, mysticism, pure religion and physical brutality form a mixture of motifs which runs through this unusually fascinating story.

An unusual and informative volume has recently appeared—"A Palestine Directory and Handbook," a 700-page book in Hebrew and English, providing concise information on all aspects of Palestine life. It supplies the names of addresses of residents in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Jaffa and Haifa, classified on an occupational basis, as well as the names of small towns and colonies and a general alphabetical classification.

A one-volume, comprehensive but popular book by Josef Kastein, "A History of the Jews," which has been very popular in Germany, has been translated into English and will shortly appear. Mr. Kastein is the author of "The Messiah of Ismir," one of last year's outstanding successes. "A History of the Jews" is expected to be equally popular here.

DO YOU KNOW THAT .

Al Jolson is the son of a "chazan"?

Horace Kallen, the philosopher, who has secretly written a book against Individualism, is rumored to be the son of a "shochet"?

Elmer Rice, the playwright, who wrote the sensational and defiant play, "We, the People," was once dramatic director of the University Settlement. Cheer up, you future stars of the drama.

Lilyan Tashman, known as the best-dressed woman in Hollywood, was once just another Brooklyn Jewish miss.

George Gershwin, who composed the music to "Rhapsody in Blue," is another Jewish contributor to jazz music.

Composer Gruenberg, responsible in great part for the score of "Emperor Jones," is keenly interested in Hebrew music.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was formerly a business partner of an orthodox Jew—Gustavus A. Rogers.

The Four Marx Brothers represent another contribution of the Jews to the long list of comedians who have made national reputations for themselves.

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