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Play Contest Set For April Third

Clubs Prepare For One-Act Dramatic Tourney

Final preparations are being made by the numerous contestants in the inter-club one-act play contest which will be held at the Institutional Synagogue auditorium on Sunday night, April 3rd. The dramatic tourney which was originally scheduled to occur on March 27th has been set for the following Sunday in order to give the contestants time to complete the scenery to be used, and to allow for a final polishing of dramatic technique.

The Spades Club has chosen as its vehicle the prison play, "The Last Mile." The play, dealing with the emotions and actions of the inhabitants of the death house in a modern prison, affords an excellent opportunity for the display of theatrical talent.

The Nydacs Club will produce "It Will Be All Right on the Night," in the atmosphere of a typical rehearsal of an amateur theatrical performance.

"A Purim Operetta" is the name of the musical which will be staged by the Decos. It is a humorous farce set to the lilting melodies of Gilbert and Sullivan.

The Copains are making their bid for the prize with Lord Dunsany's "A Night at an Inn," while the Cardinals have selected Shakespeare's "Pyramis and Thisbe" as their entry in the contest.

Tickets for the one-act play contest are now available, and may be secured in the office. Clubs may secure blocs of seats at a considerable reduction and are urged to do so as soon as possible.

Palestine Partition, Essay Contest Topic

"The Partition Plan of Palestine" has been selected as the general topic of the Essay Contest which closes on Thursday evening, April 14th. The contest is sponsored by the Institutional Synagogue and is open to all members.

The increasingly precarious position of the Jew in central Europe is making the part of Palestine more significant than it has been in the life of the Jew. Any plan of partition which decreases the area of refuge bears, therefore, a proportional importance.

Essays will be judged according to content, cohesion and originality. The best two essays will be awarded medals, and will be printed in the *Institutional*.

Won't You Please Help?

There are many needy Jewish families in Harlem who would like to observe Passover suitably, but who, because of lack of funds, find themselves unable to. Won't you please enable these families to share the pleasure of observing the Seder ritual? The Institutional Synagogue, in cooperation with the Harlem Joint Passover Relief Committee, of which Mrs. Cecil Endel is chairman, and Mrs. Annie R. Morris is Secretary-Treasurer, has never failed to aid in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews. Kindly send your contributions to the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, N. Y. C.

Parents Association Sponsors Luncheon

Lou G. Siegel To Cater

The Parents Association of the Institutional Synagogue will hold their annual luncheon at the beautiful and spacious restaurant of Lou G. Siegel, 209 West 38th Street, on Tuesday afternoon, March 29th, at twelve-thirty o'clock. Interesting speakers and amusing entertainers will comprise the program.

Mrs. P. Vogel, at the last meeting of the Parents Association said, in part, "As the proceeds of this luncheon will be donated to the Talmud Torah, the support and cooperation of all members and friends of the I.S. who realize the necessity for religious training is urged. We must tax our resources to the utmost to insure the complete success of this affair so that a considerable sum may be raised."

Tickets are available for the very nominal sum of one dollar and ten cents at the office of the Talmud Torah.

Considering the delicious luncheon that will be served at Lou G. Siegel's and the excellent program that has been arranged, a most enjoyable afternoon is assured to all the guests.

Racqueteers Defeated

The I.S. Junior Ping Pong Team suffered their first defeat this season at the hands of the 92nd Street Y.M.H.A. representatives last week, after a hard fought battle.

On Sunday, March 27th, the I.S. team will face the Washington Heights Y.M.H.A. team at the I.S.

'Menachem Mendel, The Matchmaker', Jewish Talking Picture This Saturday Night

Natators To Compete In Inter-Club Swim

Film Adapted From One of Sholom Aleichem's Stories

Nydacs Win Marathon Swim With 1424 Laps

The Inter-Club Swimming Meet will be held this year on Sunday, April 3rd, promptly at noon, it was announced by Mr. Milton Rosenberg, gymnasium director.

Each competitor will be permitted to participate in two swim events, one relay and two novelty events. At the meet, time will be taken of the various events for comparison with the I.S. pool records.

A list of the various events is available in the gymnasium to those who are interested in participating in the meet.

Preparations for the swimming meet were begun several weeks ago, and systematic training to insure the participants being in good condition was secured through the Marathon Swim. This activity was conducted over a period of four weeks, which ended last Monday evening, March 14th. The results of the Marathon Swim were:

1. Nydacs	1424 laps
2. Spades	1263 laps
3. Eagles	1211 laps
4. Copains	466 laps
5. Hecksher	177 laps
6. Clints	128 laps
7. Immacs	92 laps

The highest individual scores attained by participants were: Jerry Weinblatt, 326; Ray Weinblatt, 297; Fuentes, 284; A. Finger, 234; H. Sheinberg, 212; and L. Fisher, 202.

Entries for the swimming meet are now being accepted in the gymnasium office, where further details concerning the contest may be secured. There is no entry fee.

Leaders Council Plan Gala Passover Evening

This coming Tuesday evening, March 29th, a special meeting of the Leaders' Council will be held, it was announced by Mr. Abe Roht, President. The purpose of this meeting is to consider and draft plans for a Passover celebration. All members are urged to attend and participate in the arrangements for this affair which promises to be most unique and entertaining.

"Menachem Mendel, The Matchmaker," the successful Jewish talking picture adapted from one of the most humorous of Sholom Aleichem's stories, will be the fourth offering of the Henning Program Series. The showing of the film is scheduled for this Saturday evening, March 26th.

"The Matchmaker," like the rest of Sholom Aleichem's comedies, presents an intimate and sympathetic study of a cross-section of Jewish life.

This film, with a cast of five hundred people, stars S. Michaels, Michel Rosenberg and Hannah Appel. Sholom Aleichem's characteristic and effective mingling of humor and pathos are evident as the story of "Menachem Mendel, The Matchmaker" unfolds itself.

In addition to this feature, an added attraction will be shown. This will be the talking picture, "Yosel Cutler's Marionettes." The additional picture will consist of several short skits entitled "Simcha and His Wife," "Kosher Dance," "Peppery Jews," and "Jazz."

On April 2nd, the fifth performance of the series will see Harvey Efimov, in a program of songs and characterizations. Mr. Efimov, who is a well-known mime and singer, has achieved an enviable reputation in his field. His songs and interpretations are unique and highly artistic. To each of his portrayals of mood, Mr. Efimov imparts a highly individualistic portrayal.

Subscription Tickets Reduced

The price of tickets for the individual performances have been set at fifteen cents. A subscription ticket to the remaining three events of the Henning Program Series may be purchased for thirty-five cents.

Tickets are obtainable at the door, or by telephoning UNiversity 4-6729.

Thus far three events of the series have taken place. Last week Israel Chodos lectured on the topic "Why Jews Sing and Laugh." Cantor Zalmon Yavneh and Mrs. Isaac Siegel supplemented the program with the rendition of numerous Jewish songs which were well received by the audience.

Under the able direction of B. A. Rabinowitz, the Hazomir Choral Society presented a very interesting and entertaining evening of Jewish music on Saturday evening, March 12th. "Chapters in Jewish History" was a musical interpretation of the history of the Jew.

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Gala Purim Assembly Sunday Afternoon

Symposium and Entertainment Included on Program

Over 75 YMHA's, YWHA's, Jewish Centers and other youth serving agencies of greater New York, Westchester County and Long Island will be represented at a mass demonstration and celebration of Purim, to be held at the Community House, Temple Emanu-El, New York City, on Sunday, March 27th, at 2:00 p.m. This Purim Senior Assembly will be the first of a series of Jewish and civic celebrations to be conducted on a regional basis under the auspices of the Metropolitan Section—Jewish Welfare Board. Approximately 5,000 invitations have been extended to young people throughout the area.

The Committee on Jewish Activities of the Metropolitan Section will act as host to the delegates and their friends. The assembly will be marked by an elaborate cultural and recreational program as planned by the Committee on Arrangements, under the chairmanship of Edgar J. Nathan, Jr. representing the Jewish Welfare Board, assisted by Harold Morris, director of activities of the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst. The president of the Metropolitan Section is Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig and Frank L. Weil is chairman of the Executive Committee.

Palestine Fellowships To Be Made By Avukah

Avukah, American Student Zionist Federation, has announced its Palestine Work-Fellowships for 1938-39. The award provides for a year's stay in Palestine, chiefly in the collective settlements. Each fellowship carries with it the payment of all expenses for travel to and from Palestine and the year's stay. Time is spent working in the agricultural collectives, living in the larger cities of Palestine, and studying the problems of the country and of Zionism.

Two or more college students, men or women, will be selected. Further information may be received from the Committee on Awards, Avukah, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Each In His Own Place

Let us be not soloists, dominating the whole place, but each one a member of an orchestra, content to bring all that we have and contribute it in music, while we ourselves for the moment keep our personality in shadow and subjection, that there may come to this world a greater harmony, a greater symmetry, a more perfect adjustment of connecting loyalties, so that we may reach the highest ambition of all, which is, that we may have a name at which men and women, when they hear it, will smile gladly and be proud to claim it as the name of the Friend.—Rosslyn Mitchell.

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Jewish News Flashes

Numerous reports from Vienna indicate that little or no time was lost by the Nazis after their seizure of Austria in unleashing a furious campaign against the Jewish population in the victimized country. A systematic purge of Jewish business and professional leaders is under way. It is as yet, however, too early to estimate how many Jews have been seized.

Two books that deal with characters in the Bible have reached national popularity among current literary output. One is "Joseph in Egypt" by the exiled German author, Thomas Mann. The other, "Hearken Unto the Voice" is the work of Franz Werfel which depicts the life and times of the prophet Jeremiah.

That there are today more than 100,000 Jewish farmers in America was announced recently by the Jewish Agricultural Society of New York. The society's purpose is to help Jews in America who want to become farmers. During the past year close to a thousand people were aided directly through the efforts of the organization.

Growing Nazi activity in Brazil was recently brought to a sudden halt by the enactment of a law banning all Nazi organizations in that country. The Jewish population of Brazil is estimated at approximately 40,000.

Sir Harold MacMichael assumed the position of British High Commissioner of Palestine on March 3rd. Sir MacMichael is the fifth Chief Executive to hold this position. The absence of civilian Arabs from the delegations that greeted the newly arrived High Commissioner was noted.

Latest news dispatches from Vienna reveal that all non-Aryans, of whatever nationality, will be barred from the University of Vienna under the Nazi program. Many American and English students have already abandoned their studies. Every Jewish professor at the University of Vienna and in other schools throughout Austria has been dismissed.

WIT & HUMOR

AN EXPERT LIAR

A STRANGER visiting Wilna was told of Motke Habad's unusual ability as a liar. Wishing to convince himself the stranger approached Motke and made him the following proposition:

"I'll give you a rouble if you tell me a lie instantly, without a moment's hesitation."

"Why, you promised me two roubles!" exclaimed Motke.

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HIS ONLY CHANCE

THE *melamed* had been in the small village six months instructing the children of the Jewish innkeeper. During the period he had saved fifty roubles and these he carried with him on his way home for Passover. While on the train the *melamed* discovered that the money was gone.

"Woe is me!" wailed the *melamed*. "I need the money for *matzah* and for clothes for the children. What shall I do now?"

The passengers sympathized with the *melamed* greatly, and one of them offered a suggestion: "Suppose you look in your inside breast pocket," he said. "The same thing happened to me some time ago. I thought I had lost my money but I found it in my breast pocket."

"I am afraid to do that," exclaimed the *melamed*. "It's the only place I haven't looked, and if I should discover that my money is not there I am completely lost."

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A SAMPLE OF EACH

SOME years ago a Russian Grand Duke, a member of the Czar's family, visited London and the Lord Mayor gave a dinner in his honor. Among the invited guests was the late Sir Moses Montefiore, famous millionaire and philanthropist. The Grand Duke did not relish the idea of dining with a Jew and in the course of the meal he remarked that upon his recent visit to Japan he found it to be a truly unique country. It had neither Jews nor pigs.

The assembled guests pretended not to notice the slur but the old Montefiore responded coolly. "Sir, suppose you and I go to Japan. It will then have a sample of each."

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NOT OLD ENOUGH

AN English jurist who was about to administer the oath to the plaintiff remarked thoughtfully: "I suppose as a Jew you would want to see the Old Testament."

"That's correct, your honor."

"Bring me a copy of the Old Testament," the judge ordered the bailiff.

Upon examining the book brought to him the judge noticed immediately the titles Matthew and Mark.

"I asked you for the Old Testament," said the judge.

"That's a very old testament," replied the bailiff. "I inherited it from my grandfather."

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"Luck means the hardships and privations which you have not hesitated to endure; the long nights you have devoted to work."—Max O'Rell.