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CAPACITY AUDIENCE ATTENDS MAC- CABEAN FESTIVAL AND COMMENCE- MENT EXERCISES

Diplomas Awarded to Ten Graduates

The program opened with the singing of America and Hatikvah by the Chorus and Audience, at 8 P.M. promptly, last Sunday evening, at our Main Building, to a full house. The impressive ceremony of the lighting of the Chanukah Candles was conducted by Bernard Feinberg, of the graduating class. The Chorus rendered several traditional Chanukah melodies to an appreciative audience.

The Play, *Hannah, and Her Seven Sons*, directed by Mrs. Myra Greenberg, of the faculty of the Talmud Torah, proved to be an excellent production of the Talmud Torah children. Pearl Blackstone, of the Elocution Class under the direction of Miss Sara E. Taitz, recited "Why I Like Chanukah." Mr. Joseph Kopelman, sang very effectively, "Al Hanissim" and "Ner Tomid."

A beautiful Candle Dance, directed by Miss Florence Meltzer, lent variety to the evening's entertainment.

Danny Bumps Into Chanukah, an appropriate Musical Comedy, was highly entertaining and amusing. This production was directed by Miss Gertrude Goldman, of the Talmud Torah Staff.

The Institutional Synagogue Trio composed of Miss Regina Feiner, piano; Mr. Harry Milgrom, 1st violin; and Mr. Edward Miller, 2nd violin; rendered the following selections:

"Bouree from Suite Antique" by A. Stoessel; "Largo from Sonate En Sol Majeur," by J. J. Mondonville; and "Serenade" by Benjamin Godard. This was greeted by continued bursts of applause.

The graduates entered the auditorium to the strains of the Coronation March from *The Prophet* played by the I. S. Trio. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein introduced Marvin Livingston, graduate, who very eloquently delivered the Salutatory. Vertella S. Valentine delivered the Valedictory in the name of the graduates.

The students of the Graduating Class who faithfully promised to continue their studies in the High School Course inaugurated by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal, are as follows:

Fay Binder, Bernard Feinberg, Bella Fried, Lawrence Goldstein, Marvin Livingston, Sonia Maron, Ada Lillian Pitzer, Mary Teshara, Vertella S. Valentine and Emanuel Weinstein.

Mr. Aaron Wartels and Mr. Abraham Bernstein, presented the Graduates with their diplomas; while Mrs. I. Stein, gave each of the graduates a gift in behalf of the Parents' Association.

Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, our popular Chazan, rendered several vocal solos which delighted the audience.

TWO MORE WEEKS TO GO FOR 17th ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

As the date is rapidly approaching for the Seventeenth Annual Theatre Party of the Institutional Synagogue which will take place at the Biltmore Theatre, 47th Street, West of Broadway, on the evening of January 7th, 1934, a large demand for tickets has been received.

If you contemplate attending this outstanding event of the year DON'T DELAY! Phone: UNiversity 4-6729 immediately and make your reservations. Outstanding stars of the radio, stage and screen will afford an evening replete with refreshing entertainment.

INTERESTING TRIPS PLANNED FOR COMING WEEK

On Tuesday afternoon, at 1 p.m., the members of the clubs will meet at the Main Building and will then proceed to the Jewish Museum at Broadway and 122nd Street. The Museum contains hundreds of Jewish ceremonial and historical objects that will prove to be of interest both to the club members and their guests. At the present time a special exhibition is on view.

On Wednesday afternoon the club members will visit the News Building on East 42nd Street. The first time they visited this exposition and watched the fascinating process of how a newspaper is printed they could not tear themselves away from the huge presses, and thus did not have sufficient time to see the other sights. This time it is planned to see the marvelous globe of the world in the News Building Lobby as well as the museum that is housed in the building.

The final number on the program was a Chanukah Drama, *The Capture*, by Rufus Lears, directed by Mr. Isidore Bookbinder. Miss Sara E. Taitz, the star, was supported by Mr. Joseph Kopelman, Mr. Isidor Margulies and Mr. Bernard Feinberg.

Rabbi Philip Goodman was Chairman of the evening.

Acknowledgement is due to Miss Regina Feiner who directed the entire musical program including the Trio, the Chorus, and the Solos; to Miss Florence Meltzer, who produced the Candle Dance; to Mrs. Myra Greenberg, Miss Gertrude Goldman and Mr. Isidore Bookbinder, who directed the plays; to Mr. Abraham Rhine and Mr. Max Miller for their very helpful co-operation in the stage-lighting effects, properties etc.; to Mr. George Karp and Miss Sara E. Taitz and Miss Sophia Gerstein, and Mr. Emanuel Greenberg for their kind assistance "behind the curtains."

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BIBLE COMMENTS

Sedrah for Week "Vayigash"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Chapter XLIV, Verse 18. "AND JUDAH CAME NEAR UNTO HIM," ETC. The Rabbis say that drawing near had a threefold meaning; for pleading, for praying, and for fighting. Judah was prepared to resort to all the three.

"LET THY SERVANT, I PRAY THEE, SPEAK A WORD IN MY LORD'S EARS." Judah says he would like to tell him a secret which only he himself should hear. The Rabbis say that Judah hinted at the past experience of the former kings of Egypt with ancestors of his. A Pharaoh of yore essayed to detain Sarah for a single night, and he was smitten with leprosy. (See Chapter 12, verse 7) Joseph should, therefore, take care that he too should not be smitten with leprosy. Furthermore, Judah told Joseph that because his sister was outraged, two of his brothers destroyed the city of Shechem, and he hinted at the fact that they would surely not remain passive if they were deprived of their youngest brother.

"FOR THOU ART EVEN AS PHARAOH." Judah intended this statement to convey a two-fold meaning. First, he appealed to Joseph's great station, which would make it unbecoming for him to act unjustly, and second, he hinted that Joseph was as unscrupulous in his dealing with the brothers as Pharaoh was known to be in his political engagements.

19. "MY LORD ASKED HIS SERVANTS, SAYING, HAVE YE A FATHER, OR A BROTHER?" Judah complains that the inquisitiveness of Joseph from the beginning and his desire to know more about them than about any of the other people who came to Egypt to buy grain betrays an intent to spread a net for them. Since they did not aspire to the hand of a daughter of his, and since he was not suing for the hand of their sister, there was no justification for such a prying into their private affairs.

33. "NOW, LET THY SERVANT ABIDE INSTEAD OF THE LAD, A BONDMAN TO MY LORD." Judah now pleads that he will be of more value to Joseph than Benjamin, in every respect, whether he be used for things which require strength, for strategy on the battlefield, or for domestic service. Therefore, he

claims, Joseph ought to accept him as a substitute for Benjamin.

CHAPTER XLV

1. "THEN JOSEPH COULD NOT REFRAIN HIMSELF BEFORE ALL THEM THAT STOOD BY HIM: AND HE CRIED, CAUSE EVERY MAN TO GO OUT FROM ME. AND THERE STOOD NO MAN WITH HIM, WHILE JOSEPH MADE HIMSELF KNOWN TO HIS BRETHREN." Some of the Rabbis question the wisdom of Joseph in remaining alone with his angry brethren, who in their ignorance of the facts and feeling desperate concerning their plight might have killed him. Others see in this a strong feeling of confidence in their aversion to hasty bloodshed. Still others say that Joseph did not want to put them to blush publicly even at the peril of his own life.

It is said that the following dialogue took place between Joseph and his brethren. Joseph asked, "Are you sure indeed that your lost brother is dead?" When they replied in the affirmative, he said, "Why should men like you say something which is not absolutely true? Have you not sold him into slavery? I will call him and he will testify in our presence." Then, he exclaimed, "Joseph, the son of Jacob!" They looked to all sides, amazed and frightened, until finally he cried out, "It is I who is Joseph, your brother." At first they refused to believe him, but after he told them many intimate family occurrences they became convinced that he was indeed their brother.

3. "AND JOSEPH SAID TO HIS BROTHERS, I AM JOSEPH: DOTH MY FATHER YET LIVE? AND HIS BRETHREN COULD NOT ANSWER HIM; FOR THEY WERE TROUBLED BEFORE HIS PRESENCE." They were troubled instead of joyous at finding the lost brother whom they had been looking for. This is explained by the Rabbis as due to his use of the term of "my father" instead of "our father." From this expression they inferred that he did not entertain towards them feelings of brotherhood. But Joseph quickly noticed this and remedied matters, as we read in the next verse.

TALMUD TORAH CHILDREN ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

The monitors of the Talmud Torah of the Main Building were recently organized into a social, religious, and athletic club under the name of the "Shomrim."

This new club will be under the leadership of Mr. Morris A. Urieff who has already formulated several interesting plans for their future activity.

Alfred Goldman, son of our esteemed Director and Mrs. Isaac Goldman, will be Bar Mitzvah at our West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street, on Saturday morning, December 30th, 1933.

WEST SIDE TALMUD TORAH CELEBRATES CHANUKAH

Last Tuesday afternoon the children of the Talmud Torah of the West Side Branch celebrated Chanukah very appropriately. A beautiful play in which many of the children participated was very successfully produced under the direction of Miss Molly Mintz, of the faculty of the Talmud Torah.

A Hebrew play, directed by Mr. Louis Feier, showed that their knowledge of both acting and Hebrew was not lacking. Recitations and songs enhanced the program. The music was under the instruction of Cantor Zalmon Yavneh.

SENIOR HANDBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

With a registration of over thirty members the annual Senior Doubles Handball Tournament will begin after the first of the year. Putting whole hearted endeavor in the work the entrants are practicing arduously and we predict many hard fought battles and many close scores before the final round of the tournament rolls around.

The prizes for this tournament comprises two silver loving cups to the winning team, and sets of handball gloves to the runner ups. Many of the entrants have set their hearts on seeing their names inscribed on the cups while others have already sent in their glove sizes for the other prizes, we wonder—who will win?

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL TEAM ORGANIZED

The Intermediate Gym Members have been organized into a Basketball Team and are planning to play several other institutions before the seasons end. As soon as the Inter-Club Basketball Tournament ends, sometime in January, arrangements have been made for the winners to meet this team for the Intermediate Championship of the Institution.

The team is under the capable coaching of Abe Leal and is already showing the most essential thing necessary in any group activity, team work. We look forward to their game with the winners of the Tournament, and we predict, flashing, hard-fought, and tense battles to the championship.

BASKETBALL GAME AND DANCE
INSTITUTIONAL FIVE
versus
POWHATTEN CLUB
THIS SUNDAY EVENING
music by
"Miller's Merry-makers"

Health Habits

IRWIN I. LUBOWE, M. D.

The next important health habit which we will attempt to discuss is exercise. The Almighty Ruler of the Universe has endowed us with bodies that are composed of muscles, nerves, bones, arteries and veins which develop and enlarge from infancy to manhood as a direct result of proper nutrition and exercise. As for the obtaining of select foods, it does not require that we take excessive pains. However, for the correct pursuit of exercise, one must enter into this health habit with moderation and wise selection,—so as to derive a suitable amount of pleasure and enjoyment from this daily procedure.

The muscles of the body consists of fibres, tendons, and sheaths, which are supplied by arteries which furnish blood to these organs, and by veins which remove the waste products. The nerves innervate the muscles to activity and proper tone.

The best way to assist the development and growth of the body is thru the proper channels of exercise, which cause them to assume larger and stronger proportions. The physician calls this phenomenon hypertrophy and hyperplasia.

Exercise can be indulged in thru the various enjoyable winter sports as,—lacrosse, skiing, sledding, and football; thru the medium of many amusing summer sports as swimming, tennis, hiking, baseball, handball, and the numerous healthful indoor activities, as setting-up exercises, swimming, handball, wrestling, boxing, and basketball.

By proper moderate indulgence in these games, the body becomes a rhythmic developed machine, the mind broadens and improves and a happy cultured outlook on life results. The wise philosopher remarked that a healthy body creates a healthy mind.

We all know that a healthy body and mind are the most prized possessions in the world. They are yours to possess. Take advantage of the community gymnasiums and pools. Create healthy bodies and create healthy minds.

Next week we will discuss this health habit in more detail.

LEADERS' COUNCIL CELEBRATES CHANUKAH

A special Chanukah Meeting of the Leaders' Council was held last Thursday evening, at which Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein was the guest speaker.

Rabbi Goldstein delivered an interesting and enlightening speech in which he stressed the fact that the leaders should set aside a certain period during the club meetings for the discussion of Jewish topics of interest. He suggested certain topics to the leaders and enthusiasm was shown by those present indicating their wholehearted support to bring about the Rabbi's suggestion and to consider the fulfillment of this project as an achievement at the end of the season.

Delicious "lotkes" were served by Mrs. Philip Goodman and dancing followed the meeting.

RECENT BOOKS OF JEWISH INTEREST

Jacob Wasserman, famous writer and novelist, has written in "My Life as German and Jew" not only his autobiography but his apologiz. It contains the same searching and deep probing which have made his novels and biographies such outstanding contributions to present day literature. Because of present day conditions in Germany, the book has special significance and much timelessness. In this, his spiritual autobiography, Wasserman answers the question "Which am I—German or Jew?"

"The Jews in the Modern World," a new book dealing with the past developments and probable future of the Jews has been announced for early publication. The author is Dr. Arthur Ruppin, well-known Zionist leader and lecturer in sociology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Arnold Zweig has written a new novel, "De Vriendt Goes Home," which has just been published. It is a tale of love and fanaticism, intrigue and murder, part of the scene of which is laid in Palestine during the Arab uprising against the Jews in Palestine in 1929. The book has a background of world events and presents the conflicting interests of the British, the Moslems and the different types of Jewish Zionists. The story is full of deeper meaning than the mere story for those who are curious about the Zionist problem and its ultimate solution.

A contribution to an understanding not only of the doctrine of Spinoza but also to a new clarification of the spiritual process in man's history is contained in "Spinoza and Buddha" by the well known author and scholar, S. M. Melamed. In this work the author assigns the great philosophy of Spinoza a new position. He does not lessen his creative religious genius but believes it quite as immortal as Plato's creative philosophical genius. The book constitutes a constructive trans-valuation rather than a devastating devaluation of Spinozism. It presents not only Spinoza's doctrine but also his influence and his spiritual background.

There has recently appeared the "History of the Second Jewish Commonwealth" by Prof. Solomon Zeitlin in which he presents a new interpretation of Jewish history during the Hellenistic period. He analyzes the economic forces which brought about the merger of the Hellenistic party in Jerusalem. The author also gives a new conception of the origin of the Pharisees, their character and what they stood for. This volume covers the history from the time of Alexander the Great to the Hasmonean period.

"Germany—Twilight or New Dawn?" is a vivid and fascinating picture of the rise and triumph of the Nazi party and is the work of a German who must remain anonymous. The issuance of this book has caused quite a stir and it should be of interest to all who would like to know something concerning the Hitler Movement.

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

The recent Chanukah Holidays witnessed the third Commencement Exercises of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. With the present groups of graduates, forty students will have received the degree of M. A. from the Hebrew University. The first group of students received their diplomas in 1923.

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The entire City College basketball team is composed of Jewish members and is coached by a Jew, Nat Holman.

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Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the German relief fund announced recently that \$686,000 has been allotted by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which is raising the fund to aid Jewish victims of the Hitler regime.

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Rabbi Philip D. Bookstaber, of Harrisburg, Pa., was recently presented with a medal by the Hungarian Boy Scout Association, in recognition of his services for the youth of America. He was one of the six official American delegates to the Jamboree held in Hungary recently.

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According to the report presented to the Lausanne Conference on Refugees, approximately 51,000 Jews have been exiled from Germany.

At a recent meeting of the Conference presided over by Lord Marley, vice president of the British House of Lords, a number of escaped or released prisoners from German Concentration camps were questioned, as well as other refugees. These victims told harrowing tales and Lord Marley estimated that 2000 "assassinations" have taken place in Germany since Hitlerism came into power.

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The recent survey made by the *American Hebrew* of the position of the Jewish College Student in Collegiate life reveals that Jewish students take a leading part in both regular and extra-curricular activities.

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