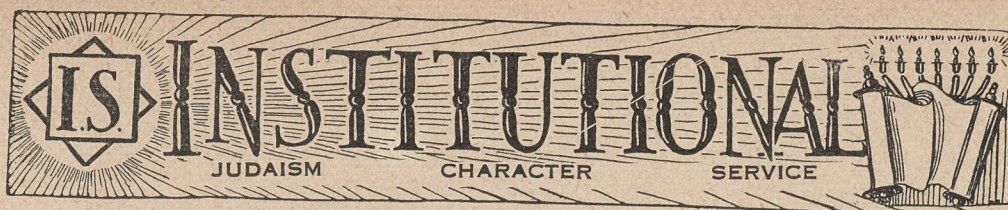


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Universal Players To Stage 'Ghosts'

"Ghosts," Hendrick Ibsen's famous drama, will be presented in the I.S. auditorium this Saturday evening, March 21st, by the Universal Stage Company.

The play concerns itself with a psychological study of the characteristics of an individual under pressure. Altho entitled "Ghosts," no ghosts appear in the play. Rather, it is a stark, magnificent drama drawn from life. It reveals the motives and actions of a cross section of humanity.

Included in the cast of professional actors are: Mr. John Paul Stark, who has been connected with theatre groups for many years, Miss Jean Bryant, who has acted in many professional productions, and Miss Sondra Johnson, who is probably one of the most famous models in the world. Mr. Elliot Broones is the producer of the drama.

This famous production was scheduled to appear several weeks ago, but on account of the illness of several members of the cast the presentation was delayed until this Saturday evening.

Unveiling

Members and seat-holders of the Institutional Synagogue are invited to attend the unveiling of a monument in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac A. Krulewitch, this Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, at 2 p.m., at the Bayside Cemetery.

Rabbi to Broadcast

This Sunday morning Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will continue his series of Sunday morning addresses over station W.M.C.A. between ten forty-five and eleven o'clock.

I. S. DEBATORS DEFEAT PATERSON 'Y' TEAM

The newly organized I.S. intermediate debating team gained their first victory last Sunday afternoon, March 15th, when they vanquished the representatives of the Paterson, N. J., Y.M.H.A., in a closely contested debate.

The topic of the debate was, resolved that the present jury system be abolished. The I.S. team claimed that this step was necessary in order to secure justice and maintain the rights of the individual; they advocated the substitution of a board of judges. The Paterson representatives maintained that the present system was working in good order and that, with a few minor reforms, it should be kept in use.

The members of the I.S. team who participated were: William Finger, Nat Lichtenholtz, Sherman Lefkowitz, and Marcus Smith. The representatives of the Paterson Y.M.H.A., were: Peter Laderman, Harry Lipschitz, and Ralph Wolff.

The I.S. team will make the trip to Paterson within a few weeks for a return debate.

Joe Moss' Music Chosen For Dinner

The rhythmic strains of Joe Moss's orchestra will be heard on Sunday evening, April 19th, at the Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner and Dance of the Institutional Synagogue, which will be held at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel, 59th Street, East of Fifth Avenue.

First Vice-President, Lester Udell, Chairman of the Dinner Committee, announced the selection of Joe Moss's music for this affair. The choice of this excellent orchestra to supply the music for the occasion gives ample proof that the committee is leaving no stone unturned to assure a complete success.

By special request, Joe Moss and his musicians, played recently at a dance given by President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House. They have also recorded some of the most popular phonograph records such as "On Treasure Island," and "Take Me Back to My Boots and Saddles."

The Committee is seeing to it that equal care will be taken in the other details. Delicious food, entertainment par excellence, and a congenial atmosphere will go far towards assuring the guests of a never-to-be-forgotten evening.

Executive Director Abraham Bernstein urgently requests that reservations be sent in as soon as possible. The subscription is twenty-five dollars per plate.

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP?

There are many needy Jewish families in Harlem who would like to observe Passover suitably, but who unfortunately cannot do so because of lack of necessary funds. Won't you please enable these families at least to share the pleasure of having Matzohs on their Seder nights, and thus incidentally, getting a "Mitzvah" for yourself?

The Institutional Synagogue has never failed to do its bit in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews. Not only Matzohs, but clothing as well, are desired for those people who anticipate relief from this institution. We must not fail them. Kindly send your contributions to the Women's League, care of Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, New York City.

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 5:50
Blessing of the New Month Saturday
Sedrah for Week "Vayikhal-Pekudey"

Wit and Humor

A RARE ARTICLE

Berel: I have in my possession a rare photograph which dates from the time of King Solomon.

Schmerel: What are you talking about? Why, in the days of King Solomon photography had not yet been invented.

Berel: That is just why this photograph is so rare and precious.

IF THINGS WERE REVERSED

A Galician "hasid" was walking on a main thoroughfare in Vienna in search of a kosher restaurant. He finally located an eating house with the picture of Moses suspended from the ceiling. Underneath was the inscription, "Kosher Food Served Here." The Jew walked into the place, but seeing the smoothly shaved head waiter he doubted the genuineness of the establishment.

"Is this a kosher restaurant?" he queried.

"Sure thing," replied the headwaiter, "Can't you see Moses' picture in the window?"

"If I were to see you hanging in the window and Moses waiting on the table I would know that this is a kosher place," said the 'hasid', "But since Moses is in the window and you are waiting on the table, I can't be so sure."

HE SHOULD WORRY

Feldstein came to Vienna to consult a specialist.

"Your heart is in good shape," he was informed.

"But how about my constant headaches?" queried Feldstein.

"Your headaches don't worry me in the least," the physician remarked.

"Doctor," said Feldstein, "If you had my headaches I would not worry about them either."

'Evading God'

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

*Whither, shall I go from Thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?
If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there;
If I make my bed in the netherworld, behold
Thou art there.*

*If I take the wings of the morning,
And I dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there would Thy hand lead me,
And Thy right hand would hold me.*

Psalm 139:7-10

"Evading God." What does that mean? How can one evade God when he is all about us? Yes, many of us philosophically say "God is everywhere." God is omnipresent, but do we feel not only, his omnipresence, but also His everpresence, as the Psalmist exclaimed "I put the Lord always before me."

Men evade God in devious ways. Some deny the existence of any supreme being with power greater than man's. There are those whose very atheism takes the form of a religion. This is, perhaps, more in the nature of a psychosis, a kind of phobia, which attacks men's minds. Sometimes I am more inclined to sympathize with those unfortunate individuals who cannot feel the presence of God than I am with those who practice a diluted religion. I am thinking of those who move their lips in prayer, and perform the ceremonies scrupulously, but who do not move their hearts, and train their hands to give adequate charity. Such men are evading God. I have in mind those who intellectually accept the notion of social justice but who are illiberal with their employees, who do not share their profits with those who help make them. They are escaping their responsibilities toward their employees, who are also God's children, and are thus evading God. Social justice to become effective must begin with our help at home, with our employees in business and by giving liberal tips to those who serve us, as the taxi-driver, the waiter, and the porter. These are the ways, we, as individuals, can avoid the clash of class. We talk too much about social justice, as a far off ideal, rather than of social justice as an immediate duty, to be practiced daily by our own selves. I am also thinking of those evaders of God, who come to the Synagogue on the High Holy Days, but who turn their backs upon Him the rest of the year, and are devoid of prayer. They admit God in their lives, at the beginning of the year, and evade Him during the balance of the year.

Too many of us are struggling tortuously to evade God. Yet, how pitifully we stand whimpering and naked in His presence when the slightest shadow of any passing sorrow brushes us with its brooding wings (like a blackbird soaring through the air as it

were). We who blithely, carelessly, foolishly seek our way through the labyrinth of the great mystery called Life, are stricken dumb, silenced, and repentant in the face of that greater mystery called Death. Then it is, that the evading halt, the callous become tender, the seething become silent. Then it is that in their tragic need for comfort and for solace the evaders of God turn about in their tracks, no longer fugitives from Him, but thirsty seekers after Him. "Render your hearts to God," when you are happy rather than "rend your garments" when you are in sorrow (to paraphrase the words of the prophet Joel).

We, in our hurried lives, are leaving ourselves too little time to live with God. Our parents, despite the fact that they had to work longer and harder than we do, always made time for God, for faith, for worship, for good deeds and for personal service. Faith is something which must permeate one's entire being. Prayer and Synagogue attendance are concrete means of evidencing the fact that faith does exist in our hearts and that we are not seeking to evade God but rather that we are making every effort to seek him. The observant Jew, in practically every phase of life, not alone does not evade God but is cognizant of His presence at all times. With the coming of Passover, the Jew will again recall the ancient story of his flight from captivity in Egypt as a revelation of God in History. This is the motif of the Hagada.

It is the awareness of the ever presence of God, which has made the Jew dependent upon the all-mighty power of God, rather than the succumbing to the broken reed as represented by the power of men—Pharaoh, Amalek, Goliath, Sennacherib, Haman, Nebuchadnezzar, Titus, Torquemada, and Hitler.

We evade God, as we evade Duty. Charles Wagner, in his book entitled "The Simple Life" says "When we speak to children on a subject which seems important to them, they will show you above on the roofs a pigeon which is feeding its young, or down in the street some driver who is abusing his horse. Sometimes also they mischievously ask you one of those great questions which put the minds of parents to torture, and all that is to draw the attention from the painful subject." I fear we are but big children before God. We, too, seek subterfuges. The number of our pretexts to lead us from our duty is as great as the machinations of the mind. Let us not evade God but rather seek Him, as did the Psalmist, who proclaimed "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

*From mistakes we
and we are in face to face with*

'DAVID'S BAR MITZVAH' TO FEATURE PARENTS MEETING

At the next meeting of the Parents' Association, which will be held on Tuesday evening, March 24th, at 8:30 o'clock, an unusual program will be presented.

The main feature of the evening will be the presentation of the sound picture "David's Bar Mitzvah," which is being presented through the courtesy of the Kosher Department of the Sunshine Biscuit Company.

There will be no admission charge, and all are welcome to attend.

As a result of the Yiddish Theatre Party, conducted by the Association, they contributed the sum of one hundred and ten dollars toward the maintenance of the Talmud Torah.

TALMUD TORAH TO ATTEND CHARITY LESSON AT ROXY

On Sunday, March 22nd, the pupils of the Talmud Torah will journey en masse to the Roxy Theatre. At that time they will attend the Mass Religious School Lesson in Philanthropy given under the auspices of the Young Men's and Women's Division of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

Condolences

We mourn the loss of our worthy member and seatholder, Mr. Sigmund Arnstein. To the bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Our sincerest condolences are offered to our active Director, Mr. Morris Jablow, upon the loss of his sister, Mrs. Mary Levenson.

We were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Samuel Simon, the father of our loyal friends and co-workers, Louis, Sidney, Tillie, Deborah and Gertrude.

SABBATH MINCHA SERVICES

Speaker _____ Harold Wohl
Reader _____ Samuel Burstein
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Simeon H. F. Goldstein will deliver an address on "Outstanding Events In Jewish History."

The following were the participants at the last week's service:

Speaker _____ Melvin H. Friedman
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The final schedule of presentations of the one-act plays that will be produced by the clubs participating in the annual One-Act Play Contest on Saturday and Sunday evenings, March 28th and 29th, is now available in the office.

The contest will be judged on the basis of the selection of the play, and the ability of the actors.

Tickets for the contest are now on sale in the office. They are priced at ten cents for both performances.

Inter-Club Swimming Meet To Be Held Sunday Afternoon

The aquatic experts of the I.S. will exhibit their skill this Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, at 1 P.M. in the I.S. Pool. At that time the Annual Inter-Club Swimming Meet will be held.

Annual Athletic Carnival

Set for April Fourth

On Saturday evening, April 4th, the athletes of the I.S. will be given an opportunity to display their prowess at the Annual Athletic Carnival which will be held in the gymnasium and swimming pool.

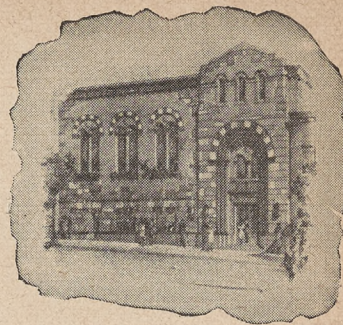
Arrangements are being made for many novelty events. Included on the program are exhibitions of boxing, wrestling, basketball, handball, American ball, fencing, swimming, apparatus work, and tumbling.

Of course, dancing will be held between and following the various events. The music will be supplied by the "Musical Ramblers."

Tickets for the affair may be secured from the gym office. They are priced at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents.

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