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ONE-ACT PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY SEACS CLUB

**Superb Performances Climax Unusual
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The Championship Finals of the One-Act Play Contest was won last Sunday evening by the Seacs Club.

Nine clubs had participated in the most popular tournament this year. At all times enthusiasm and keen spirit marked the contest.

Four awards had been presented for outstanding individual performances. They were won by Ida Hade of the Kroywens, Pearl Katz of the Acmes, Sylvia Dobrow of the Amici, and Isidore Margolies of the Seacs.

A responsive audience greeted the three plays of the finals.

This review is written within a few minutes after the final play and the writer is impressed by the enthusiastic commendation of the audience now gathered in the Institution lobby.

The judges of the Finals were: Mrs. Henry B. Harris, Miss Patricia Parsons, Mr. Richard Burton, Mrs. Ruth Edelson Fox, and Mr. Emanuel Rubin.

The Program follows:

1. "YOUNG AMERICA"

(Presented by the Amici Girls)

Jack Doray.....Estelle Nussdorf
Edith Doray.....Thelma Wartman
Judge.....Anita Feller
Natty Beemer.....Sylvia Dobrow
Arthur.....Helen Kalish

2. "THE FATAL QUEST"

(Presented by the Acme Club)

King.....Regina Tarragano
Queen.....Gertrude Aidlestein
Princess.....Betty Levy
Duke.....Pearl Katz
Jester.....Sarah Goldblum
Heralds.....Sylvia Sulzer, Rose Heller
Curtains.....Ruth Wisner, Molly Kronenfeld

"REALSE"

(Presented by the Seacs Club)

"Lefty".....Isidore Margolies
"Bull".....Jack Wainer
"Kid".....Joseph Barouch
"Rabbit".....Marco Barouch
Tarpey, the Keeper.....Benj. Dobrow

Calendar of Services

	Harlem West Side	
Sunday Evening	6:30	6:30
Monday and Tuesday		
Morning	8:45	8:45
Afternoon and Evening	6:30	6:30
Memorial Services		
Tuesday Morning	10:15	10:15

TALMUD TORAH STUDENTS REFLECT CREDIT UPON I. S. DURING PASSOVER CEREMONIES

Parents Commend T. T. Faculty For Fine

Training Given Children

Many a delighted parent listened to their child sing the Passover ritual. And these same delighted parents made known their satisfaction to Dr. Datt and his associates on the T. T. Faculty.

The pupils were taught the laws, ceremonies, songs and lore of the Passover. Your reporter can well certify that during the week prior to Passover the halls virtually resounded with the tunes of "Mah-nish-tah-nu" and "Had-gad-yah". The individual solos were often drowned by the voluminous sound emanating from the class rooms.

The T. T. has always been a distinct asset to the I. S. Under the supervision of one of the outstanding leaders in the field of Jewish Education, it has always utilized the most advanced and approved pedagogical methods. Dr. Joseph Datt, Principal of the T. T., invites parents to visit him and discuss with him the personal and religious problems of their children.

The I. S. Constituency—members, directors, associates—extend to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Messing, heartiest congratulations upon the marriage of their daughter, Miriam.

Always prominently active in Institutional activities, their work marked by a sincere and enthusiastic interest, the grateful I. S. family is happy in the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Messing.

FESTIVE SPIRIT EVIDENT AS INSTI- TUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE PREPARES FOR SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER

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

Sunday evening, April 23rd, will be the biggest night in the history of the I. S., when its membership will celebrate the sixteenth year of its existence by an Anniversary Dinner at the West Side Branch.

With the indefatigable Max E. Sanders as Chairman, assisted by his associates, Messrs. George Livingston, Lester Udell, Aaron Wartels, and David Gluck, every criterion of a successful affair is in evidence.

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 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.

Send In for Table Reservations Now!

Tickets for the Dinner will cost \$3.50 per person and table reservations may 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.

Phone NOW or write IMMEDIATELY to our Executive Director Abraham Bernstein to make your reservation. IT IS NOT TOO LATE YET. DO IT NOW.

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 6:20

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Forum

"RELIGIOUS FRAUDS"

In view of recent disclosures of attempts to foist upon the public, Kosher frauds, I want to take this means now especially before Passover, of informing the public concerning deceptions, which are being perpetrated upon it.

First and foremost, I want to warn the people against Kosher signs which are bought from unscrupulous men, who act in the guise of rabbis. The public should demand as a guarantee of Kasherus the sanction of a known rabbinical organization or the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

In view of what occurred last week, I cannot too strongly denounce the nefarious practice of hiding behind a rabbi's name, as an assurance to the people, and as a cloak under which to deceive hundreds of thousands of people in regard to something which they believe to be religiously genuine, but which is in fact a religious fraud. I have in mind the wicked management of one of the largest delicatessen firms in the country who paid a rabbi for the use of his name for Kosher endorsement, and had at the same time barrels of non-Kosher meats in its possession. This firm was tried by eleven rabbis, and was found guilty.

I shall never forget the statement of the late Senator Bernard Downing, before Ex-Governor Miller, at a hearing in Albany, on the Kosher bill. He said, "I want to say, your excellency I favor this bill because even I, a non-Jew, purchase Kosher meat because I think it is fresh, but I do not want to pay the high price of Kosher food if it is labelled as Kosher, and is not genuinely Kosher."

I am utterly opposed to boot-legging Kasherus. I want to urge the people to be on guard against Kosher frauds, and to

demand supervision that is free from the money taint. I want to take this means of informing the public, as well as every firm in the country, that no one is compelled to pay for Kosher endorsement. They can get it free of charge from our Orthodox Congregational authorities. It is all wrong to pay for endorsements. When that is done, the firm in question is the employer of the rabbi. The rabbi surrenders his independence. Any time one is afraid to deal with an organization it is an evidence that he fears the many who make up an organization, and feels safer in the hands of an individual. Such safety implies compromise.

The public conscience must be aroused. We must stamp out, once and for all time, the practice of buying your way for Kosher supervision. The consumer is forced to pay a higher price for what is Kosher. This is all wrong. Advantage is taken of the people in the name of religion. There is no need for such great discrepancy in price as now exists between Kosher and non-Kosher products. As a matter of fact, I can point to large corporations who do not take advantage of the pious Jew in regard to this matter. On the other hand, I can point to industries which are "mulcting" the public all in the name of religion.

My people are being driven away from their traditions, both by the misrepresented, unlawful, bootleg Kosher products now on the market, and by the unwarranted increase in price for Kosher products. It is about time to call a halt. I shall be glad in future broadcasts to reveal the names of the unscrupulous in the various branches of the Kosher industry, so as to free the community from these unwarranted outrages.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

CLUB PAPER CONTEST

Club Literati Given Opportunity To "Show Their Stuff."

The Center Department announces that a Club Paper Contest will be held. All clubs in good standing in the Institution are invited to submit their club publications before June 15th.

The club publications will be graded according to their contents, makeup and physical appearance, novelty and features.

An award will be given to the best article published in any of the club papers and written by a member of that club. In addition to the awards the article will be published in the Institutional.

An exhibition of all club publications will be held in the Library.

The Institutional will from time to time publish some of the outstanding articles published in the club papers.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the Board of Directors, Wednesday, April 19th, at W. S. Bldg. Directors are urged to attend this very important meeting.

ACME CLUB TO SPONSOR LECTURE SERIES OF JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Versatile Girl's Club to Conduct Talks; Headworker First Speaker in Forum.

The Acme Club, one of the most active and versatile clubs in the I. S., now plans another activity which promises to be one of the most interesting yet undertaken by them. They will sponsor a series of talks and studies on the subject of Jewish Contributions to Civilization.

They meet Monday evenings in Room 306. Visitors will be invited to attend the talks and to participate in the discussions following.

The series will probably extend over a period of several weeks.

The introductory addresses will be given by Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen. In his talks he will discuss the causes and manifestations of anti-semitism, the social and historical conditions which provided the back-ground for the Jews contributions to world culture, the contributions and their influences, and finally a discussion of specific contributions of the Jews toward the development of Art, Music, Literature, Government, Science, Law, Industry and Philanthropy.

In conjunction with these talks there is a possibility that a factual outline of the talks will be published in the Institutional.

The Acmes plan to invite Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein to discuss "Jewish Contributions and the World To-day," and the Hon. Isaac Siegel to discuss "The Jew in the United States."

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"BRING IN" A NEW CLUB OR GYM MEMBER

THE LAWS CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

The Counting of the Omer is begun from the second night of Passover. It is counted whilst standing. This commandment is performed in the beginning of the night, yet the entire night is the proper time for its performance. On the nights of Sabbath and festival, the Omer is counted in the synagogue after the Kiddush has been said. At the conclusion of Sabbath and festival it is counted before the Haddallah at the last.

If one had forgotten and did not count the entire night, he should count in the daytime without pronouncing a blessing thereon but the following night he should pronounce a blessing when counting; but if he had forgotten to count that entire day he should count every night thereafter without pronouncing a blessing. If he is in doubt as to whether he had counted the previous night or not, although he did not count on the following day, he may nevertheless pronounce a blessing when counting on the remaining nights.

If one is asked, at twilight or later previous to counting the Omer, how many days are to be counted on that day, he should tell him the number of days that were counted on the previous days, for by mentioning the number of days to be counted on that day, he will afterwards be forbidden to pronounce a blessing when counting the Omer.

Before one pronounces the blessing he should know the number of days to be counted. However, if one did not know it, and pronounced the blessing with the intention of counting as he will his neighbor's count, he has also fulfilled his obligation. Likewise if one pronounced the blessing with the intention of counting four days and was afterward reminded that he must count five days, he does not need to repeat the blessing. Likewise, if one erred in counting and when he should have said "six days" said "five days", if he was immediately reminded thereof he should count properly and he is not required to repeat the blessing; but if he had paused slightly he is required to repeat the blessing.

Neither men nor women should do any work during the days that the Omer is counted, from sundown until after the Omer has been counted.

One should not marry on the days that the Omer is counted nor should one have his hair cut; but the Sandek, the Mohel, and the father of the son are permitted to have their hair cut on the day before the circumcision towards evening. It is permitted to make engagement parties; even to have a feast thereon is permissible on the days of counting the Omer. However, dancing and music are forbidden.

Up to Rosh Hoesch Log B'Omer (the 33rd day of the Omer), and the three days before Pentecost, one is permitted to marry.

On the first night of "Shevuoth" the evening service should be put off until the stars appear.

IN THE WORLD OF JEWISH LITERATURE

HISTORY OF JEWISH LITERATURE

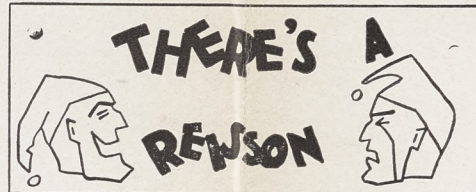
The second volume of *A History of Jewish Literature* by Dr. Meyer Waxman is announced as ready for publication. It will complete the Mediaeval Period up to 1750 and is to be followed later by a third volume on the Modern Period. Vol. II will contain about 575 pages and will have a number of photostats and a map.

The first volume of Dr. Waxman's very comprehensive work, the only one of its kind to be published in English, covers the sixteen centuries from the close of the Bible to the end of the Classic Period, 1200 C.E. The second volume continues to unroll the pages of hundreds of books produced by various representatives of Jewish genius during all these centuries and presents their contents in a scholarly but clear style. The work constitutes a history of literature and not of books, in the fullest sense of the word, inasmuch as it gives a complete view of the spiritual and cultural development of the Jewish people during these periods. It deals with all phases of Jewish literature and with all expressions of the spirit of Israel. The first volume met with an immediate response and there have been many inquiries as to the publication of the second volume.

Edmond Fleg, the well-known French-Jewish author, made a trip to Palestine and was so impressed by the achievements of the various Jewish settlers there that he wrote a book which is entitled *The Land of Promise*. In it he describes the agricultural progress, the amazing cultural advance and the courage of these pioneers in dealing with the many vexing problems which confront them. The book contains a map and thirty-one illustrations. The English translation is by Mrs. Stephen S. Wise.

DR. HARRY L. COMINS, director of youth work in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Reuben Leaf, the well-known Palestinian artist, have collaborated in a volume, *Arts-Craft Manual*, which is expected to appear shortly. It contains directions for utilizing Jewish subjects in bas relief in wood, hammered metal, appliques, clay sculpture and for making useful objects for the home with Jewish motifs in wrought iron and leather. The book should prove a boon to summer camps and religious schools where handwork is part of the curriculum.

NORMAN BENTWICH, the well known Anglo-Jewish author, has written a new book about Palestine which is entitled *A Wanderer in the Promised Land*. The author, through long residence in Palestine, has an intimate knowledge of conditions there and writes graphically of that country, its history, its literature and of present day conditions there. The book presents a complete picture of the passage of civilization through the Holy Land from prehistoric times to the present renaissance which is in progress there.



THE JEW IN SCIENCE (Continued)

Wasserman, world-renowned as the exponent of the Wasserman reaction, opening for the medical profession the means of determining almost instantly, after possibility of infection, whether a patient had become infected with one of the most horrible diseases known to mankind making it possible to control the spread of the disease. Ehrlich, too, aided in the study of this disease and his work has been a milepost in medical history. Furthermore, Neisser worked in a similar field and isolated a certain form of the coccus germ which could be treated by silver containing drugs. Neisser's work was on a par with the work of Ehrlich and Wasserman. In surgery, claims may be made for others, but many authorities believe Stilling to be the first to operate on ovaries.

Many other great inventions and discoveries by Jews in the medical science could be listed, but they are too technical to be discussed within the limits of this column. But even more must we remember that the medical profession hedges around its members with the old-age quibble that they sell no monopolistic patent protection for their brain-children. Even the rules of patent law seem to be adverse. The courts have held that a newly-discovered reaction upon the human body of known material may not be monopolized by a patent.

Jews, in spite of obstacles well-known to those entering medical fields, have shown themselves not to be without ability in other fields of science.

Even as far back as 1321 we have authority to the effect that Rabbi Levi Ben Gershon invented the cameral obscura, the principle of which is applied in all our present day cameras. Otto, the German, may have been given credit for the automobile, yet there are records to show that a Jew, Siegfried Marcus, invented the first successful automobile even before the time of Otto. This Marcus was also responsible for an igniter for undersea mines and for the first practical seismograph. Sad to relate Marcus lived the greater part of life in penury.

Even the first electrical automobile is placed to the credit of a German Jew, invented as early as 1854 by M. Davidson. The gyroscope, to keep cars running on a single rail from rocking, since applied to ships and airplanes, was invented by Joseph Popper, that great Jewish scientist who first stated the relation between the different types of energy and proclaimed that one could be converted into the other.

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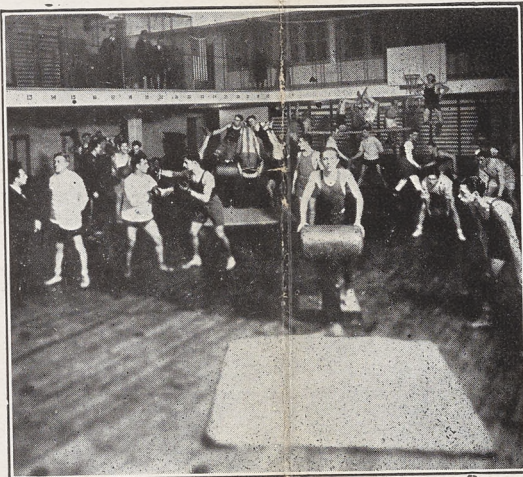


ANNUAL FIELD DAY TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

Gym Members, Clubs and Talmud Torah Classes to Participate in Annual Event

Unless the weather will prove to be unfavorable, the morning of Sunday, June 4th, will witness a large group, composed of gym members, club members, and Talmud Torah classes, leaving the I. S. for their annual field day. This year the field day will be held at Rice Stadium, in Pelham Bay Park.

This event is looked forward to by the entire membership of all departments, because it gives them an opportunity to compete against each other and to determine which ranks highest in athletic activity.



These events will also provide the I. S. with representatives for the coming Metropolitan League Field Day. This is practically the only means of ascertaining the athletic talent among our members.

As an added attraction a special event, never before held at an I. S. Field Day, will take place. The combined staffs of the three departments will participate in a baseball game with the membership of these departments. We wonder who will win?

You are urged to immediately send in your entry blanks to the office. No entries will be accepted after May 15th. No field entries will be taken.

The club winning the most points will be awarded the plaque, annually given to the club having the best performance at field day. Individual prizes will be announced in a later issue of the "Institutional".

The rules governing the field day are as follows:

1. Only members in good standing in each department will be permitted to participate.
2. All participants must have medical certificates on file in the office.
3. One individual will be limited to one track, one field event, and the relay.
4. Unless three or more clubs, or classes, enter teams in the relay race the event will not be held.
5. NO FIELD ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ENTRY BLANK

Place a check before the event you wish to enter.

Events Open to Senior Club and Gym Members Only

-1. Fifty yard dash.
-2. One hundred yard dash.
-3. High jump.
-4. Broad jump.
-5. Two hundred yard relay (4 men).
-6. Three-legged race.

Events Open to Intermediate Club and Gym Members Only

-1. Fifty yard dash.
-2. Broad jump.
-3. Two hundred yard relay (4 men).
-4. Three-legged race.
-5. Wheelbarrow race.
-6. Seventy-five yard dash.

Events Open to Junior Gym and Club Members

-1. Forty yard dash.
-2. Broad jump.
-3. Relay race (220 yards, 4 men).
-4. Three-legged race.
-5. Wheelbarrow race.

Events Open to Talmud Torah Classes Only

-1. Fifty yard dash.
-2. Forty yard dash.
-3. Relay race (220 yards, 4 men).
-4. Broad jump.
-5. Three-legged race.
-6. Wheelbarrow race.

Events Open to Girls

-1. Basketball throw for distance.
-2. Forty yard dash.
-3. Three-legged race.
-4. Baseball throw for distance.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The three Matzohs on the table on the nights of the seder remind us of the tribes of Cohen, Levi and Israel.

Prof. David I. Machet of Johns Hopkins University has written a scientific interpretation of the Mosaic dietary laws.

One of President Roosevelt's financial advisers is a Jew, Bernard Baruch.

Heinrich Heine, one of Germany's greatest literary lights, was a Jew.

The Mishna was compiled in the year 200 by Judah Hanassi ("the Prince").

The ghetto originally started in Italy.

The "Shulchan Aruch" was compiled by Joseph Caro.

The Hebrew name Baruch is equivalent to the Latin name Benedict both meaning "blessed".

Governor Seligman of New Mexico is Jewish.

Prof. Herrman Cohen, one of Germany's greatest philosophers was an orthodox Jew.

Henri Bergson, foremost philosopher in France, is a Jew.

Babylon was the center of Jewish activities after the destruction of the Kingdom of Judah.

The Kingdom of Israel fell one hundred and thirty-four years before the Kingdom of Judah.

The Sephardim were originally Jews of Spanish nationality.

Governor Meir of Oregon is Jewish.

The commentary of Rashi (Rabbi Simeon ben Yitzchaki) on the Bible was translated into Latin and was used by the Christian school of Europe for several centuries.

Sidney H. Reiss.

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