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WE LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU
THIS SUNDAY EVENING

at the

Seventeenth Annual Theatre Party

of the

Institutional Synagogue

at the

BILTMORE THEATRE, 47th St., West of B'way

Tickets may still be secured at the Main Building, 37 West 116th St.

**JEWISH ESSAY CONTEST
ANNOUNCED FOR ALL MEMBERS**
Medals to be Awarded to Winners in
Each Division

The Department of Center Activities has announced as the feature of the literary activities, for the month of January a Jewish Essay Contest. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate an interest in Judaism among the club members, and to offer them an opportunity to express their latent literary ability.

The contest will be conducted in two divisions. Division "A" between the ages of 13 and 17; and division "B" between the ages of 17 and 22. Similar awards will be given to the winners in each division. First prize will be a silver medal, appropriately inscribed, second prize a bronze medal, and Honorable Mention will be given those deserving in the estimation of the Board of Judges. First and second prize winning essays of both divisions will be published in the "Institutional."

There are several simple rules which must be adhered to. 1. Essays should not be less than three hundred nor more than six hundred words in length. 2. Essays should be submitted to Rabbi Goodman not later than 9 P. M. on Wednesday, January 24th. 3. The decision of the Board of Judges will be final.

The Board of Judges will consist of those most ably qualified to select the prize winning essays. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, will be Chairman of the Board, and

**BELLE BAKER, EDDIE CANTOR, BERT LAHR, AND BOB HALL WILL APPEAR
IN PERSON AT THEATRE PARTY THIS
SUNDAY EVENING.**

The Biltmore Theatre, 47th Street West of Broadway, will house a show that will be replete with the outstanding Stage, Screen and Radio Luminaries and promises to be the grandest Theatre Party the I.S. ever sponsored.

Belle Baker, America's Most Colorful Songstress, has promised to appear as Mistress of Ceremonies and in addition will bring additional talent with her. Lou G. Siegel, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, has Eddie Cantor's Word that he too will definitely be on hand to help along this good cause. Bert Lahr was cornered after one of his nationwide broadcasts and he too will strut his well known stuff. Bob Hall who has graced Vodvil Boards for more years than he wishes to recall will introduce an innovation. The complete ensembles of some of the leading current Musical Productions on Broadway will assist in this never-to-be-forgotten extravaganza. In addition Sylvia Smith, Grace and Ray who were seen at our recent Institutional Insanities Show, Milt Balzer, Artie Elmer, Betty Morris, and Joey Abrams will appear.

Tickets may still be secured for this eventful evening from Executive Director Bernstein by phoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729. *Hurry up please—secure your tickets now!*

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BIBLE COMMENTS

Sedrah for Week "Shemos"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Shemos, Chapter 1, Verse 1 "NOW THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WHICH CAME INTO EGYPT; EVERY MAN AND HIS HOUSEHOLD CAME WITH JACOB."

They came with their households, thus evidencing their intention to settle in the land. They wanted to make good their obligation to be in exile for four hundred years.

We note also, that only the children of Israel, and not the children of Esau and Ishmael, came forward to shoulder this responsibility of exile, the ancestral liability. Consequently they had no share in the ancestral assets, The Torah, the Holy Land and eternal existence.

Verses 2, 3, and 4 give the original Hebrew names of Jacob's children. The Midrash tells us, that because the children of Israel did not change their names, their language, and their mode of dress, they were not assimilated by the overwhelming majority of peoples among whom they lived.

Verse 5 "AND ALL THE SOULS THAT CAME OUT OF THE LOINS OF JACOB WERE SEVENTY SOULS: FOR JOSEPH WAS IN EGYPT ALREADY."

Joseph, who there before them, prepared the way for their coming. By his conduct towards Potiphar's wife, he spared his relatives from being molested by advances of an adulterous character, on the part of the natives. This saved Israel from having its blood mixed with, and adulterated by the Egyptians. When Joseph assigned Goshen to his family as their dwelling place he created the first Ghetto and gave the children of Israel the opportunity of carrying out the tenets of their faith undisturbed.

Verse 6 "AND JOSEPH DIED, AND ALL HIS BRETHREN, AND ALL THAT GENERATION."

Joseph died, the youngest and Levi, the oldest. Our Rabbis ascribe Joseph's early death to the fact that he had to bear the burdens of leadership (see Talmud Bera-chos 55a) and Levi's advanced age, to the

fact that he was engaged wholly in the study of the traditions, and in the worship of God.

Verse 7 "AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE FRUITFUL, AND INCREASED ABUNDANTLY, AND MULTIPLIED, AND WAXED EXCEEDING MIGHTILY; AND THE LAND WAS FILLED WITH THEM."

The Rabbis say that the Children of Israel became too conspicuous in the places of amusement. The Egyptians disliked this rivalry more than anything else. This promoted antipathy and hatred, which later developed into a desire to enslave the Israelites.

Verse 8 "NOW THERE AROSE UP A NEW KING OVER EGYPT, WHICH KNEW NOT JOSEPH." The Talmud in Sota 11a tells us that Rav and Samuel differ as to the meaning of this verse. One holds that the verse refers to a new king who was unaware of all that Joseph had done for Egypt, because the chroniclers, prejudiced and biased against the Israelites (like their modern descendants, the historians) misinterpreted and omitted from their records the patriotic contributions and acts of devotion on the part of the children of Israel. The other holds that this was the same Pharaoh of Joseph's day, but that a change of heart had taken place in him. Due to Joseph's unflinching honesty and zeal, he kept the unscrupulous from power. Upon Joseph's death however, Pharaoh was forced to change his policy. When these unscrupulous officials proposed measures of oppression for Joseph's people, Pharaoh rebuked them and reminded them of what the immigrants had done for the country. They thereupon deposed the old monarch and kept him away from his throne for three months. This resulted in a change of attitude on his part. Henceforth he began to see "eye to eye" with them and became their enthusiastic leader, suggesting new decrees, with which to oppress the children of Israel.

Personals

Al Rhine claims "he-knows-it-all" when it comes to stage lighting effect . . . but . . . what happened when you pulled the switch for the first time this year? . . . One sunny afternoon as we approached the desk we found a group of girls singing "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" to our ferocious (?) registrar . . . when he tried to extract some money from them . . . (P. S.) He got it!!! . . . Henry A. Pollack, that whirlwind of the handball courts, has just passed his Bar Exam . . . Congrats, Henry . . . The Versatile Club is developing a crack debating team . . . but . . . don't mention "Chain Stores" to them . . . or . . . they'll jump down your throat . . . The Varsity Girls are holding their annual dance in the very near future . . . they wanted a "lot of space" . . . well, here you are, girls . . . nuf? . . . Hope you make a success of it . . . Which reminds us, the Juniors are planning to have a dance "all for themselves" very, very, soon . . . The Boy Scout Troop is all set and rarin' to go . . . but here's a scoop . . . they'll soon have competition in the form of a Girls Scout Troop . . . The Basketball Team is all set for the Federation Settlement Game on the fourteenth . . . Heres an advance notice to our dramatically inclined clubs . . . The One Act Play Contest will begin soon . . . better get busy . . . competition will be keen . . . The Amici Girls have a great, big, dazzling surprise in store for us soon . . . What is it girls? . . . won't you please tell us?

DOUBLE BAR-MITZVAH AT WEST SIDE SYNAGOGUE

Despite the cold weather the Bar-Mitzvahs of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goldman and Belle Baker were well attended. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein very eloquently brought home to the boys the traditional meaning of the Bar-Mitzvah ceremony and urged them to continue their Jewish studies.

Among the prominent guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cantor and Mr. David A. Brown, editor of the "American Hebrew."

Our active Director Lou G. Siegel catered to the affair and provided plenty of pre-Volstead necessities.

We wish to extend our heartiest felicitations to our esteemed Director and Mrs. Max Stavish on the marriage of their son, Albert.

Health Habits

IRWIN I. LUBOWE, M. D.

RESISTANCE

In the last issue we discussed the origin and the cause of colds; in this article we will attempt to thoroughly discuss the prevention of colds and upper respiratory infections. There are present upon the mucous membrane lining of the various organs of the respiratory tract different types of germs of weak or non virile strength which become virile or toxic, when the individual's resistance or strength is low and broken down, and when there is a lowering in the presence of the formation of the antibodies.

The production of antibodies is the result of good health, with an active circulation in a strong body. To obtain a strong healthy body and an active circulation, we have mentioned previously that it was absolutely essential to acquire proper health habits, as daily bathing and moderate physical exercise. To retain this excellent state of functional balance, we must make sure that certain health principles are incorporated in their daily living.

With the change of seasons, it is wise to change our mode of dress accordingly. The presence of sleet, ice and cold necessitates the wearing of heavy woolen undergarments. When venturing into the street, heavy outer garments must cover the body, and warm gloves encase the hands. If the ground is wet the shoes should always be covered by rubbers or galoshes. During the summer and the warm months, light porous thin undergarments should clothe the individual. Thin light shirts, suits and dresses should be worn externally. Plenty of sunshine should be secured at the beach or summer resorts, with the ultimate correct tanning of the skin, and the absorption of the healthy ultra-violet rays.

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JEWISH ESSAY CONTEST

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Cong. Isaac Siegel, Dr. Zadok Kapner, and Rabbi Philip Goodman will be the other members.

The topics for both divisions follow:

DIVISION A

1. "My favorite Jewish Holiday."
2. "George Washington and the Jews."
3. "Abraham Lincoln and the Jews."
4. "What it Means to be a Jew."
5. "Chamiso Oser B'shevat."

DIVISION B

1. "Zionism."
2. "The Jew in the Making of America."
3. "The Place of the Synagogue."
4. "My Problems as a Jew and How I Meet Them."
5. "Anti-Semitism."

Entrants are urged to consult Rabbi Goodman for sources of material and general advice.

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

The famous fourth century copy of the Bible, the "Codex Sinaiticus," has been recently purchased by the British Government for the huge sum of 100,000 pounds. This is the largest amount ever paid for any written or printed record of mankind.

The German scholar, Tischendorf, discovered the Sinaitic Code in 1849 at a Mt. Carmel monastery. At his suggestion it was presented to Alexander II of Russia, who caused it to be printed in 1862. This relic has long been considered as the most valuable manuscript extant.

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For the first time since the opening of the Hebrew University, on Mt. Scopus, a National Government has made a grant for the establishment of a chair at the university. The Italian Government has made a grant to the Hebrew University for the purpose of establishing a chair in Romance Languages and Literature, with special emphasis on Italian, according to an announcement by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

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Delegates from all over the country met recently at Niagra Falls and organized "Masada" the Young Men's Zionist Organization.

The purpose of the organization was stated in the keynote speech of Mr. Rotheberg, President of the Zionist Organization of America, "Masada must become the Vehicle for enlisting masses of young Jews in this country in the service of the greatest Jewish causes, the reconstitution of the Jewish national home and the revival of Hebraic culture."

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The election of Rabbi Julien Weil as grand-rabbi at Paris recently was hailed with great satisfaction by all circles of French Jews.

Rabbi Weil, besides acting as assistant grand rabbi for several years, has also been an editor, author, and composer.

The Greek Minister of Interior, Moundjourides, recently ordered the mayor of Salonika to devote especial attention to problems affecting the Jewish population of that city, and requested him to employ Jews in city public offices, "since the Jews as Greek citizens have the same claim to consideration at the hands of city authorities as have their fellow-citizens of the Greek Orthodox faith."

In a recent statement to the press he also declared that he was a convinced philo-Semitic and that during his term of office as Governor of Crete he demonstrated his friendship to the Jews in many tangible ways.

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According to statistics furnished by the Jewish Colonization Association to the World Grain Exposition in Canada, 577,000 Jews in eight countries live exclusively from agriculture. They cultivate a total of 5,410,730 hectares, or over 12,000,000 acres, in Canada, Argentine, Brazil, Palestine, United States, Poland, Soviet Russia and Roumania.

These figures do not include those Jewish settlements in which only a very small fraction of the Jewish population practices agriculture, as in Central Europe.

Enrico Salem was recently appointed Mayor of Trieste, Italy, by Premier Benito Mussolini. The Salem family, originally native in Portugal fled to Holland in 1497, after expulsion from that country, and Enrico's Great-grandfather came to Trieste in 1780. Until 1912 his son, the grandfather of the present mayor, was president of the Jewish Community of Trieste.

ORTHODOX JEWESS CALLED TO
IMPORTANT POST

Miss Pearl Bernstein, who, it will be remembered, addressed the "Daughters of the I. S." on 'The Chasidic Movement in Jewish History' has been appointed as Secretary to the Board of Estimate.

We all wish her success and congratulate her parents, who are frequent worshippers in our Synagogue.

We mourn the loss of our late active member Louis Lipman who passed away on Wednesday, December 27th. We extend our condolence to the bereaved family.

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