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Leaders Council To Sponsor Dance For Home Camp

Music To Be Furnished By Popular Orchestra On January 29th

"Swing" will be the motif of the Fifth Annual Dance of the Leaders' Council scheduled to take place at the West Side Institutional Synagogue, 120 West 76th Street, on Saturday evening, January 29th. The services of a popular orchestra have been secured to supply the necessary rhythm.

This function, according to Miss Mollie Gerstein, Chairman of the Dance Committee, will be one that will be long remembered in the annals of the Leaders' Council.

The members of the committee are as follows: Ethel Glazer, Mortimer Katzen, Yetta Margulies, Abe Roht and Morris A. Urieff.

Tickets for the affair are now available from any member of the Leaders' Council, or in the office, at the reasonable sum of fifty cents. As in the past, the proceeds of the Annual Dance will be turned over to the Home Camp Scholarship Fund.

The next regular meeting of the Leaders' Council will take place this coming Tuesday evening, December 28th, at which time Abe Roht will lead a Round Table Discussion on "Peace."

Basketball Tourney

Henry Perman Stars in The Fourth Series of Contest

The Melrose Club continued to hold its lead in the Inter-Club Basketball Tournament at the end of the fourth series of games, which were played last Sunday. Henry Perman, of the Melrose Club, turned in a stellar performance of basketball skill, which termed him "the sensation" of the tournament to date.

The fifth series in the tournament will be played on Sunday, January 9th.

The standing of the various teams at the present time is:

Melrose	won 4	lost 0
Barbers	3	1
Co-Ops	3	1
Spades	2	2
Immacs	1	3
Cardinals	0	4

Talmud Torah Pupils To Enjoy Trips To Various Points Of Interest

One-Act Play Contest

All plays for the Annual One-Act Play Contest must be submitted for approval on or before January 2nd. An entry fee of one dollar must accompany each play. Any club which does not meet these requirements will not be permitted to participate in the contest.

Arts And Crafts

Workshop Holds Interest Of Many Juniors

With a buz-z-z here and a bang there, old scraps of lumber, egg boxes and discarded materials form useful articles, in the hands of busy craftsmen in the Arts and Crafts Workshop.

Charles Suckle made a set of quoits which is now in use in the game room. Emil Simonson's clothes closet shines with its first coat of paint. As we go to press, the last nails are being hammered into Freddy Jones' tool box. Louis Beraho, Sidney Grobstein, and Joseph Gattegno have pooled their ideas and have laid plans for the building of a railroad system which will include tracks, trains, tunnels, bridges and signals.

Others are likewise engaged in creative work under the guidance of Miss Edith Witt.

Elaborate Program Set For Winter Vacation

An elaborate program of extra-curricular activities has been prepared for the pupils of the Talmud Torah for the coming week. Taking advantage of the fact that Public Schools will be closed during this period, Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal of the Talmud Torah, has made arrangements for the children to visit places of interest and amusement.

On Monday morning, at nine-thirty o'clock, a group of pupils will visit the Hydrox Ice Cream Plant, where they will witness the making of this delicacy in its various stages. Of course, they will be given the opportunity of tasting this delicious confection. In the afternoon, another group will be taken to the Breyer's Ice Cream Plant.

Tuesday will find the children watching a metropolitan newspaper being printed. The News Building will be scene of this trip. Following their jaunt to the News Building, they will be taken to the Museum of Science and Industry, where they will be given the opportunity of trying the many interesting "gadgets" on display.

A Theatre Party will be the feature of Wednesday's program. The special children's play now being produced by the W.P.A. will be seen by the I.S. pupils.

The final trip of the week will be conducted on Thursday, when the Museum of Natural History will be visited.

Co-Ops Club Issues Regular Publication For Membership

Other Groups Prepare For Annual One-Act Play Tournament

The CO-OPS' clubroom often appears more like a newspaper office than a meeting place. Especially when an issue of the "Co-Op" is being put out. Started several months ago as a two page club paper, it has expanded into a veritable magazine of eight pages and more an issue. The content matter of the paper is such as to bring the contributors much praise.

The SPADES CLUB is finding that variety makes for interest in activities. Not only are they holding their own in the Basketball Tournament, but they have yet to meet with defeat in the Debating Tournament. In addition, they are looking forward to the One-Act Play Contest, having selected a well-known and action-full medium as their vehicle.

Under the leadership of Helen Antman, formerly a counsellor at Camp Tana-noog, an intermediate girls' club is now being formed. Their first meeting was held last Sunday, at which time Elaine Schlefstein was chosen as Temporary Chairman, and Rebecca Gattegno as Temporary Secretary. Girls interested in joining this group should address their inquiries to Miss Antman at the office.

With an enviable record of activities during the past year, the CARDINAL CLUB is anxiously awaiting the finals of the Debating Tournament and is practicing assiduously along forensic lines. They expect to be one of the finalists in this contest.

The NYDAC CLUB have selected a very clever burlesque of amateur theatricals, "It Will Be All Right on the Night," as their entry for the One-Act Play Contest. Under the coaching of Miss Ann Parnes, their play will go into rehearsal this Sunday.

The members of Girl Scout Troop 116 do not believe in wasting any of their winter vacation. They have planned a complete week of activities beginning with Monday, when they will join the members of the Talmud Torah on a visit to an Ice Cream plant. A joint birthday party for their leader, Miss F. Barbour and one of the girls, will engage their attention on Tuesday. A visit to a theatre on Wednesday afternoon is also contemplated. Thursday will find the girls out in the woods, studying pioneering and woodcraft, *weather permitting.*

Orators To Discuss Current Problems As Debating Tournament Nears Close

Two Undefeated Teams To Clash Sunday

Determined to maintain their records of victories in the Inter-Club Debating Tournament, two undefeated clubs will meet Sunday afternoon, December 26th, in the final round of the qualifying debates. Upholding the affirmative of the resolution, "England has fulfilled the terms of the mandate over Palestine," the Spades Club will face the Co-Ops, who will present the negative. As both these teams have shown their ability in previous debates, this should prove to be an interesting discussion.

Another topic of current interest will be the subject of a debate between the Immac Club and the Barbers on Sun-

day, January 9th. At that time the discussion will center on, "Resolved that the Constitution be amended to provide for a plebiscite prior to the declaration of war by the Congress of the United States". The timeliness of this subject, together with the fact that both teams are earnestly preparing for the debate, should make the discussion really worthwhile.

As soon as these qualifying debates are concluded, the finalists in this annual contest will be selected and arrangements made to hold the championship debate in the latter part of January. The winners of the tournament, which has been conducted during the past several months, will be awarded medals.

Following the conclusion of the tournament, a debating team to represent the I. S. will be formed.

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Culled From The EDITOR'S PEN

WAR OR PEACE?

An incongruous note was struck in the symphony of death, as played by the orchestra of war, when the Ludlow Bill was introduced in the present session of Congress. At the same time that the Department of State was exchanging notes with the government of Japan, when the minions of Mars were playing havoc in China and Spain, the forces of peace in the United States were not idle.

Calling for a plebiscite prior to the declaration of war, the Bill will allow the average citizen to declare his viewpoint on a subject in which he holds a vital interest. The ones most affected—you and I—will be given the opportunity of expressing our opinions. In effect, it will provide for a last minute reconsideration prior to the making of a vital decision and will be a restraining influence as well as a deterrent to hasty action.

As to whether the Ludlow Bill will become a law rests in the hands of our legislators. Whether or not it should be passed there can be no doubt. It is an expression of the highest form of Democracy, allowing the citizenry of the country to make the decision affecting their very lives.

"Hear, O Israel!"

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One." This sentence has played and is continuing to play a most important role in Jewish life. The precept in the Torah "and these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children and thou shalt talk of them . . . when thou liest down and when thou risest up," (Deut. VI 7), refers to the reading of the Shemah twice daily, morning and evening.

The Rabbis have added to it, besides the lesson of the unity of God, and our duty to love the one God with all our heart, another section which deals with reward and punishment, expressive of our obedience to the will of God. A third portion contains the commandment of Tzitzis, the object of which is to remind us of God's laws. Further significance has been attached to this prayer by its association with special benedictions which both precede and follow it. Its striking importance is also brought forth by the fact that the first law of the Mishnah deals with the recital of the Shemah—"From what time does one begin the reading of the Shemah in the evening?"

Why has so much emphasis been placed on this particular prayer?

The Talmud tells us that when Jacob wanted to inform his children concerning their future destinies, "The Shechinah," the Divine Presence disappeared from him and so he thought perhaps that there was one among his children who was not faithful to God. However, he heard his sons call out, "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Just as in your heart there is only One, so in our hearts, there is only One." At that moment Jacob said to himself, "Blessed be His Name whose glorious Kingdom is forever and ever." The aged Israel was happy to know that his children had accepted the yoke of the kingdom of heaven, which the Shemah implies.

The beautiful story of the devotion of

Rabbi Akiba is well known. He used to say that "thou shalt love thy God with all thy might" means to be prepared to give up one's life for the sanctification of the Divine Name, if necessary. This principle he was able to practice; for, while he was being tortured by the Romans for refusing to renounce his faith, and his flesh was being torn from his body with iron prongs, he recited the Shemah and with his last breath he uttered, "Echod".

An illustration of the effectiveness of the Shemah as a unifying bond for all Israel is made vivid in the story of the German and Russian soldiers in the past war. Both were lying on the battlefield critically wounded. The Russian begged the German soldier for a drop of water from his canteen. The latter refused to give up the only meagre nourishment that remained for himself. The Russian feeling that, at last, his time had come, very feebly uttered "Shemah Yisroel." When the German soldier heard these words, he immediately offered his canteen to his enemy—for they were both Jewish brethren.

A beautiful summation of the essence of the "Shemah" is given by Rev. Dr. J. H. Hertz, as follows:

"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One." That is at once the quintessential embodiment of all our philosophy, as well as chief among Israel's contributions to the ever-lasting truths of religion. The first prayer of innocent child-lips, the last confession of the dying, the Shemah has been the watchword and the rallying cry of a hundred generations in Israel. By it were they welded into one Brotherhood to do the will of their Father who is in heaven. The reading of the Shemah has—in the rabbinic phrase—clothed Israel with invincible lion-strength, and endowed him with the double-edged sword of the spirit against the unutterable terrors of his long night of exile.

AND SHOULDST THOU WISH TO KNOW . . .

(After the Hebrew of Bialik)
AND shouldst thou wish to know the source
From which thy tortured brethren drew
In evil days their strength of soul
To meet their doom, stretch out their necks
To each uplifted knife and axe,
In flames, on stakes to die with joy,
And with a whisper "God is one"
To close their lips?
And shouldst thou wish to see the fort
Wherein thy fathers refuge sought,
And all their sacred treasures hid,
The refuge that has still preserved
Thy nation's soul intact and pure,
And when despised, and scorned, and scoffed,
Their faith they did not shame?
And shouldst thou wish to see and know
Their mother, faithful, loving, kind,
Who gathered all the burning tears
Of her bespattered, hapless sons,
And when to her in grief they came,

She tenderly wiped off their tears,
And lulled them on her lap to sleep?
If thou, my brother, knowest not
This mother, spring, and lap, and fort,
Then enter thou the House of God,
The House of Study, old and grey,
Perchance thy eye may still behold
In some dark corner, hid from view,
A cast-off shadow of the past,
The profile of some pallid face,
Upon an ancient folio bent,
Who seeks to drawn unspoken woes
In the talmud boundless waves;
And then thy heart shall guess the truth
Thou hast touched the sacred ground
Of thy great nation's House of Life,
And that thy eyes do gaze upon
The treasure of thy nation's soul.
And know that this is but a spark
That by a miracle escaped,
Of that bright light, that sacred flame
Thy forebears kindled long ago
On altars high and pure.

By P. M. Raskin

WIT & HUMOR

A Quick Thinker

TWO candidates for a pulpit in a small town were lodged in adjoining hotel rooms the night before their try-outs. Through the thin wall, Rabbi A heard Rabbi B rehearsing his address. Recognizing it as superior to his own, he copied it down word for word, knowing that he was to speak first the following evening.

The next night Rabbi A delivered the stolen speech and received tumultuous applause. Then Rabbi B got up.

"I must confess," he said, "that I have never heard such a marvelous speech. Knowing that I cannot improve upon it, I will repeat it word for word."

Which he did, and thereby earned undying fame.

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Calling Things by Right Names

"MOTHER, mother," cried little Jennie, running into the dining room, "I just heard Uncle Leo calling dad Mordecai."

"Don't get so excited, dear," answered the mother, "that's your father's real name."

"Then why," demanded Jennie, "do you always call him schlemiel?"

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At the Movies

MR. ABRAMS was enjoying the motion picture at the theater until two women in the row behind him began to talk incessantly.

"Excuse me," he said politely, turning around, "but I can't hear a word."

"Listen, mister," answered one of the women, "what we are talking about isn't any of your business."

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Chips Off the Old Block

POLICEMAN Levine had a late night beat. Strolling along a street at three o'clock in the morning, he noticed a man sitting on the front steps of a house.

"What are you doing here at 3 a.m.?" he asked.

"I've lost my key," was the answer, "and I'm waiting for my children to come home and let me in."

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