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The best production of the respective evenings will be presented in the championship finals on 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.

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Dear Congressman Siegel:

In response to your letter of February 27th, it is a pleasure to send you the enclosed check for \$300 as a contribution towards the maintenance of the Institutional Synagogue. You may be sure that we are very glad indeed to again have the opportunity of cooperating with you in this splendid work.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN S. BURKE.

It is with profound sorrow that we learn of the death of the brother of our esteemed director, Congressman Sol Bloom. To the Congressman and to the bereaved family we extend our sincere condolence.

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A PURIM MESSAGE

In the Book of Esther, we read that Haman, a descendant of Amalek, the arch enemy of the Jews, became Prime Minister to Ahasuerus, King of the Persian Empire. Haman had climbed high on the ladder of success, until he was second only to the king. However, there was a fly in his ointment. A Jew, by the name of Mordecai, refused to bow down to him.

Haman considered himself most important of all the princes of the state, for, of all the dignitaries, only he and the king were invited by Queen Esther to attend her banquet. Certainly, he should have been the happiest of men. He had power, position, fame, family, health and glory. Yet, when recounting all these blessings to his wife and to his friends, he exclaimed: "But all this is worth nothing to me so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." He then determined to exterminate all the Jews. Thus, as has been the case with many anti-Semites, the hatred of the one Jew was converted into a hatred for all Jews.

There are two lessons I should like to impress upon you in connection with this story; first, the universal, and second, the individual one.

The Universal Message of Purim

To all the peoples in the world, and to Hitlerized Germany in particular, I should like to point out the sure and inexorable Law of God and of human experience, that every anti-Semitic minister or government eventually bring down upon themselves the ill-treatment they mete out to the Jew; as the Bible puts it, "He who digs a pit for another, falls therein himself." Thus we see that beginning with the Canaanites, going down through the ages to Spain, and finally in our own time, Russia, those nations of the world who attempted to exterminate the Jew and to bring his power to naught, were themselves either partially or completely annihilated.

I wish the German people well. I wish the German government success, and I say with the Prophet Ezekiel, "The Lord doth not desire the death of the evil-doer, but rather that he should repent his ways and live." I wish my words could be brought to Hitler. Would that he could be made to realize how much power, glory and wealth are his; how sad the plight of the Jew in Germany and in most of the countries of Europe is; and how the sun of Hitler's success is being dimmed by making the Jew the dark spot before his eye!

The Writing on the Wall

I plead in the name of the God of history, that the Jew be left alone by the nations, to live his life unfettered! God has promised Abraham: "And I will make of thee a great people; I will bless thee and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing, and I will bless them that bless thee; and I will curse them that curseth thee and through thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed!" The late Israel Zangwill said: "The barometer of a nation's civilization is found in its treatment of the Jew." I should like to say to Germany and to Hitler that, curse or blessing will attend them in accordance with their treatment of the Jew!

Now, my friends, let us come to the individual lesson.

Haman had all the good he could hope for; but that meant little or nothing to him so long as there was one thing lacking, namely, that a Jew failed to bow down to him. Is this not the case with many of us? We have manifold blessings to be thankful for, devoted families, comfortable homes, sufficient food to satisfy our physical needs, and a host of other advantages which we have come to take for granted. There may be just one thing missing, however, and all the good we have is ignored. The one thing lacking is always in our mind's eye and dominates our heart's desires, darkening the radiant sun of our many blessings.

Adam and Eve were in Paradise, but just because they were forbidden to eat of one tree, they became callous to the beauties and the bliss surrounding them. The Garden of Eden was narrowed down

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"BRING IN" A NEW CLUB OR GYM MEMBER

PASSOVER RELIEF SOLICITED

There are many needy Jewish families in Harlem who would like to observe Passover suitably, but who, unfortunately, cannot do so because of the lack of necessary funds. Won't you please enable these families to share the pleasure of having Matzohs on their Seder nights, and thus, incidentally, getting a "mitzvah" for yourself?

The Institutional Synagogue has never failed to do its bit in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews. Not only Matzohs, but clothing as well, are desired for those people who anticipate relief from this institution. We must not fail them. Kindly send your contributions to the I. S. Sisterhood, care of Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116th Street, New York City.

ORDERS FOR WINE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED BY OFFICE

In order to get wine for sacramental purposes and properly within the law, application must be made through the Synagogue. This must be done long enough in advance of Passover to enable the office to have the necessary papers signed and delivered to the government authorities.

The Institutional Synagogue is doing this solely for the convenience of their members and seatholders. Since we are anxious that every worshipper in our institution have for Passover wine that is kosher ritually and in accordance with the Constitution of our country, we urge immediate action. Kindly inform Mr. Bernstein of your requirements. Phone UNIVERSITY 4-6729. Wines, which are made, bottled and packed in sealed cases in Palestine may be secured. These wines are shipped direct to you in original cases from the United States Customs Bonded Warehouse. Each case contains twelve bottles, or a minimum of 2.4 gallons.

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The same choice of domestic wines may also be had. These domestic wines are of the finest quality.

DECLAMATION CONTEST FINALS TO BE CONDUCTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Two winners, chosen from each club, will compete in the finals for the Declamation Championship of the Institution, in the Library, Sunday afternoon. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Gertrude Simon, an active member of the Daughters of the I. S., upon her engagement to Rabbi Dr. Israel Gold.

CURRENT BOOKS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

The Talmud in English

The Soncino Press of London announces that it has in the course of preparation the first complete and unabridged English translation of "The Babylonian Talmud" with Introduction, Commentary, Notes, Glossary and Indices. Each Tractate has been translated by an eminent rabbinic scholar. The work is under the editorship of Dr. I. Epstein, well known Anglo-Jewish scholar, who is a lecturer in Semitic languages at Jew's College, London.

A Christian scholar, Dudley Wright, has written a book entitled "The Talmud," which appeared recently. It pronounces impartially on the great mass of fact and thought and fancy of which the Talmud consists. The book is conceived on sound scientific lines and removes many of the misconceptions about the Talmud which have long prevailed. It should prove of great value to both the Jewish and the non-Jewish reader.

In the 17th century, Sabatai Zewi cast his spell upon the Jews of Zirndorf, who followed him as a messiah, only to find all their hopes and expectations crushed by his desertion. Jacob Wasserman, in his new novel, "The Dark Pilgrimage," which will appear shortly, lays the scene in the same town more than two centuries later. The hero becomes the modern counterpart of Zewi, but finds it more difficult to be a prophet in these days. The obstacles he encounters and the savage drama in which his dream plunges him make this story one of unflagging interest. The translation from the German is made by Cyrus H. Brooks.

A new book on Palestine, "A Wanderer in the Promised Land," by Norman Bentwich, has just appeared. The author is well informed on the subject of Palestine, having served as Attorney-General of that country for some years. The scenes portrayed in his new book include the Oldest City of Jerusalem, the Western Wall of the Jewish Temple, the Bay of Acre and the plain of Esdraelon, the highway of armies and traders. The author describes with intimate knowledge the hills of Ephraim, which still shelter the surviving Samaritans, the Phoenician coast, the great cities of Syria, and Akaba and Petra.

A new book which the author describes as his talk of "collecting, collating and combining a mass of facts, laws, legends, customs, statements and opinions which will help the student to arrive at some clear conclusion as to the guiding spirit in Hebrew thought" has recently appeared. It is "Law and Life According to Hebrew Thought" and the author is Joseph Yahuda.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

And that dashing, gallant Spaniard, Ricardo Cortez, was once known as Jacob Krantz of the lower East Side.

Rumor—Felix Frankfurter, eminent professor of law at Harvard Law School will be selected as Solicitor General.

The Dead Sea in Palestine contains millions of dollars worth of valuable chemical deposits.

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מצה של פסח

Ari Kittai, who is now co-starring in the moving picture, "Clear All Wires," was a member of the "Habimah" players, an organization producing plays only in the Hebrew language.

Before the World War Palestine was part of the Turkish Empire.

During the Sephirah we do not hold any festive celebrations. These restrictions are suspended on Log B'Omer.

The Saturday before Passover is called Shabos Hagadol.

The "Moreh Nebuchim" (Guide to the Perplexed) was originally written in Arabic by Moses Maimonides.

Ludovic Halevy, the celebrated French author, was a Jew.

Henri Bernstein is one of the greatest contemporary playwrights in France.

The word Sabbath is derived from the Hebrew word "Shabbos."

A certain family by the name of Belmont were once known as the Schoenbergs. Both names mean "Beautiful Mountain"—Catch on?

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by them to the one forbidden tree. They minimized all the good they were privileged to enjoy, and magnified the one thing they lacked.

Men and women, we can all benefit by this lesson today! In spite of the trials and tribulations which scarcely any of us have been spared in recent times, we must not allow ourselves to become like Adam and Eve, or like Haman, who forfeited the privileges they enjoyed, because they had an inordinate desire for the thing they were unable to obtain. Amen.

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