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ANNUAL DINNER OF INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE TO BE SEASON'S HIGHLIGHT

Sixteenth Annual Event to Be Held Sunday Evening, April 2nd, at W. S. Branch.

With the slogan, "The Sixteenth Anniversary Dinner Must Be a Success," the Dinner Committee has set the ball rolling for what will undoubtedly be the most outstanding function in celebration of the Sixteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Institution.

Send In For Table Reservations Now!

Mr. Max E. Sanders is Chairman of the Committee in charge of the dinner arrangements. Associated with Mr. Sanders are Messrs. George Livingston, Lester Udell, Aaron Wartels, and David Gluck.

The Executive Director announces that reservations can be made now at the exceedingly low price of \$3.50 per guest. Surely at this low price the membership and their friends should send in their reservations immediately.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be a SPECIAL meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday evening, March 16th, at the W. S. Branch. All Directors are urged to be present at 8:15 promptly.

DECLAMATION CONTEST DRAWS INTEREST OF CLUB MEMBERS

The first call for entries for the Declamation Contest to be held Carnival Week 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 Sunday afternoon.

RUMMAGE SALE CONTRIBUTIONS ASKED

We will be glad to call for all clothing and contributions for I. S. Rummage Sale.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mr. and Mrs. Zigmund H. Wechsler on the engagement of their daughter, Rose, to Mr. D. Harry Kleinfeld, of Philadelphia, Pa.

PROGRAM OF PURIM CARNIVAL WEEK

March 11th—Saturday evening Purim Dance and Entertainment by I. S. Daughters, W. S. Men's Club, Senior Clubs, etc. Dutch Supper and Dance.

March 12th—Sunday evening Purim Masquerade for Club Juniors, Jr. B. and the Younger Intermediate members.

March 13th — Monday, Game Room Tournament, Exhibitions, Members vs. Staff game in ping pong.

March 14th—Tues, Debate, vs. Y. M. - Y. W. H. A., Oxford System, in Library.

March 15th—Wednesday, "Howdy Night" in Social Room.

March 16th—Thursday, Gym Night, Exhibitions, Basketball Game, Members vs. Staff.

March 19th — Sunday afternoon, finals, Declamation Contest;

March 19th—Sunday night, one-act play contest, in Auditorium.

COLORFUL DUTCH SUPPER AND DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT TO BE CONDUCTED THIS SATURDAY NIGHT AT MAIN BLDG.

This past week a dazed populace received announcements through the mail in the form of an invitation to attend an unusual function to be held at the Institutional Synagogue, Saturday night, March 11th, under the auspices of the Men's Club and Daughters of the I. S.

A Dutch Supper, Purim Dance and Entertainment "dedicated to all those who have been in Dutch from one Purim to another," read the ticket. Further "admission 50c, plus 9c (the latter figure is an amusement tax—for our amusement)" announced this very modest ticket.

Refreshments, frankfurters, beer (this conservative paper will not submit any hints as to the vintage of the beer), a floor show, entertainment, and dancing will all make this evening a memorable one.

Will it be good? Esther Garfunkel emphatically says "yes." And Esther is always right. So was Queen Esther.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 5:42

Megillah will be read Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Sedrah for Week: "Tzaveh."

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Forum

PURIM

The jolly festival of Purim coincides this year with Sunday, March the twelfth. The fast of Esther will be observed on Thursday, March the ninth. Purim will be ushered in on Saturday night, March the eleventh, by the recitation of the prayer "Al Hanissim" and the solemn reading of the scroll of Esther; and will be celebrated all through Sunday by such customs as the sending of gifts and general merrymaking.

The Story of Purim

About twenty-four centuries ago the Jews were the subjects of the Persian Emperor Ahasuerus. As a result of his whim the Jewish maiden Esther, whose uncle was the great Jewish scholar, Mordecai, became his queen.

Another of Ahasuerus' whims placed the worst Jewish enemy—Haman—above all ministers of the state; and Haman's whim brought about a decree for the extermination of all the Jews.

The haughty Haman demanded that all should fall prostrate before him; but Mordecai refused to bow to Haman on religious grounds. The arrogant upstart considered it beneath his dignity to punish Mordecai alone, and devised a plan for exterminating all the Jews. For this Haman needed the consent of the Emperor. The latter not only approved Haman's evil design against the Jews without investigation, but delivered the signet ring to Haman, thus empowering him to sign whatever decrees he wanted. Haman set the date for his murderous plan by means of casting lots (Lots in Persian are called "purim"; hence the name of the festival), and that happened to be the thirteenth of the month of Adar. On that day the Jewish enemies were supposed to fall upon the Jews, and destroy all of them. Meanwhile, Mordecai, who was watching at the gates of the court, refused to bow to Haman. When the latter saw this it was more than he could stand, and at the advice of his friends he made a high gallows on which he planned to hang Mordecai.

Haman didn't have to make a special trip to the court, in order to get the consent of the Emperor to the immediate hanging of Mordecai; Queen Esther invited him and the Emperor to a special banquet, and the little request could be made right there. But something unexpected awaited Haman. Shortly before Haman entered the royal chambers, the Emperor found out through the Persian annals about Mordecai's saving his life and he decided to reward Mordecai royally. No sooner did Haman appear than Ahasuerus asked him the following question: "What shall be done to the man whom the king delighteth most to honor?" Haman was sure that the king meant to honor him and answered diplomatically, "Let royal apparel be brought, and the horse that the king rides upon, and let the apparel and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that the man may be arrayed therewith, and cause him to ride on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaim before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor.'" Little did Haman dream that he ordered to do so to Mordecai; but such was the Emperor's command, which he dared not disobey.

But just then Esther revealed to the Emperor that she was a Jewess, and that she would not be able to endure the extermination of her people. Then she accused Haman of plotting to kill all the Jews. Immediately afterwards the king ordered Haman hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai.

After that Mordecai was appointed by the Emperor as prime minister in place of Haman; but the evil decree against the Jews could not be rescinded, because it had been signed by the Emperor. All that Mordecai and Esther could do was to issue another decree in favor of the Jews, permitting the latter to avenge themselves on their enemies. In face of two such contradictory edicts bloodshed was unavoidable; but due to the influence of Mordecai on the army the Jews were saved and many of their enemies killed.

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ,

Chairman of Educational Committee.
 U. O. J. C. A.

"BRING IN" A NEW CLUB OR GYM MEMBER

FIRST OF SERIES OF ONE-ACT PLAY CONTESTS TO BE CONDUCTED MARCH 19th

Clubs Show Interest in the Most Popular Tournament of Year

After weeks of rehearsing, the thespians of the I. S. are ready to make their bows Sunday evening, March 19th, in the Auditorium.

On that evening the **Acme Girls**, the **Kroywen Girls** and the **Hennings** will present three well-rehearsed plays.

The curtain will rise at 8:15 promptly because of the complete program.

The second of this series of One-Act Play Contests will be conducted Sunday evening, March 26th, the **Amici Girls**, the **Utopian Girls** and the **Bengals** will then present their respective productions.

The third of the series will be conducted Saturday night, April 1st. The **Termeline Girls**, the **Seacs**, and some of the other Senior and Intermediate clubs will produce their plays then.

The best production of the respective evenings will be presented in the championship finals Sunday night, April 9th. At each performance a medal will be awarded to the best individual performance, a plaque will be awarded on the night of April 9th to the best production.

The public is cordially invited to attend these One-Act Play Contests. Tickets may be purchased for only ten cents a performance from any one of the members of the above mentioned clubs or at the box office.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON A SUCCESS

A delightful and entertaining luncheon given by the Parents Association in honor of Mrs. Rachel Vosberg, Vice-President, Tuesday, February 28th, was very well attended and successfully conducted.

Mrs. I. Stein, President of the Parents Association, opened the luncheon with a "Shehecheyanu," as it was the first Luncheon given by the Organization. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was the guest speaker. Those present were entertained by Miss Judith Roth, soprano, and Mr. Irving Davidson, humorist.

Mrs. Vosberg was presented with a silver "becher" by the President.

A gorgeous silver pitcher was donated by Mrs. Stein for a raffle, and upon which a goodly sum was realized.

The Luncheon Committee were: Mrs. Leah Siegel, and Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Honorary Chairladies, Miss Eva G. Stein, Chairlady of the luncheon; Mrs. J. Sadovsky, Secretary; Mrs. P. Vogel, Treasurer, and the Mesdames Sol. Robinson, I. Bernstein, Cohen, Fleisig, Gruber, H. S. Goldstein, Kluven, Rose Kohn, Z. Kapner, A. Levine, G. Livingston, M. Neuvirth, Pearlman, Rothstein, Rosenbach, Miss Gertrude Stein, Winokur, and Vosberg.

CURRENT BOOKS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

The Palestinian Youth

This volume is the first one ever published in English which describes adequately and authoritatively what actually has been done in Palestine by the youth and labor movements there. In "Pioneer Youth in Palestine," the author, Shlomo Bardin, has given a splendid picture of the results of the strivings and sacrifices of the young men and women who left their homes in various parts of the world to develop an ideal in the land of their forefathers. What they have accomplished, the obstacles they have overcome in order to do so, their hopes and dreams are well described by Mr. Bardin who has lived and taught in Palestine for ten years.

His book gives a vivid picture of life in the various colonies which have already been established, the ideals towards which their founders are striving and includes a glowing account of the intellectual and spiritual life which is followed by these devoted and consecrated workers in a plan for a new social order. The book is of fascinating interest and reads like a romance rather than a picture of actual life. The "Hebrew Union College Monthly" makes this comment: "For him who is youthful in mind, for him to whom life represents infinite variety and possibility in everlasting changes, for him who believes in the supreme value of ideals in the world of action, be he Zionist or non-Zionist, "Pioneer Youth in Palestine" will be a revelation of the role that will, determination and uncompromised action towards ideals can play in the destiny of a group."

Youth and Religion

The appearance of "The Attitude of the Jewish Student in the Colleges and Universities Toward His Religion," by Dr. Marvin Nathan has just appeared, and is sure to evoke considerable discussion. It is a volume which should prove invaluable to all those interested in the spiritual and moral problems of youth. The author has made a survey of the student's point of view, what he thinks and feels about his religion. He has studied his religious training and how it is affected by his college environment. He has questioned the student as to how deeply his increase of the knowledge of science has influenced his beliefs and practices. The results from a questionnaire to fifteen hundred students in sixty colleges and universities and also from interviews and group discussions figure in the book.

All men and women who are interested in the Jewish youth movement — religious school teachers and principals, leaders of the Y. M. H. A.'s, professors at colleges and universities — will find this book an invaluable help,

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

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

A medical bill excluding foreign physicians from practicing medicine in France was adopted by the Senate of the French Parliament.

This measure may affect many Jews who, prevented from studying the professions and practicing in their own countries, because of anti-Semitism, have sought refuge in France.

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An impressive tribute was paid to Maurice Schwartz, founder and director of the Yiddish Art Theatre, recently. He was the recipient of the Manischewitz plaque, awarded by the Manischewitz Foundation for the outstanding contribution of the year to the Jewish Theatre in America. He was awarded this plaque for the production of "Yoshe Kalb."

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In a recent interview Stephane Lausanne, editor of "Le Matin" of Paris, stated that there was no "Jewish question" in France, but that the Jews were regarded merely as a religious creed; one of many and all treated alike. This seems to be an adequate statement of French policy in regard to Jews and is borne out by the fact that there is tendency for Jews, oppressed in other countries, to seek France as a haven of refuge.

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The formal dedication and presentation of the Louis Marshall Memorial Building of the New York State College of Forestry and Syracuse University, took place recently. With this addition the New York State College of Forestry is the largest and most modern of all forestry colleges in the world.

This tribute to the memory of Louis Marshall reflects his influence and reverence with which the people of his home city felt for his memory.

DO YOU KNOW THAT .

Jackie Fields, former welterweight boxing champion, was born Jacob Finkelstein.

As a result of the French Revolution, Jews were proclaimed full citizens and given the rights of Frenchmen.

When Mohammed failed to get the support of the Arabian Jews, he changed the Mohammedan Rest Day from the Sabbath to Friday.

There is a scholarly journal of higher mathematics printed in Hebrew at the Yeshiva College.

Aline MacMahon, the screen star, despite the Hibernian name, is a Jewess. Remember the joke about Abraham "Kelly" Cohen, "Kelly" for protection?

Napoleon assembled a Jewish Sanhedrin in 1807 in Paris.

Elijah, the Gaon of Vilna, slept only two hours a day, devoting the rest of his time to the service of his people.

Rashi (Rabbi Solomon Ben Isaac) the "Prince of Commentators," was a French Jew.

Thomas Babington Macaulay, the great English author and essayist, was an outstanding advocate of Jewish rights. Be sure to read his "Defense of the Jews."

Fannie Hurst, Jewish authoress, has written another book, which has been cordially received by some critics?

Edna Ferber, the authoress of "So Big," is also Jewish?

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