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INSTITUTIONAL FIVE GAIN ANOTHER VICTORY

The Institutional Five continued on its winning rampage last Sunday evening and beat the Powhattan Club handily by the one sided score of 24—19. Rapid and unerring basket shooting featured the latter part of this exciting contest.

The Audience applauded vociferously as a result of the adept handling of the ball. Captain Kochie Polakoff, Rubie Klampert, Ruby Nevins and Allie Gebiras played their usual high grade brand of ball.

Music for this occasion was supplied by "Millers' Merrymakers'" and was enjoyed by those present. Dancing, as usual, followed the game.

Negotiations are under way for a feature night of basketball and dancing on Sunday evening, January 14th. Arrangements are now being made for a return engagement with the Henry Street quintet. As an added feature the Carlton Club, and intermediate group of basketball enthusiasts, will play the American Club in a preliminary match. Both games are sure to be interesting and exciting.

TALMUD TORAH STUDENTS ENJOY MOVIES

Members of the Talmud Torah were guests of Mr. Stern, Manager of the "Regun" Theatre, last Tuesday afternoon. A splendid program of pictures was being shown at that time and only expressions of enjoyment were heard at the conclusion of the show.

We wish to take this means of thanking Mr. Stern, for his kindness in extending this invitation.

This treat was a reward to those members of the Junior Congregation who attended services regularly.

Don't Forget

17th Annual Theatre Party

of the

Institutional Synagogue

SUNDAY EVENING

JANUARY 7, 1934

At the BILTMORE THEATRE

Make Reservations Immediately

FINAL CHECK UP FOR THEATRE PARTY TICKETS BEING MADE

Committee Urges Last Minute Spurt in Ticket Solicitations

With the approach of the eventful evening of January 7th when the Seventeenth Annual Theatre Party of the Institutional Synagogue will be held there is plenty of evidence of the last minute hurry and bustle that bespeaks the coming of a successful function. Members are urged to make payment for all outstanding tickets on or before Tuesday, January 2nd.

Remember this date, in order to facilitate the work of the Committee in checking up their status. After this date tickets may be secured through Executive Director Bernstein.

An evening replete with superb entertainment, by leading Broadway celebrities of the stage and radio, will be in store for our friends and members at the Biltmore Theatre. Bert Lahr has already signified his intentions of attending this gala function as have many other well known artists. We can assure you of several "sure-fire" hits and many surprise novelties that will both delight and entertain you.

The I. S. Annual Theatre Party always has presented an opportunity for members and friends of the I. S. to meet once again and to spend an enjoyable evening together. The great pains that the Committee has taken to arrange for an entertaining program, the opportunity of meeting your friends, the chance of enjoying a pleasant evening, all point to one thing—A Successful Evening! PLEASE HURRY UP AND GET YOUR TICKET NOW!

Alfred Goldman, son of our esteemed Director and Mrs. Isaac Goldman and Herbert Abrams, son of Belle Baker will be Bar-Mitzvah at our West Side Branch this Saturday morning, December 30th, 1933.

PICKWICK CLUB DEFEATS AVALONS IN FIRST DEBATE OF TOURNAMENT

The first debate of the Annual Inter-Club Debating Tournament found the Pickwicks pitted against the Avalon Club.

Both teams were well prepared and presented their sides of the topic "Resolved that Unemployment Can Be Abolished" in a masterly fashion. The Pickwick Club was represented by Sylvia Rosen, Florence Rosen, and Vivian Schoenberg while the Avalon Team was composed of Sylvia Holtzer, Frances Schulman and Ruth Gumerove.

The decision was a close one and only by a single vote of the judges were the Pickwicks declared the winners.

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BIBLE COMMENTS

Sedrah for Week "Va-yichi"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Chapter XLVII, Verse 28 "AND JACOB LIVED IN THE LAND OF EGYPT SEVENTEEN YEARS." According to the Rabbis, these seventeen years were the happiest of his whole life. The preceding one hundred and thirty years were taken up with wandering, hiding, sorrow or persecution, but during these seventeen years Jacob was free from all personal worries.

Verse 2. "AND THE TIME DREW NIGH THAT ISRAEL MUST DIE," ETC. That expression "drew nigh" is repeated in the First Book of Chronicles, Chapter 2, Verse 1, as we read, "Now that the days of David drew nigh that he should die." This expression, the Rabbis say, means that the person spoken of did not reach the same age of his father.

"AND HE CALLED HIS SON JOSEPH, AND SAID UNTO HIM, IF NOW I HAVE," ETC. He called Joseph and not Reuben the firstborn nor Judah the most dominant figure among his brethren because Joseph was the only one able to carry out his request.

"PUT, I PRAY THEE, THY HAND UNDER MY THIGH," ETC. This same phrase was used by Abraham in Chapter 24, Verse 2. The act of putting the hand under one's thigh was a ceremony showing authority over him that put his hand thus, and was indicative of a solemn oath. Jacob made Joseph swear because he was afraid lest Pharaoh might veto a mere promise which Joseph had made. When, however, Pharaoh would be told that Joseph had taken an oath and had sworn unto his father, then he would not be likely to deter Joseph from carrying out the agreement.

"AND DEAL KINDLY AND TRULY WITH ME; BURY ME NOT, I PRAY THEE, IN EGYPT." The kindness, done to a dead person is the truest form of kindness, for the dead person is unable to reciprocate in any way and the deed is therefore done without the expectation of getting anything in return. It is for this reason that we name the society for the burial of the "Chesed shal emes" meaning "true kindness." Jacob also tells Joseph that he should not under-estimate the moral obligation of the promise he is about to make. A promise must be prompted by "kindness" of heart, but once it has been made there is no difference as to its original motive. It

becomes a true duty and must be carried out fully and wholeheartedly.

Verse 30. "WHEN I SLEEP WITH MY FATHERS, THEN SHALT THOU CARRY ME OUT OF EGYPT AND BURY ME IN THEIR BURYING PLACE." Sleeping with one's fathers, as we have it here and also in connection with King David in the First Book of Kings, Chapter 2, verse 10, "So David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David," refers to the time before burial. The Rabbis say that "sleeping with the fathers" does not refer to the bodily remains. If it were so then it ought to be spoken of after the burial. The expression refers to the reunion of souls immediately after death. One sleeps with his fathers though not yet buried with them in the grave. Thus the Bible speaks of immortality of the soul and of post-mortem existence as a reality and as a matter of course.

"AND HE SAID I WILL DO ACCORDING TO THY WORD." Joseph regarded the word of a father as of sufficient compelling force without the need of taking an oath.

Verse, 31, "AND HE SAID, SWEAR UNTO ME. AND HE SWORE UNTO HIM. AND ISRAEL BOWED HIMSELF UPON THE HEAD OF THE BED." Jacob, however, insisted upon an oath. Knowing the extreme reverence which the Egyptians entertained for dead bodies, especially for Jacob's whose coming to Egypt had caused the cessation of the famine, he was afraid lest Pharaoh might veto a mere promise made by Joseph. He knew, however, as we have said before, that an oath would be respected, and it happened just as he had foreseen. Why was Jacob so averse to being buried in Egypt? The Rabbis say that the reason was threefold. 1. He had a prophetic prescience that the soil of Egypt would one day be smitten with the plague of lice (see Exodus, Chapter 8, verses 12 to 16), and he disliked the thought that his bodily remains should be infested with these creatures. 2. Jacob believed, and so do we with him, that resurrection will be less unpleasant in Palestine than in the Diaspora. 3. And above all, Jacob wanted to avoid becoming a deity, which was highly probable due to the popularity he enjoyed among the Egyptians, who were ever ready to deify mortals.

Personals

Congressman Siegel, our lovable President, just helped sponsor another of his many Charities and needless to say this affair proved to be a huge success . . . Talk about news and scoops, pipe this . . . The Championship Basketball Team will get new outfits within a week. . . . Duke "Laffologist on Parade" Sherman will be seen again as chief comic in the *Chazans Son*, Sunday Nite January 28th . . . Jessie Maron, that Sweet and Perennial Juvenile, will again enact her type role on that eventful date . . . The Aavolon Girls did a grand job at the Debate and shouldn't feel downhearted after their defeat by the Pickwick Club . . . Incidentally, watch the smoke of the Pickwicks with their new Directress, Sylvia Harvey, at their helm, she's really a marvelous personality . . . Joey Abrams is Master Ceremonying at a very exclusive Resort in Lakewood. . . . Jerry Beuler is the Phemmes favorite at the moment what with his new Shim Sham Shimmy Tutoring . . . Both the Onyx and Kochie Pollak's Carlton's are hard at work on their "Capital Punishment" Debate . . . Solly Alper, that popular Piano Tickler, just passed his Bar Examination . . . Congrats' Solly . . . Sara Taitz, who promises to be America's Leading Elocution Teacher, is running another affaire at which her pupils will give a recital . . . Florrie Meltzer is down with the Grippe, we wish you a speedy recovery, Flo.

Zalman Yavneh's Voice was indeed a pleasant surprise in one of his too infrequent visits to the Uptown Branch . . . Bernie Wolken, the Adonis of the Gym and Pool, just got over a strained set of ligaments and now looks like he's enjoying his customary good health . . . Mr. Aaron Wartels, he of the Infectious smile, is an occasional visitor at our weekly basketball games and seems to get a tremendous thrill in watching our boys returned victors in each of their games . . . George Kojac, one of America's Leading Swimmers is instructing our natators . . . just watch them from this date . . . The Whitman Club Boys are down here in full force every evening . . . apparently there are no dull moments in their lives . . . one never knows what their up to . . . Something different will be seen down at the Gym on January 14th . . . A preliminary game with our Carlton's meeting the American Club . . . looks like a bang-up contest.

Cedric Rosenberg, of the flaming crashing smashing and tearing Rosenbergs is cruising along the Indies . . . what a lucky stiff . . . Max Miller is broke again . . . he and The Dentist are dear friends . . . ask him to show you his most recent acquisition . . . Both the Rabbi's Son and Mr. Udell's Pride and Joy were our guests of honor at the Debate and have promised to come down again . . . We're always glad to have both of you . . . Regina Fiener, our Music Instructress, still is dead anxious to produce a real, genuine Operetta . . . Such ambition should never be downed . . . Abe Kirschenbaum, the former Dramatic Coach, will open a Brand New Law Office down at 256 Broadway . . . This is not an advertisement . . . but since rent and things have to be paid for, well . . . Joey Koppelman is always seen the *Chazan's Son* script under his armpit . . . you can wager all the Tea in China that he will do a masterful job of his part . . . If you don't like this column blame Joey Abrams it was he who suggested this bright (?) idea . . . if you like it let us know.

Health Habits

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C O L D S

Due to the presence of inclement weather, I believe it would be very opportune to discuss the cause, prevention and treatment of colds.

A cold is an inflammation of the mucous membrane lining of the upper respiratory passages which include the nose, mouth, larynx, bronchial tubes, vesicular tissue of the lungs, and the sinuses.

It manifests itself in a pouring out of secretions which eventually turns to mucopurulent discharges, which is that thick yellowish discharge. It has been definitely proven by scientists and bacteriologists that most people become infected with colds which are followed by bronchitis only when their normal powers of resistance are at a low ebb, and the fighting forces are unable to combat properly the invading germs or micro-organisms.

The lining of the nose, throat, bronchial tubes, and the sinuses of the head and face is a continuous one, differing very little as it extends from one organ to another. This lining is impregnated with many glands whose function is to secrete mucus which bathes the structures of the nose, throat, bronchial tubes, and sinuses. The lymph glands and vessels which bring nourishment to these structures and also are responsible for the removal of wastes, form an intricate and intimate chain.

When a "cold" first takes form, the lining is attacked by micro-organisms, and "filtrable viruses" which means germs which can't be seen by the naked eye, and as a result, the mucous glands become infected, and the mucous changes its consistency to a thick muco-purulent yellowish discharge, and as a result, the nasal cavities, the larynx, and finally the bronchial tubes and sinuses become clogged and filled up. Normal breathing is impaired. The head and nose feel stuffy and clogged, the sinuses become heavy, and the front of the head aches, and a cough develops.

Due to the absorption of pus and bacterial poisons or toxins, the individual feels tired and sluggish, pains develop in the joints, back and eyes. There is loss of pep and vitality. The nose discharges continuously, phlegm or mucous is coughed up in an attempt to free the bronchial tubes. The eyes tear also.

Although a cold is the least fatal of all infections, it plays the most havoc with the body, causing enough damage to cause one to become listless, lifeless, tired, morose and weak and still not serious enough to cause fatality or mortality, unless complications set in.

Prevention and treatment will be discussed next week.

Try-outs for parts in the *Chazan's Son*, a drama-comedy which will be produced on January 28th, by the Institutional Players, will be held on Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock in the Auditorium.

Members interested in securing further information apply to Mr. Bookbinder.

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH
WORLD

Isaiah Levy, prominent member of the Jewish community of Turin, Italy, has been appointed a Senator of the Italian Government. Signor Levy is the fifteenth member of the Italian Jewish community to be appointed to the Italian Senate.

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An exhibition of paintings by Shulamith Wittenberg, a native Palestinian artist, is now being held at the Roehrich Museum. Miss Wittenberg's works have been very favorably received by art critics, and a number of her paintings are in famous collections.

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The Jewish Colonization Association has purchased about 60,000 acres of land in the Argentine Republic this year, bringing the total land belonging to the Association in the Argentine to about a million and a half acres.

Sir Leonard Cohen, President of the Association, declared recently, that about half a million acres are already owned by Jewish colonists who are settled on the land, while another half million acres are available to thousands of Jewish families who are interested in settling on the farm.

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The fifteen-year struggle of the Jewish Real-Gymnasium of Vilna for governmental recognition recently came to an end with a victory for the Gymnasium. Hitherto those who completed the courses of the Real-Gymnasium were not admitted into any Polish university, but from now on graduates of the schools who are possessed of their Jewish diplomas, may study at the regular universities for the profession which they may wish to adopt.

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The ancient "blood ritual" charge is once more being made against the Jews. This time, it reappears in San Diego, California, and the Post Office of that locality is endeavoring to trace the circular sent through the mails entitled "Jewish Ritual Murder in San Diego." This circular relates in a presumably scientific manner that during the last three years in San Diego two ritual murders were committed by Jews on seven-year old Christian children. As proof that the Jews require the blood of Christian children under twelve years the circular cites a book that was printed in Prague in 1880 and since then has been discredited time and again.

THE JEWISH BOY SCOUT

The Twelfth Scout Law says "A Scout is reverent. He is reverent towards God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion."

Under ordinary circumstances, a boy of any creed feels quite at home in the Scouting environment. There is nothing in Scouting that makes it necessary for him to violate in any manner his particular religious convictions or customs. On the contrary, the Scout Law was formulated with the definite view not only of preserving the spirit of reverence in the boy but more consciously with a view of stimulating in him a developing interest in his own religion. To that degree, Scouting has been helpful to the Synagogue and Church, particularly in those instances where Church or Synagogue has directly sponsored a Scout Troop. Scouting has also been helpful in stimulating the spirit of reverence that is inculcated in the boy in his environment. Not only in Troop activities but in camp as well are the evidences of these influences to be found.

In matters of religion, Scouting neutrality is not negative but positive. As Dr. Cyrus Adler, Chairman of the Advisory Jewish Committee, of the Boy Scouts of America stated, "The Scout Movement recognizes religion as an integral part of the character-building process and encourages boys to adhere to the tenets and practices of their own faith. On this basis Scouting has enjoyed the co-operation of nearly every religious group in America and has gone forward in the spirit of universal service to all boys everywhere." The principle of voluntary choice is likewise applied to the Scout with reference to Sabbath Services in camp. The opportunity to attend is definitely presented to the Scout and he is required to make the choice.

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