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CLUBS TO CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

On Thursday evening, February 22nd, at 8:30 P.M., the club members will gather in the social room for the celebration of the birthday of America's first President, George Washington.

Slides depicting the life of George Washington, the Revolutionary War, and the Colonial Life of his period will be shown. Rabbi Philip Goodman will speak on "George Washington and His Friends, the Jews."

There will be no admission charge.

TROOP 699 RECEIVES CHARTER

Boy Scout Troop 699 of the Institutional Synagogue received its Charter last Thursday evening through Mr. Hartman, Marshal of the district. Mr. Philip Russ, representing Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America and the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting, was present to congratulate the new scouts.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein expressed the hope that the troop would live up to Scout Law No. 12, namely, "A Scout is Reverent, A Scout is Reverent to God and Faithful in His Religious Beliefs."

Rabbi Philip Goodman and Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Troop Committeemen, were present. In addition, several parents and visitors were present to see Charter Ceremony directed by Jack Greenfest, Scoutmaster.

I. S. INTERMEDIATE TEAM WINS EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE VICTORY

The Emmanon Club of the Hebrew Institute of University Heights, was the eighth victim of our strong Intermediate Basketball Team.

The game was a hard battle and the final victory was undecided until the last whistle had blown with the score 14-12 in our team's favor. The Intermediate Team is captained by Kenny Kaufman and is composed of the following regular members: David Linn, Bernie Cohen, David Laubman, Marvin Brandt, Henry Robinson, Jack Wainer, and Sol Heller.

The team coach, Abe Leal, now believes that the team is able to meet any team of its weight and age and has arranged for games with teams of the best calibre to oppose them. We are sure that his judgment is correct.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bernstein on the occasion of their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

I. S. TO CELEBRATE PURIM AT GALA CARNIVAL

Novelties and Stunts Feature Program

The Department of Center Activities will conduct a Gala Purim Carnival on Saturday evening, March 3rd, at the Main Building. Numerous novelties and features will comprise the splendid program arranged for that eventful evening.

Queen Esther Beauty Contest

The Queen Esther of the Institutional Synagogue will be chosen during this evening. All ladies attending the affair are entitled to participate in the contest. Following the selection of the Board of Judges the coronation ceremony will take place with due pomp.

Dance Contest

For the pleasure of Queen Esther a Dance Contest will be held among her loyal subjects to decide which of them will bear the title of "Her Majesty's Dancers."

Prizes will be awarded to the winning pair.

Floor Show

Featuring the evening's entertainment will be a Gala Floor Show by professional entertainers. Joe Abrams will act as Master of Ceremonies and he has promised to be on hand with his entire troupe of actors, who have traveled vaudeville circuits.

You certainly don't want to miss this splendid opportunity of spending the holiday of Purim in a most congenial atmosphere, lightened by a galaxy of luminous features. It will be a Purim celebration to be long remembered in the annals of the Institutional Synagogue. Tell all your friends about it and bring them with you on Saturday evening, March 3rd. Price of admission is only thirty-five cents, and twenty-five cents to members of the I. S. You will certainly not make a better investment than by purchasing your tickets in advance and assuring yourself of a splendid evening.

PURIM CROSSWORD PUZZLE CONTEST ANNOUNCED

A Purim Crossword Puzzle Contest which is open to all members will undoubtedly arouse a great deal of enthusiasm among puzzle fans.

The puzzles are now available at the desk in the lobby. There is an entrance fee of 5 cents. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of a suitable prize to the winner. Completed puzzles must be returned by Thursday evening, March 1st. The winner will be announced during the Purim Carnival, March 3rd.

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BIBLE COMMENTS

Sedrah for Week "Trumah"

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Chapter XXV, Verse 2. "THAT THEY BRING ME AN OFFERING." The Hebrew original means, "Let them take to me." The Rabbis declare that this way of phrasing the thought indicates a great truth in connection with the giving of charity. While he who dispenses charity seems to be giving, he is in reality taking. For the great satisfaction of mind which follows the doing of good and the Divine blessings which attend one who gives charity make of the benefactor a beneficiary. Furthermore, when one contributes toward the up-keeping of the needy, for the furtherance of Jewish religious education, he takes out an insurance policy, the dividends of which are paid in terms of social peace, public morality and Jewish safety.

"OF EVERY MAN THAT GIVETH IT WILLINGLY WITH HIS HEAR YOU SHALL TAKE MY OFFERING." All that was needed for the building of the Sanctuary was to be provided for by popular and voluntary gifts so that the Sanctuary would enjoy the affection of the people. This feeling would have been absent if its materials were accumulated by compulsory methods or taken from a very rich people.

Verse 5. "AND RAMS' SKINS DYED RED, AND BADGERS' SKINS, AND SHITTIM WOOD." According to the Talmud, Shabbos 28b, this badger was not the species we have today, since anything of an animal used had to be such that the eating of it would not conflict with the dietary laws. The badgers of today are not kosher, since they neither chew the cud nor have the divided hoof. Therefore, the Rabbis saw that this animal was a rare species unknown today.

Verse 8. "AND LET THEM MAKE ME A SANCTUARY, THAT I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM." The concrete Sanctuary which the people would behold was so to impress itself upon their minds

and hearts that they themselves would become an abode of holiness, and a residence of the Divine presence. In the Aboth of Rabbi Nathan, work is exalted as follows: "Rabbi Tarphon says, 'Great is work, for even the Holy One, blessed be He, did not cause His presence to rest over Israel until they actually worked.'" It is said (in our verse), "And let them make unto Me a Sanctuary, and then I will dwell among them."

Verse 15. "THE STAVES SHALL BE IN THE RINGS OF THE ARK; THEY SHALL NOT BE TAKEN FROM IT." This was to emphasize efficiency and readiness in connection with the study of the Torah. When there is need to move the ark from place to place, let there be no delay because the necessary implements are not at hand. So it should be in regard to the study and the observance of the Torah. One should so arrange his work and habits of living that a change in one's condition should not prove a hindrance or impediment to the study and observance of the Torah.

Verse 17. "AND THOU SHALT MAKE A MERCY SEAT OF PURE GOLD." The Hebrew word for "mercy seat" come from the word meaning to "Atone". Thus Rabbi Jose, son of Rabbi Hanina, declared (in the Talmud Yerusalmi Shekalim, Chapter one, Halacha one), "the god of the mercy seat was to atone for the gold of the (golden) calf." The best kind of atonement, according to the Rabbis, is that performed by means of the thing with which one has sinned. In a sense this is "measure for measure."

MORE ADS NEEDED FOR
DIARY JOURNAL

Hark De!**Hark De!**

Now it came to pass in the days of the Institutional Synagogue, which reigns over the fun and recreation of all good Jews of New York City.

That in those days the decree was issued by the Department of Center Activities of that self-same institution, that the **FEAST OF PURIM** should be observed this year, as it always has been observed, with **JOY AND MERRIMENT**.

And it was further decreed that all good members of the same institution, and with them all their friends, should assemble on Saturday Evening, the third day of the month of March, and make merry at the Purim Carnival which the Institution has arranged and which will be bigger and better than entertainments before arranged by them.

And it was further decreed that for all the stunts and features and good times, and for all the dancing, which will be from eight in the evening even unto one the next morning, only thirty-five cents shall be charged, (twenty-five cents to members) so that all may come and make merry and forget the hard times in the memory of the great deeds which the Lord has of yore done to our Children of Israel, and which He will again repeat in His own good time.

TAP DANCING CLASS BEGINS THIS MONDAY

A class in tap dancing will begin Monday evening, February 19th, at 8 o'clock, in room 205. Under the capable leadership of Mr. Milton Rosenberg there is a great opportunity offered to learn this art. All those interested should report to Mr. Rosenberg at the time and hour as stated above.

LIFE SAVING CLASS BEGINS ACTIVE SESSIONS

The Life Saving Class, organized by and under the supervision of Mr. Alfred Wolken, Swimming Instructor, began its active sessions last Sunday afternoon.

The first session consisted of a discussion of the Life Saving Service, elements of personal safety, and a brief introduction to artificial respiration.

The next session of the class will be held on Sunday, February 18th, at 12:30.

INSTITUTIONAL NATATORS TO MEET BENSONHURST JEWISH CENTER

After many weeks of earnest practice and careful coaching the I. S. swimming team will compete against the Bensonhurst Jewish Center team, at our pool, this Sunday at 1 P.M.

Many of the former I. S. swimmers, who have taken Metropolitan Championships, have returned to coach our team this year. With all these factors in their favor the boys are quite confident—but this Sunday afternoon will tell the tale.

Health Habits

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"NERVOUS BREAKDOWN"

During the past five years there has been recorded in the medical journals more occurrences of nervous breakdowns than ever before in the annals of history. This can be definitely traced to the excessive mental aggravation and increased nervous irritabilities as a direct result of the depression. The insane asylums are filled with hundreds of thousands of young men and women who have developed traces of lunacy which probably were precipitated by an unbalanced physical and mental state.

We all realize and are aware that the present period is a difficult and trying one, and the economic burden is stupendous. However, if we neglect all of our pleasures and place all worries and strife on a pedestal, and worship at the shrine, it is a natural result that disharmony of mind and body will follow.

If our immediate financial and social condition is poor, we must attempt to alleviate that condition, or, on the other hand, we must make the best of it. To efface these impending disturbances from our horizon, we must turn ourselves to other activities which will furnish us with a maximum of pleasure, and also will aid in the cultural and physical development of the individual. To secure these advantages, it is best to join a local community house, which affords desirable opportunities to meet, socially, men and women of the same age and set. Mingling with such individuals permits discussion of various phases of intellectual life, and aids in the participation in the various beneficial sports, as basketball, swimming, boxing, tennis and wrestling. There is created an air of harmony and mutual satisfaction where young formative people have social and cultural intercourse.

As a direct result, the latent which is present in all normal people is permitted to find a desirable outlet and means for expression. Thus there is less opportunity for any aggravating or irritating environmental influences to play havoc with the highly sensitized nervous system, with the result of nervous collapse or breakdown.

It is always advisable to set aside certain hours of the day and certain days of the week for rest and relaxation. The ancient sage remarked, "You cannot burn the candle from both ends." No true but sadder words were ever spoken. We cannot conduct our lives at a nerve-wrecking pace, and then when the day's work is done, expect to feel refreshed, enthused, and well-composed. We must learn to control our fears and worries, we must learn to establish a happy mixture of business and pleasure, we must cultivate living in moderation.

By systematic control of our ways of living, we will prolong our lives, and we will fill them with the bounty of health, happiness, and the desire to make this sphere a nobler and a better world to inhabit.

NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD SPONSORS ORATORICAL CONTEST

The finals in the National Oratorical Contest for Jewish Centers, sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board, parent organization for Y.M.H.A.'s, Y.W.H.A.'s and Jewish Community Centers, will be held Sunday evening, February 25th, at 8:30 P.M., at the Y.M.H.A., 92nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Former Congressman Isaac Siegel, vice-president of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Associations, will preside.

FOR AMERICA AND ISRAEL

It behooves us here in America, I think, at a time as crucial and significant as this, to take account of some of the fundamentals of our own creed of conduct. I sometimes think that we have never quite justly appraised the great adventure of our forefathers coming to this land of liberty and freedom. It outranks in mystery, in hazard, in bravery and daring, the journey of the Argonauts themselves. Here they came, strangers to a strange land, many of them unable to speak the language of the land to which they came, and here they pitched their tents and soon those tents became their habitations. And we struck our roots deep in the soil of America, and we planted our lives deep in the life of America.

Here our fathers built up their homes, reared their children, achieved position in the community, won not only the right of liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but the respect and the affection of their fellow citizens, place for themselves, place for their children, until today we stand bone of the bone, and flesh of the flesh of this America of our love. But, at the same time, we remain spiritually, traditionally, flesh of the flesh and bone of the bone of Israel.

Politically, economically, our undivided loyalty is to the flag of our country. Religiously, culturally, spiritually, we owe it not only to ourselves as Jews, but to this country, of which we are a part, to preserve for ourselves and for this country the glory and the grandeur of the Jewish tradition of culture and religion.

(From an Address of Former Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer.)

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JEWISH CURRENT EVENTS

Professor John Dewey, of Columbia University and Heywood Broun, noted columnist, two of the most fearless opponents of the Hitler regime in Germany will be the principal speakers at an anti-Nazi mass-meeting to be held on the evening of February 18th, at the Odd Fellows Labor Temple, 105 East 106th Street, New York. The rally is sponsored by Hungarian, German and other nationality groups in America.

Nine Jewish youth organizations will cooperate with the Metropolitan Association of Jewish Center Workers at a conference to be held Friday morning at the Y.M.H.A. at 92nd Street. They are the Junior Hadassah Avukah, Young Israel, National Council of Jewish Juniors, Masada, Young Judaea, Youth Division of the American Jewish Congress, Young Circle League and the League of Jewish Youth. Possibilities of Jewish youth work in greater New York will be discussed.

The establishment of a new colony which will increase land settling opportunities for refugees in Palestine will be the objective of a conference of representatives of Zionist groups scheduled at Philadelphia on February 18th, in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Judge Samuel Seabury, political reformer and outstanding jurist, will deliver the principle address for the forthcoming Mass meeting at Madison Square Garden on March 7th, when "The Case of Civilization Against Hitlerism" will be presented.

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