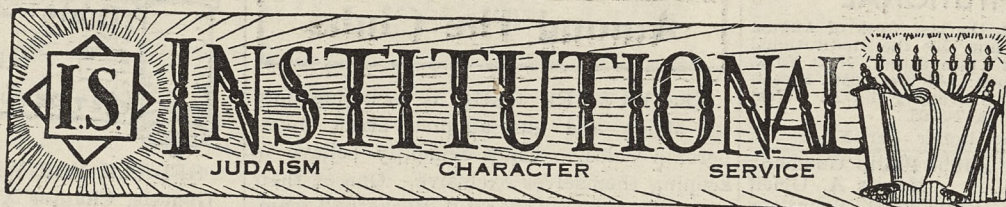


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T.T. PREPARES FOR CHANUKAH FETE

Elaborate Program Planned For Coming Holiday

The Talmud Torah is now engaged in preparing for the appropriate celebration of the festival of Chanukkah which is rapidly approaching.

On Sunday morning, December 22nd, an unusual Chanukah Festival will take place at the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street. In the afternoon of the same day, a similar festival will be presented at the Main Building, 37-43 West 116th Street.

The feature of the program will be a Chanukah farce entitled, "What's To-Night?" In addition, the program will include another play, "The Maccabee Boys," written by Rabbi Abraham Burstein, and "Friday Evening at Home," written by Rabbi Philip Goodman.

A beautiful and elaborate Chanukah arts and crafts folder has been prepared for the use of the pupils. The folder contains a Menorah, various holiday pictures, and a Dreidel game, for coloring and mounting.

A special edition of the Talmud Torah newspaper is now being prepared by the children. This issue will contain articles, poems, and stories, pertinent to the holiday.



DAVID H. GLUCK

COMMITTEE APPEALS FOR JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Second vice-president, David H. Gluck, is leading the drive for advertisements for the special souvenir journal to be issued at the nineteenth annual theatre party, to be held at the Cort Theatre, on Monday evening, December 23rd.

First vice-president Lester Udell, chairman of the Theatre Party Committee, is appealing to all members and friends of the I.S. to bring in contracts for advertisements as soon as possible. (Continued on Page 4)

PALESTINE FILM TO BE PRESENTED

Hebrew Talking Picture This Sat. and Sun. Evenings

The new Palestine film, "The Lost Boy," will be presented at the Main Building Auditorium tomorrow and Sunday evenings, December 7th and 8th, at 8:30 promptly.

"The Lost Boy" is a talking film with English and Hebrew dialogue with Hebrew songs. It features the Habima Players.

The film is a dramatic story of the new Palestine. A group of children from one of the colonies undertake a hiking trip to Tel Aviv to celebrate the Succoth (Thanksgiving) Festival. One of the children, on the way, is lost in the mountains. After spending some time in futile search for him, the teacher who is leading the group, instructs them to return to their village . . . Parties on horses are sent to the mountains, but their search is also without results. Finally, two of the youngsters hit upon a scheme. They build a kite and, taking it into the hills, use it as a signal to guide the lost boy to them. There are many scenes of the new life in Palestine and of the agricultural developments that have taken place there. Humor is provided by the American tourist and the Palestine donkey.

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Reviewers Rave

—"the best show in New York"

—Walter Winchel, Mirror

"Its this year's surprise package."

—Gilbert Gabriel, American

"Its a knockout."

—Robert Garland, World-Telegram

"BOY MEETS GIRL"

Tickets Are Going Fast For
George Abbots Production

"BOY MEETS GIRL"

by Bella and Samuel Spewack

Monday, December 23rd

Cort Theatre

48th Street, East of Broadway

Critics Praise

"...extraordinarily hilarious comedy perfectly staged."

—Brooks Atkinson, Times

"Boy Meets Girl is a Hit"

—Burns Mantle, News

"... its all fun and a smile wide."

—John Anderson, Journal

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:12

TORAH IS ISRAEL'S LIFE

Once the Romans issued a decree that the Jews should no longer occupy themselves in the study of the Torah. Rabbi Akiba, however, was most zealous in spreading a love and knowledge of the Torah among all the Jewish communities. One day his friend Pappus met him and spake thus: 'Akiba, art thou not afraid? Thou surely must know that thy deeds will bring thee into mortal danger!' 'Stay a while!' retorted Akiba, 'Let me tell thee a story: A fox was walking on the brink of a stream, in the clear waters of which were a number of fishes running to and fro. Said the fox to the fishes, "Why do you run so?" "We run," replied they, "because we fear the fishermen's nets." "Come up on dry land," said the fox, "and live with me in safety, even as my forefathers once lived in safety with yours." But the fishes said, "This surely is not the cleverest among animals that speaks thus. Water is our natural home. If we are not safe there, how much less safe should we be on land, where we must surely die!" "It is exactly so with us Jews," continued Akiba. 'The Torah is our life and the length of our days. We may, whilst loving and studying the Torah, be in great danger from our enemies; but if we were to give up its study, we should speedily disappear and be no more.'

Among The Clubs

The PAWNEE CLUB is swinging into its stride and has adopted strict membership rules. They evidently believe in keeping themselves exclusive. One of their members has made the I.S. Basketball team, showing that this group although new to the I.S. will soon make itself heard.

The MORTON CLUB never believe in putting off for tomorrow what they can do today. Their meeting resembles a board of strategy as they prepare for future activities. A week or so will witness the publication of a club newspaper, with each member of the group contributing some article or feature. Keep it up, boys!

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The TEPRHA PHI FRATERNITY has begun to function smoothly in preparation for the new season's program. Last year these boys showed themselves particularly active in educational activities, especially debating. This year they have much more competition to face; however, this fact does not dismay them. Their officers are: President, Perry Solow; Secretary, Richard Solow; and Treasurer, Bernard Udell.

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The CELTIC CLUB showed themselves once again to be an active and wide-awake group. Their basketball game and dance last Saturday night proved that they could run a successful affair easily and smoothly. The fact that their team was not the victor was the only feature that marred a perfect affair. Good work boys, keep it up!

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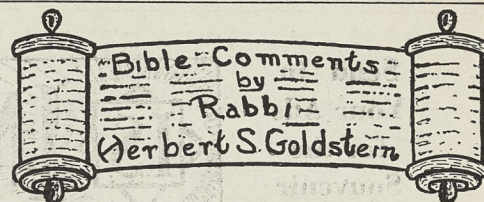
The newly organized SYDELLO GIRLS, under the leadership of Miss Lena Saslavsky, have undertaken an ambitious program of activities. Athletics and social activities predominate their schedule for the coming season. We will hear much from these charming girls and their active leader.

HIGH SCHOOL ADDS COURSE

The Hebrew High School of the Institutional Synagogue has introduced a new feature into the curriculum. The reading of English-Judaica books, both fiction and non-fiction, has been made an integral part of the course of study.

The group meets regularly under the leadership of Rabbi Philip Goodman, on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9 o'clock. Boys and girls of high school age, with previous Hebrew Training, are eligible to enroll. Information concerning the requirements for admission and curriculum may be obtained from the Talmud Torah office at the Main Building.

He who sees his own faults is too much occupied to see the faults of others.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK, "VAYETZE"

Genesis, Chapter XXIX, Verse 30. AND HE LOVED RACHEL MORE THAN LEAH" ETC. The Hebrew word for "more than Leah" is "mileah" the letter "mem" being rendered as a comparative adjective. The Rabbis, however, render this "mem" as a derivative, to be translated as "from" or "because of (the story about) Leah." They maintain that Jacob's love for Rachel was greatly enhanced because of her conduct toward Leah, her rival. When the time for the wedding with Rachel drew near, Jacob suspected that Laban was trying to change the bride. Jacob therefore arranged with Rachel certain passwords which she was to employ at the ceremony. When, however, Rachel saw that her father was going to carry out his plan, she became alarmed lest her sister might be put to shame when addressed by Jacob and she would be unable to respond. What did the saintly and righteous Rachel do? She revealed to her sister the passwords. Leah was thus saved from disappointment and disgrace. For this conduct, she was rewarded by having King Saul among her descendants. When, however, on the following morning Jacob investigated the "betrayal" and found out that Rachel surpassed herself by reaching such a height of unselfishness, he loved her more because of the way she had treated Leah, her rival.

Chapter XXX, Verse 2 "AND JACOB WAS KINDLED AGAINST RACHEL, AND HE SAID, "AM I IN GOD'S STEAD WHO HAS WITHHELD FROM THEE THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB?" Some of the Rabbis blame Jacob for having answered the distressed woman in such an unconsoling manner. He tells her that "GOD HAS WITHHELD FROM THEE," implying, perhaps, but not from him. This betrays a lack of sympathy. But some, on the other hand, justify his conduct, maintaining that Jacob had the highest motives in rebuking her. He was eager to teach her not to rely on some one else's prayer. Though many a Biblical example may be found where one prayed for some one else, yet it was with, and not instead of the one who was in need of deliverance. The Rabbis say that no one's prayer is so likely to be granted as that of the sick person himself.

LOEWS ENTERTAINS I. S. T. T.

Through arrangements made by Mr. Abraham Bernstein, with Mr. Friedlander, the manager of Loew's 116th Street Theatre, a considerable group of children were entertained last week, at the Theatre. Thanks a lot!

Critics Praise "Boy Meets Girl"

New Production at Cort Theatre Receives Unanimous Approval

"Boy Meets Girl" not only convulsed all of us last night, but took advantage of everybody's limp and weakened condition, and kept up an incessant barrage of laughs, spasms, shouts, roars, howls and screams. This is hardly an exaggeration, or the ravings of a mad critic. We can prove everything stated above by any of the first witnesses. Bella and Samuel Spewack collaborated on the newest champion in the show business. Every line is delicious writing. It is the funniest comedy this spectator enjoyed, and your observer will lay odds, that the meanest group in town will melt before "BOY MEETS GIRL." And there you are. Call it rave—that's what it was meant to be. But call it the best show in New York, too. And to our confreres among the critics, who have to award an annual prize to the Year's Best Show, "BOY MEETS GIRL" has our vote now.

"Bella and Samuel Spewack have succeeded in writing an extraordinarily hilarious comedy, which was perfectly staged at the Cort. It is the sort of fandango Mr. Abbott knows how to stage with the rarest sense of time and variety.

Brooks Atkinson, Times

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"At the Cort last evening, the first nighters laughed steadily from 9 until 11:15 and seemed reluctant at the end of the frolic to be homeward bound. It is blessed with a cast inspiring benedictions."

Percy Hammond, Herald-Tribune

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"Not since 'Once In a Lifetime' has Hollywood had such a joyous drubbing as it gets in 'BOY MEETS GIRL,' the new farce which zoomed among the treats of the season at the Cort Theatre last night. A wild-haired hit, this one, with more laughs in it per minute than you can count on your ten commandments, I hated leaving it. Bella and Samuel Spewack have a grand time dragging the cinemaniacs up hill, down dale, and all over the Sierras—and so do you. It drew loud, long laughter, the sort of laugh-

WALTER WINCHEL, MIRROR

ter which purges you of every ache and mid-day worry. Everybody loved it. It's this year's surprise package—and a roar in every mouthful."

Gilbert W. Gabriel, American

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"* * * ½ the laughter of last night's audience rose to shrieks and seldom dwindled to anything as noncommittal as a giggle, 'BOY MEETS GIRL' is a hit.

Burns Mantle, News

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"In an admirable pre-Thanksgiving desire to give Broadway something for which to be thankful, George Abbott brought 'Boy Meets Girl' night before last to the Cort, where a holiday-minded assemblage received it with riotous acclaim. It is a knockout.

"Were this department a star-bestower, it would present 'Boy Meets Girl' with the planetarium."

Robert Garland, World-Telegram

He who performs a single good action, gains for himself an Advocate, and he who commits a single sin procures for himself an Accuser.

How about your Health this Winter

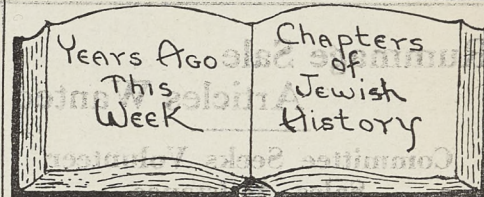
The winter months are the unhealthiest months of the year. Most sicknesses are and deaths occur during January, February, and March. How will YOU fare this winter?

Your health is one of your most valuable possessions. It represents more than the absence of freedom from sickness or disease. It is a positive, constructive condition of your body and mind that permits you to realize your highest possibilities physically, mentally and spiritually. It is essential to your success. Health increases your quantity of life as well as its quality. It makes your growth more perfect, your decay less rapid, your life more vigorous and your death more remote.

Now for some facts. Health measures, public and private, have increased the span of life from an average of 25 years per person in ancient times to about 56 years today. The death rate has been reduced from

20 per cent per 1,000 in the United States in 1850, to only 10 per cent in 1933. Nevertheless, 460,000 men in the United States over 20 years of age, die every year in the United States prematurely, and during the most efficient years of life. In addition, the average annual cost of illness per person in the United States, is about \$131.00 or \$567.00 per family. What a terrific waste of money alone is due to sickness! It amounts to 16 billion dollars a year in the United States.

"Health is Purchasable!" Within natural limitations, every individual can determine his or her health. A small investment now in your health protection and promotion at your gymnasium will prevent your suffering from colds, grippe, pneumonia, and other common winter ailments. It will mean a real saving of dollars and cents usually spent for medicines and doctor bills. An investment in gym dues is a wise economy.



DECEMBER 6th

Birth of David Friedlander, 1750. He was the social leader in that revolution in the position of German Jewry which his master and friend, Moses Mendelssohn, had inspired. As son-in-law of Daniel Itzig, the wealthy banker, he was free from material preoccupations, and was given a position of some importance in the upper circles of Berlin. As a writer, he left behind him a number of literary and apologetical works, and he was co-founder with his brother-in-law, Isaac Daniel Itzig, of the first Jewish free school in Berlin, in 1780. But his policy was, on the whole, frankly assimilatory, being concerned principally with facilitating the entry of wealthy Jews like himself into Berlin society. Thus he was responsible for radical suggestions for the reform of Judaism which would have reduced it to a mere colorless ethical scheme; and he even professed his willingness to accept Christianity if he were not expected to believe in the divinity of Jesus and might evade certain ceremonies. His career, down to his death on December 25th, 1834, is a typical illustration of the perils inherent in the teaching of Moses Mendelssohn.

DECEMBER 7th

Abraham Ibn Ezra's Vision of the Sabbath, 1158. The wandering Spanish scholar, exeget, poet, astronomer, mathematician, theologian, and wit (prototype of Brown-ing's 'Rabbi ben Ezra') had made his way through Italy and France to London, where he found a munificent patron in a certain Joseph, son of Jacob de Maudville, to whom he dedicated his 'Jesod Mora.' In the following winter, sitting one Sabbath eve in his house in what is now the Old Jewry, it seemed to him that a vision appeared and transmitted to him a message from the Sabbath itself. In this, protest was made against the heretical view then put forward that the night should be reckoned with the preceding day; the observance of the Sabbath thus beginning with day-break on Saturday. In consequence, immediately after the Sabbath, Ibn Ezra set about writing his famous 'Sabbath Epistle,' in which he vindicated the traditional method of reckoning with a notable display of astronomical knowledge. This is one of the few known Hebrew works written in England before the Expulsion.

CONDOLENCE

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of the late Mrs. Anna Propp wife of our late member, Morris Propp, and sister of our member Samuel Cohen.

Rummage Sale Articles Wanted

Committee Seeks Volunteer Sales Assistance

Mrs. David H. Ullman, President, and Mrs. Jack Levine, Chairman of the Rummage Sale Committee, earnestly appealed to all our friends for contributions of all kinds of merchandise and rummage as well as for volunteers to act as salesladies at our Rummage Sale which is to open on Monday, December 16th, at 444 Ninth Avenue, corner 35th Street.

If you want us to send for a package or desire to volunteer your services, please communicate at once with Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Honorary Chairman, 203 West 81st Street, TRafalgar 7-7328.

Those who attended the meeting of the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue on Monday afternoon, were spell-bound by the fascinating talk of Mrs. Harrison Rothfield, who spoke about Ethiopia from the Jewish as well as the international point of view.

The hostesses of the afternoon, Mrs. Mayer Mirken and Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz provided a most lavish supply of delicious cakes for the delightful social hour which followed the meeting.

CONFERENCE PLANS DANCE

The Young Peoples' Conference of the Institutional Synagogue will hold their first major function this year when they congregate at the Hotel Lismore, 253 West 73rd St., on the evening of January 18th, for a Winter Dance.

Tickets for this gala affair are priced at the nominal sum of one dollar and may be secured through Mr. Abraham Bernstein at the office.

SABBATH MINCHA SERVICES

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Simeon H. F. Goldstein will deliver an address on "Outstanding Events in Jewish History."

JOURNAL DRIVE

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The rates of the advertisements are as follows: full page, \$50; half page, \$25; quarter page, \$15; eighth page, \$10; sixteenth page, \$5.

Contract blanks may be secured by communicating with Executive Director, Abraham Bernstein, at the Main Building Office, 37-43 West 116th Street.

LEADERS' COUNCIL TO PRESENT 'THE ENEMY'

A vivid presentation of the lives of "average people" during times of war and peace will be portrayed next Saturday evening, December 14th, when the Leaders' Council will produce Channing Pollock's four act drama "The Enemy." The play will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock, in the Auditorium of the Main Building.

The professional direction of Mr. Judson Langill, who has long been connected with the theatre, has done much to aid the players in the interpretation of their roles. The members of cast, well-known to I.S. members, include: George Karp, Isidore Margulies, Yetta Margulies, Bernard Feinberg, Morris Grumer, Mollie Gerstein, George M. Kline, Shirley Maer and Ernest Kohn.

Tickets for the play are priced at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents, and are now available in the office. The proceeds of the affair will be turned over to the Home Camp Scholarship Fund.

Thy friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend; be discreet.

COMING EVENTS

December

Sat. 8:30 P.M.—"The Lost Boy,"
& Sun. Palestinian Talking Picture,
7-8 Featuring the Habima Play-
ers. Adults 15c, Children 10c.

Sun. 2:30 P.M.—Unveiling of mon-
8 ument in memory of Mrs.
Harry Fischel, at Union Field
Cemetery.

Sat. 8:30 P.M.—Channing Pol-
14 lock's "The Enemy," by
Leaders' Council. Adm. 25c.

Sun. 8:30 P.M.—Basketball Game
15 and Dance. Music by Gotham
Orchestra. Admission Free.

Sat. 8:30 P.M.—"Another King
21 Lear," by Drama Department,
W.P.A. Admission Free.

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I. S. FIVE WINS FIRST LEAGUE VICTORY EASILY

The I.S. Five scored their first victory in the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centers Basketball Tournament last Sunday night when they defeated the representatives of the Hebrew Educational Association in an overtime game, to the tune of 32-28.

A thrill-packed game kept several hundred enthusiastic followers on their feet most of the time, as the score see-sawed from one side to the other. It was not until the final minute of the game that the I.S. team came up from behind to assure themselves of the victory. The I.S. squad consisted of Schneider, Finkelstein, Doncheck, Siverberg, Sohn, Jacobs, Sackler, Krash, Schulman, Schwartz, and Levy.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Fulton Dance Orchestra, presented thru the courtesy of the W.P.A.

The next Basketball game of the Metropolitan League Tournament will be played this Sunday evening at the Y.M.H.A. in Brooklyn. On December 15th, there will be another free game and dance at the home court.

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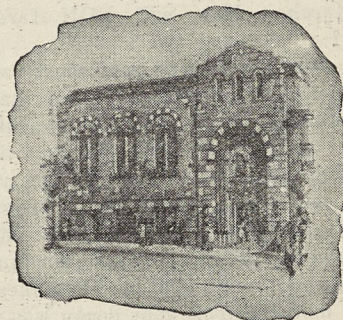
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