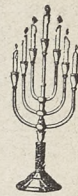
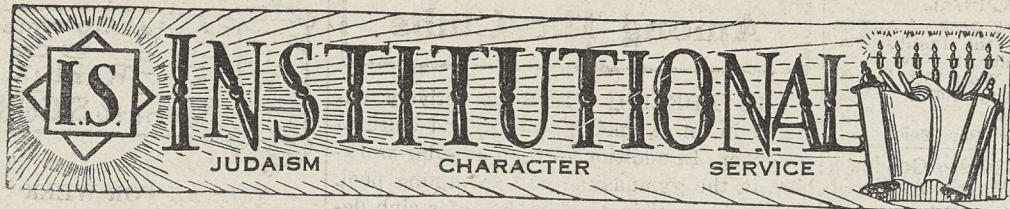


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PUPILS ENJOY T.T. CHANUKAH FETES

Gala Festivities Witnessed By Enthusiastic Audiences

The Festival of Chanukah was joyously celebrated during the past week by the pupils and parents of the Talmud Torah. Last Sunday morning, a gala and unusual entertainment was held at the West Side Branch. The children presented several plays including a hilarious and amusing farce entitled "What's Tonight?" and a play entitled "The Maccabee Boys." In addition, the program was rounded out by various recitations in Hebrew and English. Among them were "Over the Chanukah Candles" which included the ceremony of the lighting, and "Chanukah Lights." The traditional festival melodies, "Ha-neros Hallolu," "Mo-oz Tzur" and "Hear the Voice of Israel's Elders" were sung by the children.

President Delivers Address

Congressman Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue, delivered a timely address on the significance of Chanukah. He received a hearty ovation from all. Following his talk, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein spoke upon the needs of the parent's co-operation with the Talmud Torah. The festivities were concluded with the rendition of several Chanukah songs by Cantor Zalmon Yavneh and the singing of "Hatikvah."

In the afternoon, a similar festival was held at the main building. This program also included the presentation of the playlet "Friday Evening at Home." A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the presentations of the children.

Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah, acted as Master of Ceremonies at both festivals.

Ladies Present Goodies

The members of the Parents' Association presented boxes of Palestinian candies to the children of the Main Building, while the Womens' League did the same for the pupils of the West Side Talmud Torah.

During the past week, Chanukah classroom parties were held for all the classes. Impromptu entertainment and singing made up the greater part of the programs.

In The Pulpit

This Saturday morning Rabbi Joseph Kaminetzky will occupy the pulpit at the West Side Branch. On Saturday morning, January 4th, Rabbi Robert Marcus will deliver the sermon.

ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY IMMENSELY ENJOYED

At the 19th Annual Theatre Party of the Institutional Synagogue held on Monday evening, December 23rd, at the Cort Theatre, the Theatre Party Committee made good its prediction that there would be an "S.R.O." sign hanging outside the door. Credit is due to Mr. Lester Udell, Chairman of the Theatre Party Committee and to Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, whose untiring efforts made possible the financial success of this Theatre Party.

"Boy Meets Girl," the latest Broadway hit, was enjoyed immensely by the capacity audience. The play, in every way, fulfilled the expectations of those who attended it, and lived up to the reputation and high praise of the critics.

A feature of the evening was the splendid Souvenir Journal, published through the unceasing efforts of the Journal Committee.

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BIBLICAL OPERA THIS SAT. NITE

"Joseph and his Brothers," A Yiddish Show

Something novel in the way of entertainments will be presented this Saturday evening, December 28th, at the Main Building Auditorium, when the biblical operetta, "Joseph and His Brothers," will be produced by Arthur Winters, in Yiddish.

The cast is composed of a large number of juvenile artists. Oriental music and gorgeous costumes will enhance the beauty of the production.

The operetta deals with the biblical story of Joseph. In song and action, it vividly portrays the love of Jacob for his son Joseph, and the jealousy of his brothers because of this fact. It relates with accuracy the plot to destroy Joseph, and the subsequent action whereby they sold him into slavery. The operetta depicts the suffering of Joseph in Egypt, but ends on a happy note, with the reunion of Joseph and his father.

Tickets to this entertainment and interesting affair are priced at the nominal sum of fifteen cents for adults and ten cents for children, and may be secured at the office.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PLAN GALA LUNCHEON

The Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue will tender a luncheon in honor of their President, Mrs. P. Vogel, on Tuesday afternoon, January 7th, at Trotzky's.

Mrs. Ida Bernstein, who has been active in the Association for many years and has been in charge of many successful affairs, is the Chairman of the Committee. Mrs. Elgart is the Secretary.

An elaborate program of entertainment is being prepared for this occasion. Prominent Rabbis of this city will address the assemblage. The musical program will be something really worthwhile.

Tickets are priced at the nominal sum of one dollar and ten cents and may be secured at the office of the Main Building or from any member of the Association.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 4:17

Culled from the Talmud

Blessed is he who gives from his substance to the poor; twice blessed he who accompanies his gift with kind, comforting words.

Almsgiving is practised by means of money, but charity also by personal services and by words of advice, sympathy, and encouragement. Almsgiving is a duty towards the poor only, but charity towards the rich as well as the poor, nay, even towards the dead (by taking care of their decent burial).

There are some who preach beautifully, but practise not their beautiful doctrine.

The learned man should judge himself according to his own teaching, and not do anything that he has forbidden others to do.

Little is much, if the heart be but turned toward heaven.

Who is rich? He who is satisfied with his lot.

One bird tied is better than a hundred flying.

Drink not from one cup with thine eye fastened on another.

The egg of to-day is better than the hen of to-morrow.

A small quantity in the house is better than much at a distance.

Among The Clubs

THE ADELPHI CLUB is actively engaged in an extensive athletic and cultural program. In addition to their regular workouts in the gymnasium and swimming pool, and their participation in the inter-club debating tournament, the boys have begun a series of open forums and discussions at their meetings. At their last meeting the topic under discussion was "Socialized Medicine." For the next discussion, to be held within a short time, two of the boys are preparing short talks on "Unemployment Insurance."

A very good idea, boys, we hope you keep it up, and that more clubs follow suit. This is a sure method of keeping up interest at club meetings.

We would like to welcome several new clubs, who have entered during the past two weeks:

THE NUMAS A.S.C., under the leadership of George Karp, are very much interested in basketball and promise to give keen competition to the other clubs.

THE VITAS CLUB are preparing to make their debut in I.S. activities, when they meet the Numas in the inter-club debating tournament within the next few weeks. This meeting between two new groups should prove of interest.

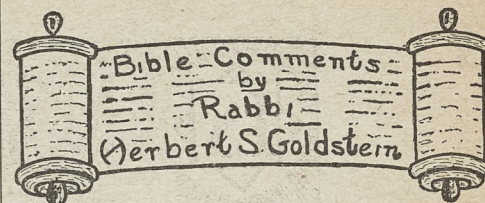
THE VERSATILE CLUB has again joined in the activities of the Department of Centre Activities. For the last several years this group has been active in many affairs.

THE CELTIC CLUB are well represented on the I.S. Basketball team. In addition, this group is supporting the Leaders Council in their next major activity, the Bridge and Dance at the Coco-Cola reception hall on January 29th.

THE SPADES CLUB have suddenly evinced an interest in the art of debating. This is probably due to their recent victory over the Mortons, in the debating tournament. In any event, this now rivals their interest in basketball.

Recent elections at the INTERCOLLEGIATE CLUB meeting resulted in the selection of William Sackler as President and Dan Davis as Secretary-Treasurer. We hope that they have a very successful term of office.

THE NOHTARAM GIRLS, under the leadership of Bertha Greenstein, do not believe in staying idle. They are now searching for a suitable drama which these versatile girls will stage in the very near future. Their meetings, we understand, are very entertaining and are looked forward to by all the members.



SEDRAH FOR WEEK "MIKETZ,"

Genesis, Chapter XLI, Verse 1, "AND IT CAME TO PASS, AT THE END OF TWO FULL YEARS, THAT PHAROA H DREAMED; AND, BEHOLD, HE STOOD BY THE RIVER." According to the Rabbis, Joseph actually spent twelve years in prison. Originally Providence decreed that he should be in prison for ten years to atone for the sin of bringing tales against his ten brothers, but on account of his relying upon the butler for his freedom instead of praying to God for this, his release was postponed for two years more. Hence King David says in Psalm 146, verse 3, "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth (he dies, or) on that very day his thoughts perish." (He forgets his promise, or his desire to help vanishes.) According to the Rabbis, the dream took place on Rosh Hashonah, when God decides the fate of individuals and of groups.

Verse 2, "AND BEHOLD THERE CAME UP OUT OF THE RIVER, Etc. AND THEY FED IN A MEADOW." The Hebrew word, "B'achu" means "In Brotherhood." When there is plenty, people are well disposed and are brotherly towards one another. The Messianic era which the prophets proclaim as the age of universal peace will be so because it will be the age of universal plenty. The plowshares and the pruninghooks will not only be favored more than the sword and the spear, but will also supplant them and make them unnecessary. Most of our modern wars are prompted by economic consideration only. Religion, morals and even race peculiarities are mere pretenses.

Verse 38, AND HE SAID, MY SON SHALL NOT GO DOWN WITH YOU," Etc. "IF MISCHIEF BEFALL HIM BY THE WAY," Etc. "AND THEN YE BRING DOWN," Etc. The Rabbis say that Jacob was dissatisfied with Reuben's surety, saying, "Are not your children also mine?"

In this verse we find a flat denial of the foolish doctrine of an infallible fatalism, a doctrine which persuades its adherents to face any danger and be assured that if life has been predestined for them they are as safe on the battlefield as in their own home. Not only is this doctrine belied by experience, but also by the judicature of our Torah. The mere fact that a murderer is taken to account and is made to pay the penalty for his action indicates that without his interference the victim would have been

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The Significance of Chanukah

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The effect of the attack on the Jewish religion was the reverse of what the Syrian government, misled by the Greek faction in Judea, expected. Judea, instead of being crushed, became entirely independent. The Syrian army was, beyond any question, larger, richer, and better organized, than the army which Judea could have placed in the field had it even a chance to prepare for the attack. Judea, however, had its advantage over Syria in an attack on the former. The Judeans naturally knew the geographic conditions of their country better than the Syrians; after the attack on the Jewish faith, the question of expelling the Syrian army from Judea became a question of life and death, and the Judeans naturally fought with greater zeal than the Syrians; and finally the Almighty supplied to the Jews, in the person of Judas Maccabeus, of which we shall soon speak, a general who was never equalled nor surpassed. Many were the martyred sons of Judea; but at the end Judea was triumphant; the Temple was purified and Judea became entirely independent of any foreign power.

The Uprising in Modin.

In the small town of Modin lived the Asmonean family which became very famous later. It consisted of the aged priest Matathias, who happened to witness how a Jew brought a sacrifice on the altar erected to the idol Zeus; at the same time that Matathias was ordered by the officers of the Syrian garrison in Modin to do likewise. This was more than the pious priest could stand; and drawing his sword and killing the Jewish traitor, he exclaimed: "Who is for God follow me!" In response to this call he was joined by his five heroic sons and a small band of other Jewish heroes. This small band in a heroic feat of valor was successful in routing the whole Syrian garrison in Modin.

The Asmonean Family.

The Asmonean family is also known as the Maccabees. The origin of this name has two different explanations, both of which are based on true historic facts. According to some, it originated from the word "Maccabee," meaning hammer, and was applied to this family because it smote the Jewish enemies as if with a hammer. Another explanation claims it originated from the abbreviation of the Hebrew phrase, "Mi Ko-mecho BoElim Adonai," "Who is like unto You among the mighty, O God!" This

phrase was used by the Asmoneans to encourage the Jewish heroes in their fight for their faith. But, be it as it may, there is no doubt that the Asmoneans were both steadfast in their faith and very skillful on the battlefield. The aged Matathias soon passed away, but before he died, he appointed his son, Judas, as the leader in the war against the heathens, and the other sons agreed to follow him.

The Battle of Emmaus.

The appointment of a military leader was absolutely necessary, since the success in Modin was only a beginning. Many a battle had to be fought before the way to Jerusalem became clear. Of all the encounters with the Syrian army the most interesting and most critical was that at Emmaus. This battle Judas won as a result of a trick he played on the enemy. Leaving the lights in his camp burning, Judas went around and attacked the numerous Syrian army from the rear. Since the Syrian army used many elephants, it was therefore very unwieldy; and when attacked from the rear was at the mercy of the Jewish heroes. This success not only encouraged the Jews; but also strengthened them financially. The Syrian general was so sure of success that he invited merchants to come with their purses to buy the Jewish slaves he expected to capture; but it proved that the Syrian officers sold the bear's skin a little too soon. After this victory the Jewish army was well provided with money and arms, and soon overcame a still larger Syrian army at Beth Zur near Jerusalem. After that Judas with his men entered Jerusalem, destroyed the idols, purified the Temple, and reestablished the Temple Services.

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THE FEAST OF LIGHTS

Kindle the taper like the steadfast star,
Ablaze on evening's forehead o'er the earth,
And add each night a luster till afar

An eightfold splendor shine above thy hearth.

Clash, Israel, the cymbals, touch the lyre,
Blow the brass trumpet and the harsh-tongued horn;

Chant psalms of victory till the heart takes fire,

The Maccabean spirit leap new-born.

EMMA LAZARUS.

THE PATHS OF LIFE

Be not ready to quarrel; avoid oaths and passionate adjurations, excess of laughter and outbursts of wrath; they disturb and discomfort the reason of man. Avoid all dealings wherein there is a lie; utter not the name of God superfluously, or in places dirty or defiled.

Cut from under thee all mere human supports, and make not gold the foremost longing of thy life; for that is the first step to idolatry. Rather give money than words; and as to ill words, see that thou place them in the scale of understanding before they leave thy lips.

What has been uttered in thy presence, even though not told as secret, let it not pass from thee to others. And if one tell thee a tale, say not to him that thou hast heard it all before. Do not fix thine eyes too much on one who is far above thee in wealth, but on those who are behind thee in wordly fortune.

Do not struggle vaingloriously for the small triumph of showing thyself in the right and a wise man in the wrong; thou are not one whit the wiser therefor. Be not angry or unkind to any one for trifles, lest thou make thyself enemies unnecessarily.

Do not refuse things out of mere obstinacy to thy fellow-citizens, rather put thy will below their wishes. Avoid, as much as may be, bad men, men of persistent angry feelings, fools; thou canst get nothing from their company but shame. Be the first to extend courteous greeting to every one, whatever be his faith; provoke not to wrath one of another belief than thine.

ASHER BEN YECHIEL, 1300

And What For The Poor?

The lofty idealism and sublime spirit of self-sacrifice, which characterized the Russian Jews of a generation or so ago, were typified by Reb Nahum Grodner, a patriarch, who devoted his entire time to the study of the Talmud and the practice of charity.

It was the custom of that great man to go around town every afternoon and collect food and clothes for the needy families of Grodner, his native city.

Once he approached a wealthy man for a contribution, and was flatly refused. In vain he tried to persuade the rich miser. His heart was adamant. Then he began to lecture to him on the vanity of man and the uncertainty of his health and life. The stone-hearted individual became incensed and slapped Reb Nahum on the face. For a moment the noble man was dazed. Then, without the slightest display of ill feeling, the saintly man said:

"Well, Reb Malkiel, this was for me. Now what are you going to give for the poor?"

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alive. Hence, the most sensible belief to hold in such cases is that though matters are predestined, nevertheless we change our destiny when we follow paths strewn with danger. A great deal of personal merit is required to rescue one from grave perils, and since none of us know whether our merit will suffice, we should undertake a dangerous task only after serious deliberation.

He who blames others is full of blame himself; and the fault he sees in others may be seen in himself.



BASKETBALL RESULTS

Last Sunday evening, December 22nd, the I.S. Basketball Team met their neighborhood rivals, the Federation Settlement Quintet in a hard fought contest of skill and endurance.

The match was noted especially for the brand of sportsmanship displayed by both teams. It was a game that would have delighted any lover of this sport. After an exciting evening wherein thrill followed thrill, the I.S. emerged victorious to the tune of 32-30.

Dancing followed the basketball game, to the syncopated rhythm of the Musical Ramblers.

Next Sunday, December 29th, the I.S. quintet will travel to the Central Jewish Institute, to continue their participation in the Metropolitan League Basketball Tournament. In rapid order thereafter, they will meet the representatives of the Hebrew Educational Society and the Elizabeth Y.M.H.A.

INTER-CLUB BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Interesting matches are expected to take place in the forthcoming Annual Inter-Club Basketball Tournament. The club members have been preparing for this anticipated event for many weeks, and have planned

their training in such a manner as to be at the top of their form when the tournament begins this Sunday.

The schedule for Sunday, December 29th is:

Spades vs. Adelphi at 10:30 A.M.
Flashes vs. Barbors at 12:30 P.M.
Valspar vs. Elons at 1:30 P.M.
Pawnees vs. Rayos at 2:30 P.M.

LIFE SAVING CLASSES TO BEGIN JANUARY 12

After Sunday, January 12th, no entries will be received for the classes in life saving now being formed. All members who would like to sport an emblem this coming summer, are urged to hurry and enter their names in the gym office, as soon as possible.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

In response to the many inquiries from our members, the Department of Physical Education has announced that classes in boxing and wrestling will be formed. All members interested in forming a boxing and wrestling club will please leave their names in the Gym office, as soon as possible. Further details concerning this matter will be published in a forthcoming issue of the "Institutional."

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical examinations are now being held at regular intervals. Every member of the a properly signed certificate from their own physician.

After December 29th, no club member gym and of the clubs is urged to undergo this examination immediately, or to bring will be permitted to make use of the gym or pool facilities without such a certificate on file.

DEBATING TOURNAMENT NEARS FINAL STAGE

The Annual Inter-Club Debating Tournament has awakened a surprising amount of interest among the intermediate clubs and groups of the Department of Centre Activities. Last Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, a heated discussion was held between the members of the Spades Club and the Club Morton on the subject: "Resolved that the present system of public education has failed." The spectators at this debate became so interested in what the speakers had to say, that a short forum ensued after the formal speeches were concluded. By a unanimous decision of the judges the Spades, who upheld the affirmative of this topic, were awarded the decision.

Next Sunday afternoon, December 29th, the Tephra Phi Fraternity, who won the tournament last year, will meet the Elons Club. Following this debate, the Adelphi Club will debate the Barbors.

The finals of the tournament will be held during the month of January. The winning club will be awarded the debating plaque.

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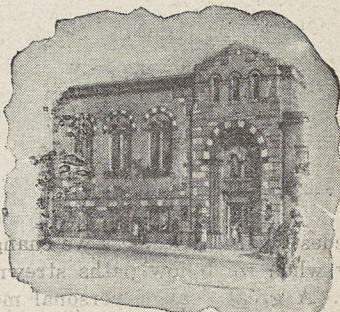
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