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**FIRST OF SERIES OF ONE-ACT PLAY
CONTESTS WON BY ACME
PRODUCTION**

Ida Hade and Pearl Katz Win Best

Individual Performance Award

In spite of the distressing weather a large and approving audience witnessed the first of a series of three One-Act Play Contests.

The judges awarded first place to the Acme Production, "The Fatal Quest". The members of the cast were: R. Terragano, Pearl Katz, G. Adelstein, B. Levy, R. Wisner, M. Kronenfeld, R. Heller, S. Sulzer, and S. Goldblum.

The Hennings Club presented "Five Ghosts". "Grandma Pulls the String" was the presentation of the Kroywens. All three presentations won a well-merited round of applause and commendation.

The judges recommended Ida Hade, of the Kroywens, for the best individual performance award. They also recommended an award for Pearl Katz, of the Acme Club. The latter award will be presented in spite of the fact that only one award was promised. Honorable mentions were recommended to Regina Teraganno and Ida Silverstein.

The judges were Mrs. Henry B. Harris, Miss Patricia Parsons, and Miss Dorothy Rubins. Mrs. Harris is prominent in theatrical work. Miss Parsons was a member of the "Madame Du Barry" company. Miss Rubins has participated in amateur dramatics.

Next Sunday night the Amicis, the Pickwick Girls, and the Utopian Girls will present their plays. Readers and their guests are invited to attend.

**HELEN KALISH WINNER OF
DECLAMATION CONTEST**

Enthusiasm Marks Semi-Final Elimination

Helen Kalish of the Amici Club was judged the winner of the Institution's declamation contest, conducted last Sunday. With her in the finals were Anita Feller of the Amicis and Ida Hade of the Kroywens. Miss Kalish won the contest with a finely declaimed recitation, "Before the Pogrom".

So many members participated in this contest that it was necessary for Mr. Julius Cohen, by a process of competitive elimination, to narrow the field down to two representatives from each club.

The semi-finals were conducted last Sunday afternoon. Of the number of entries participating three were chosen for the finals, which were conducted that night.

The committee of judges expressed commendation at the fine quality and interpretation of the recitations of the contestants.

**I. S. PARTICIPATES IN SWIMMING
MEET**

The House Swimming Team, having been organized as a swimming club under the title Institutional Swimming Club, announces their first swimming meet of the season. They will oppose Textile High School Friday.

Rabbi Meyer Berlin, President of the World Mizrahi Zionists, will speak in The West Side Synagogue this Saturday Morning.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 5:58

Sedrah for Week "Vayikhal-Pekudei"

Rosh Chodesh Nissan 1—Tuesday

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Forum

"THE BIBLE"

The Bible is the spiritual manna for mankind. We talk too much about it and taste too little of it. It gives us delight in childhood, instruction in youth and consolation in maturity.

The Bible is the moral history of mankind. It is unparalleled in all the annals of humanity. Its purpose is unmistakable. It is intended to bring home to us the fact that there is a God in history. Man w-r-i-t-e-s history (thru wars and political and economic machinations), but God r-i-g-h-t-s history.

Much has been said and written to contradict the Bible, to show that its heroes never lived—that its facts are fables—that its cities never existed. As a contradiction to all this, the press gives us information from time to time of the discoveries of the archaeologists who dig up the earth of the Holy Land and uncover monuments, giving detailed accounts, confirming the stories and places mentioned in the Bible. How prophetic are the words of the Psalmist that, "Truth will spring from the ground,"—re-establishing the word of God.

As for Drama, the story of Joseph and His Brethren has outlived any dramatic production.

As for Narration, the Books of Samuel hold us spell-bound.

In the field of law, we have the Five Books of Moses, as the permanent guide for the way of life for the Jew, and as the pattern for the best in the Roman and modern conception of law.

As for Philosophy, the books of Job and Ecclesiastes have still to be fathomed.

As for Song, the song of the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, and the Song of Songs are panegyrics sublime and entrancing. The Psalms are the lyric outburst of the inspired royal bard, King David. Our prayer book is largely made up of verses and chapters of the Psalms. The Protestant Church has accepted as its Psalter, its song-book, the Book of Psalms. In this connection, let me read to you an extract from an article written by that real Christian, Lloyd George, entitled, "Is it Peace?"

"Of all the bigotries that savage the human temper there is none so stupid as the anti-Semitic. It has no basis in reason; it is not rooted in faith; it aspires to no ideal; it is just one of those dank and unwholesome weeds that grow in the morass of racial hatred. How utterly devoid of reason it is may be gathered from the fact that it is almost confined to nations who worship Jewish prophets and apostles, revere the national literature of the Hebrews as the only inspired message delivered by the Deity to mankind, and whose only hope of salvation rests on the precepts and promises of the great teachers of Judah."

The Bible, as we have it today, is a limited collection of the vast literature of the Jewish people. The people of the Great Synagogue, the Sanhedrin, set as one of its tasks the arrangements of the books of the Bible. The Canon, which is a Christian term, means the rule by which the books of the Bible were admitted into Holy Writ. There were many discussions recorded in the Talmud as to whether, for instance, Koheles, the Book of Ecclesiastes, and Shir Hashieriem, the Song of Songs, were to be admitted. Many books now in the Apocrypha were also considered for admission to the Canon. You will note, as you read the Bible, the absence of angeology, which is prevalent throughout the Apocrypha. Somewhere about the year 500, before the present era, the Bible was handed down to us in its present form. It is certainly a remarkable fact that even though the critics of the Bible have attempted to show that the origin and history of the Bible are different from that given by Jewish tradition, yet never has any manuscript been found "which shows another text or a single important variation in any of the books of the Bible."

The last letters and the first words of the Bible spell "emes"—"truth", or, as the Psalmist put it, "The beginning of Thy Word is truth." "Truth", the Rabbis say in the Talmud, "is the seal of the Holy One, Blessed Be He." The Bible then is the Word of God, synonymous with Truth itself.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the death of Michael Gotlieb, husband of Mrs. Dora Gotlieb, Secretary of the Parents' Association. To the bereaved family we extend our sincere condolence.

"BRING IN" A NEW CLUB OR GYM MEMBER

SINGERS URGED TO JOIN I. S. CHORAL GROUP

Men and women, boys and girls, who can sing and who are desirous of securing excellent training in voice are urged to join the Institutional Choral Group, which rehearses Tuesday nights at the Main Building.

The Choral Group is under the supervision of Mr. Max Schwarzmänn, well liked and exceedingly capable director of the Institution's musical activities.

This Choral Group boasts of one of the most unique soloists. He is a three-year-old prodigy who is familiar with many prominent operatic arias, Schubert leiders, and other noted musical compositions. He is Master Darius Schwarzmänn, the son of the Director.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Mr. Abraham Bernstein announces the appointment of two very noted workers in Social Welfare activities to the Institution's staff.

Miss Evelyn E. Rieger has been appointed Girls' Worker. Miss Rieger is associated with the Department of Correction of the State of New York. She is attending the Advanced Leaders' Seminar, conducted by the Jewish Welfare Board. Miss Rieger was the club leader of the Acme Girls.

Mr. Benjamin R. Sprafkin is to be associated with us as a consulting psychologist on boys' and girls' problems. Mr. Sprafkin is associated with the Jewish Social Service Association. He is on that Association's Committee on Homeless Boys. He was graduated from the New York School of Social Work.

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.

CURRENT BOOKS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Menorat Ha-Maor

The fourth volume of the "Menorat Ha-Maor" by Rabbi Israel Ibn Al-Nakawa, edited by Dr. H. G. Enelow, has just appeared. This completes the great work undertaken by the distinguished editor. The first three volumes previously published enjoyed a wide reputation among scholars to whom these books have proved invaluable, and there will be much rejoicing now that the work is completed.

The "Menorat Ha-Maor" (Lamp of Illumination) is the work of a fourteenth century Spanish Jew. His original manuscript, which is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University, contains many scriptural quotations as well as Al Nakawa's own ideas, and is one of the most valuable reflections of Jewish thought during many centuries. The text of the work is printed in Hebrew and Dr. Enelow has written an illuminating introduction in English to each volume.

The first volume contains the Chapter on Charity, the second on Prayer, and the third on Precepts. The fourth and concluding volume contains the following: Honoring of Parents, Marriage, Education of Children, Upright Conduct in Business, Proper Administration of Justice, Contentment, Equanimity, Avoidance of Flattery and Deception, Love of Comrades and Their Considerate Treatment, Cleanness of Speech, Keeping a Friend's Secret and Good Manners. It also contains a complete index in English to the four volumes, four fac-similes, and addenda and corrections to the previous volumes.

Hasidic Tales

An anthology of Hasidic lore has been compiled by Rabbi Louis I. Newman and Samuel Spitz. This work, which comprises more than 750 manuscript pages, is a compilation of parables, folk tales, fables, aphorisms, epigrams, sayings, anecdotes and interpretations of the Hasidim translated directly from the Hebrew and Yiddish, with a few from the German. The material is arranged under nearly two hundred topics of ethical interest and forms a compendium of homiletical treasure of incalculable value.

NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE IS PASSOVER RELIEF SOUGHT BY OUR NEEDY

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. Mrs. A. R. Morris is again supervising.

RESERVE SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 23rd, FOR I. S. ANNUAL DINNER

DO YOU KNOW THAT

There is an Einstein Department of Mathematics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Governor Floyd Olsen of Minnesota, who is of Swedish descent, speaks Yiddish fluently. The mysterious reason is that he was once a "shabbos goy" in an orthodox synagogue in Minneapolis.

Sally Eilers, the blond beauty of the screechies, was once just another Jewish miss at Horace Mann High School, just a mile away from the I. S.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., is the Jew whom President Roosevelt appointed as Chairman of the Farm Board.

Moses Wiener Dykaar, one of America's foremost sculptors, died penniless last week. He had done the busts of Presidents Harding and Coolidge, beside those of famous Jews. Dykaar was born in Vilna.

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