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## Parents To Enjoy Supper and Movie

### H. J. Heinz Co. Sponsors Complete Program On February 3rd

Under the auspices of the H. J. Heinz Company, the members of the Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue will enjoy a novel program of entertainment on the evening of Thursday, February 3rd.

The first part of the program will consist of a Jewish motion picture, "Ve-Chai Bo-Hem." This is a fascinating and modern thirty minute story of Jewish ceremonies, portraying in colorful scenes incidents in our three great pilgrim festivals—Passover, Shevuoth and Succoth. The narrative, with musical interludes by Vladimir Heifetz's chorus and distinctive Jewish scenes all tend to bring delight and charm to a splendid picture.

Following the showing of the film, there will be a delightful five course supper, provided by the H. J. Heinz Company.

Cards of admission to this function may be obtained in the office free of charge.

## Debating

### Co-Ops Defeat Spades In Elimination Round

A spirited discussion marked the forensic battle between the Co-Ops and the Spades last Sunday afternoon, January 16th, in the final elimination round of the inter-club debating tournament. The Co-Ops were adjudged the victor by a close margin.

Debating the topic, "Resolved that England has fulfilled the terms of its mandate over Palestine," the Spades attempted to show that every major promise made by Great Britain in the mandate had been adequately carried out. They proved their contentions by showing the increase in economic wealth, and spiritual and cultural achievements of Palestine since the inception of the mandate.

Contending that England had failed, in the twenty years of its mandate, to provide for its major promise to establish a homeland in Palestine for the Jews, the Co-Ops pointed out that the likelihood of ever accomplishing this goal under the present situation was indeed slight. They argued that so long as this condition existed, the spirit as well as the letter of the mandate was not being fulfilled.

## T. T. Registration

Registration for the new term of the Talmud Torah, which will begin Monday, January 31st, will be accepted daily during the coming week. Parents are urged to register their children before the new term begins, so that they may be placed in proper classes and not lose any of the initial work of the class. Registration will take place on Sunday morning, between nine and one o'clock, and on the weekday afternoons from three to seven o'clock.

Rabbi Philip Goodman will be glad to meet parents at any other time, by appointment, to discuss the individual problems of their children.

## Judah Shapiro To Address Council

### Leaders To Hold Forum This Tuesday

Mr. Judah J. Shapiro, Director, Men's Work at the Bronx Y.W. and Y.M.H.A., will be the guest speaker at the next Leaders' Council meeting, which will be held on Tuesday evening, January 25th. He will discuss the topic, "What You as Potential Leaders Can Do for the Jewish Community by Means of the Jewish Center." Following Mr. Shapiro's talk, the members of the Council will hold a round table discussion on the same topic.

This forum will be the first in a new series of lectures and discussions that the Council is undertaking for the coming months. Other noted speakers will address the group in the near future.

## Federal Theatre To Present Marionette Version Of Opera, Hansel And Gretel

### Most Clubs Stress Indoor Activities

### Michael Shure Appointed Leader Of Copain Club

With the advent of real winter weather, the interest of the various clubs has shifted to indoor activities. Most of the groups are emphasizing indoor sports in our gymnasium and swimming pool, as well as dramatics, debating and newspaper publication.

Mr. Michael Shure has been appointed as club leader of the *COPAINS*, a recently organized group of "live-wire" Intermediates. Mr. Shure is an attorney affiliated with the Sinking Fund Commission of New York City, and has been interested in club work for many years.

The members of the *IMMACS CLUB* anxiously await the mailman these days. Several of their members are stationed in various parts of the country, having joined the CCC, and they look forward to hearing from them.

The *EAGLE CLUB*, under the leadership of Mr. Abe Roht, have developed a very deep interest in basketball. Every practice session is attended by the entire membership. Their team will soon appear in new uniforms. The first edition of their club newspaper will be issued very shortly.

Not being satisfied with the original script of the play they had chosen for the dramatic tourney, the *NYDACS* have elaborated on it. They are keeping their improvement a secret, but they promise to produce a novelty number.

### Community Singing To Be Led By Harry Hart Saturday Night

An original adaptation of the popular opera, "Hansel and Gretel," will be presented by the Marionette Theatre of the WPA Federal Theatre Project, tomorrow night, January 22nd, in the auditorium.

Losing their way in the terrifying darkness of the woods, Hansel and Gretel become intrigued with a house built of delicious looking candy. They start to nibble at the cottage, when suddenly a witch who lures children to the house to destroy them, casts a spell on them. She is about to shove Gretel into an oven when Hansel outwits the evildoer and saves the day for himself and his sister.

The present version of the delightful fable has been adopted by Bernice Zaconick, director of the Marionette Theatre, and Hope Shippee.

In addition to the marionette performance, a one-man puppet show, "The Birthday Party," will also be seen. In this, several puppets are manipulated simultaneously by Nichola, the famous puppeteer.

Before the show begins, and between the acts, community singing by the audience will be conducted by Harry Hart, radio baritone.

Competitive singing will also be a part of the program.

Admission will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

## Mr. & Mrs. Sol Simon

### Aged Couple Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Sol Simon were the recipients of sincere congratulations from their many friends who came to pay them respect at their residence, 450 West End Avenue, on the occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Simon is in his eighty-second year and his wife, Annie, is 78 years old. They are the parents of seven sons who have risen to prominence in business and professional fields. Mr. and Mrs. Simon were married in New York on January 18, 1878, when Ulysses S. Grant had just been succeeded by Rutherford B. Hayes as President of the United States.

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## PING PONG TRY-OUTS

The Institutional Synagogue will enter both a Junior and Senior Team in the Metropolitan Section — Jewish Welfare Board Table Tennis Tournament.

Try-outs for these teams will take place this Sunday. The Junior team is limited to members who have not reached their sixteenth birthday. For the Senior Team there are no age limitations. Any one interested in participating in either of the teams should report to the Game Room this Sunday at 1 p.m. promptly.

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It is a well recognized fact that money given and administered through private philanthropy usually contributes more per dollar to the public welfare than it does through federal or state relief. Private charity enlists more volunteer workers, is more elastic, carries with it more of sacrificial personal service, sympathy, goodwill, and brotherly helpfulness than money raised by taxes and appropriated by Congress.

## Talmud Torah Quintet Defeats West Siders

The newly organized Basketball Team of the Talmud Torah was the victor in a match with the quintet of the West Side Institutional Synagogue Talmud Torah at our court last Tuesday afternoon, January 18th. An exciting and heated game was played which resulted in the final score of 20-14 in our favor. The high scorer for our team was Max Fried, Captain, while the star player of the West Side team was Jack Goldberg.

The members of our team include: Max Fried, Captain; Moses Finfang, Manager; Harry Cherwin, Ernest Kohn, Abe Matza, John Haughton and Hillel Valentine.

## Chamisho Osor B'Shvat Assembly

Chamisho Osor B'Shvat was celebrated last Monday, January 17th, by the pupils of the Talmud Torah at a special assembly. The theme of the program was the "Rebuilding of Palestine." A large tableau, singing and the eating of delicious Palestinian fruits were the high spots of the celebration.

The main feature of the program was the tableau depicting the struggle of the Jew to return to his homeland, the work of rebuilding Palestine, the approach of spring and a beautiful harvest scene. Among the pupils who participated were: Ida Finfang, John Haughton, Dave Matza, Elsie Lichter, Laurel Rosenbaum, Morton Rosenbaum, Libby Begun, Dorothy Jones, Elaine Schlefstein, Stella Matza, Miles Melnikov, Martin Haberman, Sidney Grobstein, Esther Hirsch, Sylvia Haberman, Elaine Suckle and Charles Suckle.

In accordance with their annual custom, the Parents' Association distributed Palestinian fruits including buxos, raisins, nuts, dates and figs.

Mrs. Anna Gropper, assisted by Miss Sadie Chasnowitz, was in charge of the direction of tableau. The scenery and costumes were prepared by the children in the arts and crafts workshop under the supervision of Edith Witt.

## Basketball Tournament

Starting February 6th, the final round of the Basketball Tournament will be played on Sunday evenings. Two games will be scheduled for each night. Music for dancing will be had by means of one of the best equipped Dance Music Amplifiers. There will be on hand a large assortment of the latest swing records representing all the best orchestras in the country. While there will be no admission charge, a check room fee of ten cents will be asked. Reserve all the Sunday evenings in the month of February to be spent at the I. S.

## The First Lesson

OH come, my child, thou needs must learn  
The sacred word to read;  
It is the key to treasures great,  
To noble law and deed.

Thy father, mother, all good Jews,  
Learning deeply cherish;  
For through our boundaries love of learning  
Torah shall not perish.

And if thou learn, little one,  
Then all good things be thine—  
Honor, joy and love of friends,  
Wisdom, deep and fine.

See the letters black and square,  
Figures, dots and lines?  
To remember, precious one,  
I shall give thee signs.

Aleph is the water boy  
With pails his shoulders o'er  
Beside the house with threshold there,  
And with the open door.

Kometz is this stick and ball,  
Kometz bes is baw;  
This is the beginning child,  
First of Hebrew law.

Handsomely thou dost, my boy,  
Kometz aleph, aw;  
Say it clearly, my own,  
Kometz bes is baw . . .

Oh, what now, a penny there—  
An angel must have thrown,  
To reward thee for thy pains,  
Little one, my own.

Here is mother, look, she has  
A cake with honey sweet.  
She will give it thee, to show  
The Torah's sweet to eat.

Precious fruits the Torah gives,  
Like a living tree;  
But my darling, only if  
It lives in me and thee.

—Alexander Dushkin

## WIT & . . . HUMOR

### A QUESTION

A JEW was asked why his co-religionists always answer one question by asking another. "Why not?" he replied.

### A RAW DEAL

A Jew by the name of Goldsmith accepted Christianity. Not wishing to lose his Jewish name, he dropped the first syllable and styled himself "Smith." When his friends heard about this, one of them said: "How strange that a Jew should carelessly cast away his Gold!"

### A WORD TO THE WISE

During his last visit to Palestine Nathan Straus called on the late Rabbi A. I. Kook of Jerusalem and discussed with him the economic conditions of the Jews of the Holy City. Mr. Straus told Rabbi Kook that he was well aware of the prevailing unemployment and gave him one hundred pounds for relieving the distress. The Rabbi thanked the American philanthropist profusely but remarked to his guest that before leaving he would like to tell him a little anecdote.

"I shall be glad to hear it," said Mr. Straus.

"There is an old story," began Rabbi Kook, "about a Prince who went hunting in a thick forest and lost his way. After walking for many hours the Prince reached a dingy hut where he found a wood-chopper living with his family. The Prince announced his identity and informed the wood-chopper that he was very hungry, whereupon he was served bread and hard boiled eggs. The Prince thanked his host and asked him to state the price of the meal.

"A thousand pieces of silver," said the wood-chopper.

"Why so much money?" asked the Prince. "You served me only ordinary eggs."

"That's true," admitted the wood-chopper, "but you are an extraordinary visitor. Hence, the price, too, should be extraordinary."

Similarly," continued Rabbi Kook, "the Strauses, too, are extraordinary visitors in our midst."

Mr. Straus took the hint and wrote the Rabbi an additional check for four hundred pounds.

### THOUGHT VERSUS DEED

The Rabbi of a Lithuanian town had a number of enemies. Once he stopped to discuss a business matter with a woman in the market place. This gave his opponents a chance to criticize him.

"It is not the place of a Rabbi to converse with women in public," they insinuated.

When the stricture reached the Rabbi he smiled. "It is better to address a woman and think of God than to address God and think of a woman," said the Rabbi.

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