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W. P. A. TO PRESENT COMEDY SHOW

"Skinners Dress Suit" To Be Featured Sat. Night

"Skinner's Dress Suit," a hilarious comedy of the American Businessman, will be produced this Saturday evening, November 16th, at the Main Building under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration. There is no admission charge.

The play deals with the trials and tribulations of a bookkeeper, attempting to live up to the higher station in life that the purchase of a dress suit brings him to. He is suspected of embezzling company funds, by his employers, in order to keep up with the "Jones." His employers send him on a wild goose chase in order to gain time to have the books audited. The climax is reached when Skinner is successful on his mission, through contacts he had made socially; the books are found to be in order and he is cleared of suspicion; and, he threatens to leave the firm unless he is offered a partnership. The play ends on a happy note as his employers agree to his demands.

The following Saturday night, November 23rd, the drama department will present a vaudeville show which promises to be one of the best performances. This unit includes professional magicians, acrobats, song and dance teams, and many other numbers. Following the show, the Celtic Club will conduct a dance in the gymnasium.

Last Saturday evening, a capacity audience enjoyed the delightful concert presented by the Hudson Symphony Orchestra. The program consisted chiefly of beautiful selections of classical music.

COMMITTEE BEGINS TICKET SALE FOR 19th ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

WOMEN'S LEAGUE APPOINTS RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE

An exceptionally large gathering of women attended the meeting of the Women's League, held last Monday afternoon. Amongst the gathering there were many newcomers, some of whom enrolled as members.

Mrs. David H. Ullman, the president, made a plea for the women to go out to solicit merchandise for the forthcoming Rummage Sale, which will open on December 15th. Mesdames Joseph Anderson, Samuel K. Beier, Jack Levine, David L. Messing, Annie R. Morris, Meyer L. Pargament, Joseph Sedwitz and David Weisberg, kindly volunteered to go out this week.

There will be a car available every Wednesday afternoon, for picking up neighborhood rummage. All those who have old clothes or discarded articles of any kind, which they want someone to call for, are asked to please get in touch with the Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, 203 West 81st Street, TRafalgar 7-7328.

Mrs. Jack Levine is Chairman of the Rummage Sale. Mrs. Spero will be in charge for the first week, Mrs. Charles Silberman and Mrs. Isidor Lauer, for the second week, Mrs. M. L. Pargament and Mrs. Frank, for the third week.

Mrs. David Weisberg reported on the proposed Dutch Supper. Further announcements concerning this affair will be made in the near future.

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Urge Early Reservations for 'Paradise Lost'

With their goal the hanging out of an S.R.O. sign at the Cort Theatre on the evening of December 23rd, the Nineteenth Annual Theatre Party Committee has started its drive for the sale of tickets. The presentation for that evening will be "Paradise Lost," a new show by Clifford Odets.

The Annual Theatre Party has always been noted for the chance it gives all the members and friends of the Institution to meet again, and to renew old friendships.

Reserve the evening of December 23rd for the I.S. Nineteenth Annual Theatre Party. Reservations may be made through any member of the Committee or through Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, by calling UNiversity 4-6729.

The Theatre Party Committee is composed of men whose names have become synonymous with activity and results. They have already started their campaign, but cannot hope to succeed unless all the members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue co-operate and aid them in their endeavors.

First Vice-President Lester Udell is the Chairman of the Theatre Party Committee. Associated with Mr. Udell are Messrs. Samuel K. Beier, Maurice Greenstein, Joseph Landowne, George L. Livingston, Larry Mirken, Max Moskowitz, Max E. Sanders, and Aaron Wartels.

YOUTH CONDUCTS SERVICES

A new staff of boys will conduct the Saturday afternoon services at the West Side Branch, tomorrow. The speaker will be Marvin Livingston. Sidney Hauer will read the Torah, and Solly Meisels will act as the Cantor.

Mrs. Harold Kaplan, representative of the Women's League of the I.S., is the chairman of the Sabbath Afternoon Hospitality Committee.

The hostesses of the Sabbath Afternoon Circle for the Seuda Shilishis will be the Misses Judith Goldstein and Joan Horowitz.

Preceding the Mincha Services, Simeon H. F. Goldstein will deliver the third in a series of lectures on outstanding events of Jewish History.

MR. JOFFE and MRS. LIVINGSTON HEAD SOUVENIR JOURNAL COMMITTEE

A feature of every Theatre Party is the usually superb Souvenir Journal. Plans are now being formulated so that the Souvenir Journal of the Nineteenth Annual Theatre Party will be another outstanding achievement.

This year the work on the Souvenir Journal will be supervised by committees representing men and women workers of the Institution. Mr. Albert B. Joffe, one of our loyal supporters, is the Chairman; Mrs. George L. Livingston, an enthusiastic I.S. worker, is Co-chairman; Mr. David Gluck

is Treasurer. The other members of the Committee are: Mr. William L. Bassier, Mr. Albert H. Cohen, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mr. Joe Kirson, Mrs. David L. Messing, Mr. Lou G. Siegel, and Mrs. David H. Ullman.

A copy of the advertising contract will be found in another part of this issue. Members are requested to send their contract blanks to Mr. Abraham Bernstein. Your co-operation in making this Souvenir Journal a successful venture is sought by the Executive Director and the members of the Journal Committee.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:23

Turning the Pages

THE ADVENTURES OF K'TONTON, by
Sadie Rose Weilerstein. (The League Press,
3080 Broadway, N. Y.)

This book is the answer to the prayers of every Jewish parent. Good literature for our children has been all too rare, even today. And now the best writer of stories for the five-to-tens has produced her best work, which has been beautifully illustrated in colors by Jeannette Berkowitz, and so magnificently printed as to stand out in the entire field of juvenile literature.

You must know about K'tonton, the tiny one. Born to a long childless couple, he was "a dear little boy baby," but "There was only one thing queer about him. He was exactly the size of a thumb, not one bit smaller or larger." And he lived on milk and honey. From the time that he took a ride on the chopping knife and almost got lost in the makings of the gefuelle fish, he engaged in a series of adventures—all connected with Jewish holidays and observances—incredibly exciting and fascinating. And all this has been recorded in a beautiful large book, which little Davy will have much difficulty in wresting from a thoroughly absorbed papa and mama. That is, if papa and mama take our advice and buy their copy at once. Rabbi Abraham Burstein



The recent elections remind me of the time Murray Urieff ran for an office in his fraternity. When the returns were counted, he had two votes . . . so they accused him of voting twice . . .

Max Shaines met a friend in the lobby of the I.S. . . . said the friend, "Where's your chivalry?" to which he retorted, "I've traded it in for a Ford."

The other day I was supposed to meet Joshua Levine at 96th Street . . . When I arrived there I looked high and low, but could not find him . . . I probably didn't look low enough!

The three quickest ways to send a message . . . telephone, telegraph, and tell Yetta Margulies!

CASUALTY DEPARTMENT . . .

Ada Bernstein had a tussle with the dentist . . . it ended in a draw! . . . Jules Cohen swallowed a box of cartridges . . . I'll let you know how he is as soon as I hear the latest reports . . . (that should have gone over with a BANG) . . . Then there's Buddy Udell . . . who swallowed a bottle of ink . . . but his brother Harold, having presence of mind, fed him some steel pens and a pad of paper . . . Buddy has been feeling WRITE ever since! . . .

SIMP-FUNNIES . . .

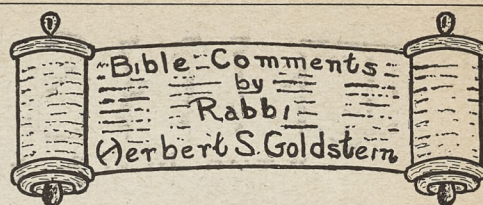
A conceited boxer had a fight with a circular saw . . . and lasted one round! . . . I've often wondered if married men look shorter because they've settled down . . . I'll ask "Doc" Silverstein . . . I know a poker player who never got the deuce, until he went home . . .

It seems that Bernie Deffin, of the "Leaders' Council Lites" . . . came to a lake and didn't have means to cross, so took off one of his shoes, and rowed over . . . and as a gentle reminder . . . don't forget our big theatre party at the Cort Theatre . . .

While getting our dose of "culture," listening to the Hudson Symphony Orchestra, we discovered that several of our leaders, brought their girl friends along . . . for instance, there was Bernie Feinberg . . . and I'm reminded that its his sister, not his girl friend . . . to which I retort . . . she's nice enough to be his girl . . . so there . . . Abe Rhine was there with his . . . we won't mention names this time . . . but our patience is limited . . .

With the gym department threatening to use musical recordings, so that their members might be inspired to take calisthenic drills, there's no telling where they'll get you next . . . even though the Anti-Noise Campaign is now in full swing . . .

Bernie Baily is suffering from the illusion that he wrote this column . . . but he forgot the editor's blue pencil . . . we make our exit . . . adieu.



Sedrah for Week: "Vayarah"

Genesis, Chapter XVIII, Verse 17. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah follows immediately after Abraham's generous hospitality. What a contrast to the un hospitable attitude of the people of the well-watered plains of Sodom and Gomorrah. God wants to show Abraham the difference between his, and their actions and the resultant consequences.

Verse 18. "Seeing That Abraham Shall Surely Become a Great and Mighty Nation," Etc. Abraham is blessed here in advance because of his training and influence upon his children.

Verse 19. "For I Know Him That He Will Command His Household After Him." Abraham so firmly inculcates his instructions into the minds of those about him that his children and household observe his commandments not only while he is alive but even after his death when the force of parental pressure is gone.

"And They Shall Keep the Way of the Lord to Do Justice and Judgment." There are some people who are kind-hearted and thus practice benevolence, but do this not in accordance with the way it is prescribed by the divine regulations. This is doubly deficient, first, because it is contrary to the way of the Lord and, second, because it is merely the gratification of a selfish pleasure. Unfortunately, we have many examples of this to-day in a number of public institutions, which are conducted entirely contrary to the ways of the Torah. The wealthy supporters are prompted by a noble motive, namely, philanthropy, but their philanthropy is against the law of God. Just as we read in the Kuzari, "Thy intent is pleasing, but thy deed is displeasing," or as Samuel Johnson put it, "The way to hell is paved with good intentions."

Verse 20. "And the Lord Said Because the Cry (About) Sodom and Gomorrah is Great, and Because Their Sin is Very Grievous." According to tradition, they hated the stranger. It was considered a criminal offense to supply food or shelter to a poor man. Once a girl was overcome with pity for a stranger, and putting some bread and other food in the pitcher which she carried to the well to draw water, she stealthily brought it to him. This was detected and her punishment was a signal one. The girl was sentenced to be daubed with honey, and placed on the top of a wall under the tropical sun where the bees came in swarms and devoured her. This act made the measure of their iniquities full and brought upon them the Divine determination to destroy them.

WIT and HUMOR

TRAPPED WITH YOUR OWN

There once came to the famous Rabbi Isele Harif of Slonim, an elderly Jew, one of his "baale batime" or parishioners, who was secretly one of his opponents, and remarked to him:

"Rabbi, I have read all the books you have published during your lifetime, and candidly, I believe the ones you wrote as a young man were better than the ones you write now that you are old. And I can not understand that," continued he, "for it says in the Talmud, that real scholars improve as they become older."

"Yes," replied the Rabbi, "but the same Mishna says that dunces get more foolish the older they get; you read my first books while you were yet a young man, when your mind was active and the later ones when you were old; maybe that also would account for your not being able to appreciate my later efforts."

HE DID NOT COMPLY

There was a specialist in Vilna who looked at pain and suffering as a mere blessing to the medical profession.

One day a poor woman became critically ill, and the distracted husband ran to the great doctor and begged him to save her life.

"My dear man," said the medical genius, coldly, "I may have to treat your wife for weeks, and you don't have sufficient funds to compensate me."

"Doctor," cried the distraught man, "you save her life, and I'll pay you every copeck, even if I have to sell my house."

"And suppose I can't save her," queried the physician, "won't you pay me then?"

"I'll pay you whether you cure her or kill her," shouted the loyal husband.

After treating the woman for a few weeks, she passed away.

With unseemingly haste, the doctor sent the bereft man a bill for 1,000 rubles, but it received no attention. Eventually the doctor sued the delinquent debtor, and the Judge referred the case to the chief rabbi of Vilna.

The divine heard the arguments carefully and regarded the two litigants thoughtfully. It was unjust, thought the rabbi, to make the poor man sell his house and give the money to the avaricious practitioner, and he determined to protect him.

"What was your agreement with the defendant?" inquired the sage, again.

"Our agreement was that I was to get paid whether I cured her or killed her."

"Did you cure her?" asked the rabbi.

"No," replied the medico, reluctantly. "It was impossible."

"Did you kill her?" was the next query.

"Oh, no, I should say not."

"Then," declared the rabbi, "you have no claim, for you neither cured her nor killed her."

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

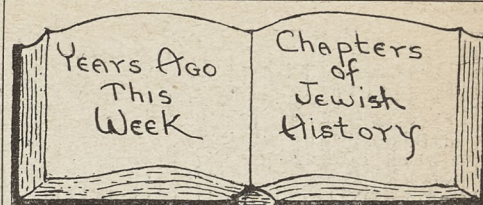
Editor's Note:—In view of the fact that the Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be this Tuesday, November 19th, we are reprinting this world-known speech.

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here; but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us—the living—rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

The merit of charitable works is in proportion to the grace with which they are practiced.

The noblest of all charities is in enabling the poor to earn a livelihood.



NOVEMBER 18th

Institution of 'Pulverpurim,' 1804. On that date (Kislev 15th, 5565), the powder-magazine at Vilna blew up, occasioning much loss of life and the destruction of several houses. One of these was that of Abraham Danzig (1747-1820), the author of the 'Hayye Adam' and 'Hokmat Adam'—the most important productions in the sphere of codification since the Shulhan Arukh, which attained a remarkable success throughout the Jewish world. He and his family were all wounded as a result of the disaster, and he lost almost his entire fortune. All, however, escaped with their lives. In commemoration of this deliverance, Abraham Danzig instituted an annual private celebration of the event. A feast was to be held to which Talmudic scholars were to be invited, and alms were to be distributed to the poor. This was to be observed by all of his descendants for all time upon the evening following Kislev 15th each year.

NOVEMBER 19th

Death of Emma Lazarus, 1887. She was the most distinguished Jewish poetess that America (and perhaps the English-speaking world as a whole) has as yet produced. Born in New York in 1849, she made her name known first of all by occasional verses in which Jewish interest was almost absent. It was the persecution of the Jews in Russia and the consequent emigration to the United States which aroused her Jewish consciousness. From this period she began to occupy herself with little else. At the same time she began to occupy herself with Jewish literature, and translated into English some of the masterpieces of the Spanish-Hebrew school. Her sonnet entitled 'The New Colossus' received the unique honour of being affixed to the Statue of Liberty at the entrance to New York Harbour.

NOVEMBER 20th

Death of Menasseh ben Israel, 1657. Rabbi, mystic, theologian, printer and linguist, he had found, as he thought, his life's mission in procuring the re-admission of the Jews into England. For this object he had worked for many years, and at last he had arisen from a bed of sickness to go to his famous mission to Oliver Cromwell. The Whitehall Conference had been called (December, 1655), but had been dissolved before it reached any conclusion; and the Lord protector, though sympathetically inclined, refused to commit himself. The handful of furtive Jews in London contented themselves with the barest toleration, instead of that

COMING EVENTS

November

Sat. 16	"Skinners' Dress Suit" by Drama Dep't. P.W.A. 8:30 P.M.
Mon. 18	2:30 P.M. Bible Class for Women. 8:30 Bible Class for Men.
Sat. 23	8:30 P.M. Vaudeville, Unit A, Drama Dept. W.P.A. Admission Free. Celtic Club Dance 9:30 P.M.
Sat. 30	"Uptown and Downtown" by Boris Thomashefsky, Yiddish Show by P.W.A. at 8:30 P.M. promptly. Admission Free.

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**MERMEN WIN MEET**

Winning all but one event, the I.S. Swimming Team emerged victorious from their first tilt, with the Schiff Center, last Wednesday evening, November 6th, beating their opponents to the tune of 44-7. The skill and ability of the I.S. Mermen were displayed when they took every first and second place except in the back stroke.

The events in this swimming meet were a two lap breast stroke, two lap free style swim, six lap crawl stroke, two lap back stroke, an eight lap relay, and a plunge for distance.

The star of the evening was Arthur Trow, who swam in four events, taking first place in three. Other members of the team who showed excellent ability and great promise were Arthur Robinson and Bernard Miller.

This was the first of a series of meets, arranged for the swimming team. The next will be held very shortly.

QUINTETTE HOLDS PRACTICE

Twice weekly the I.S. Basketeers hold an intensive drill under the tutelage of Coach Hy Munitz. With one out-of-town game already scheduled with the Y.M.H.A. of Baltimore, for February 2nd, and many more contemplated, Coach Munitz wants his boys to be in a position to bring fame to the Institutional Athletic Department. Among other outside bookings now being negotiated for, are contests in Scranton, Elizabeth, Allentown, and other important cities within a short radius from the Metropolitan Area.

Free Game, Dance

On December 1st, a free basketball game and dance will be held at the Main Building.

INTER-CLUB TOURNEY

Clubs interested in the inter-club basketball tourney, are requested to leave their applications in the gym office immediately, in order to secure a place on the schedule. Prizes will be awarded to the winning contestants, with the opening tilt to take place in two weeks.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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An appeal was made for soliciting 'ads' for the Souvenir Journal to be issued in conjunction with the Nineteenth Annual Theatre Party, on Monday evening, December 23rd. Eighteen names were immediately placed on the honor roll.

The meeting was followed by a Social Hour at which Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Mrs. Meyer L. Pargament acted as hostesses.

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Palestine Film Scheduled

Once again, an all talking Hebrew-English motion picture will be shown at the Institutional Synagogue Auditorium. The presentation, entitled, "The Lost Boy," will take place on Saturday and Sunday evenings, December 7th and 8th.

The picture features the well known Habima Players in an interesting story of Palestinian life. Throughout the showing there will be heard well known popular Hebrew songs.

The story concerns a group of children from one of the colonies, who undertake a hiking trip to Tel Aviv in order to celebrate the Succoth (Thanksgiving) Festival.

It is expected that this showing will be the first of a similar series. Should the demand be sufficient, a definite program of all-talking films will be shown from time to time.

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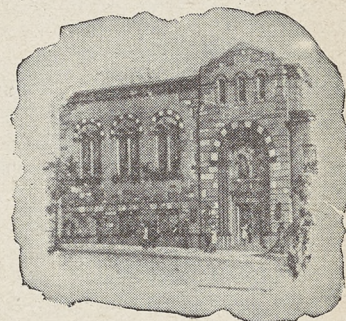
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millenary welcome of which Menasseh had dreamed. Broken hearted, he set out for his home, bearing with him the body of his beloved son Samuel, who had died in London. When he arrived at Middleburg, in Holland, his sickness grew on him again, and he passed away there, in his brother-in-law's house on Kislev 14th, 5418, in his fifty-third year.

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