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To Lecture Nov. 29 At Leaders Meeting

Dr. J. L. Razey To Discuss Contemporary Drama

"The Value of the Theatre to Youth" will be the topic discussed by Dr. J. L. Razey, eminent lecturer, when he appears at the meeting of the Leaders Council of the I.S. on Tuesday night, November 29. The lecture is scheduled to start at 9 p.m.

Dr. Razey has studied at Princeton, Georgia, and West Virginia Wesleyan. During his long and varied career as a lecturer, he has toured the country speaking on topics which include child and adult psychology, economics, travelogue, and a variety of subjects of popular interest.

The meeting of the Leaders Council, at which Dr. Razey will speak, is open to the public. Regular meetings are held on alternate Tuesday evenings, at which time worthwhile topics of Jewish and general interest are discussed.

F. L. Weil Chosen To Head N. Y. Chapter Of J.W.B.

Frank L. Weil was elected president of the New York Metropolitan Section of the Jewish Welfare Board, at its annual meeting held recently at the Central Jewish Institute in New York City.

Over two hundred representatives of Jewish Centers heard Mr. Weil speak on projected plans of the J.W.B. to develop recreational facilities in neglected areas, particularly in the Bronx and Brooklyn.

ATTENTION DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, November 29, at 8:30 p.m. promptly, at 302 West 86th Street.

As matters of special importance will be considered, all Directors are urged to attend.

ISAAC SIEGEL,
President

Theatre Party Set For January Third

Sundry Donations Wanted For Rummage Sale

Plans for the Rummage Sale and Bazaar of the Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue are practically completed. The members of this active group expect to be engaged in the annual event within a week.

As soon as a store is obtained in the immediate vicinity, the sale will be begun. Although much saleable material has been donated, much more is needed if the bazaar is to be a success. If you have such articles that you wish to donate for this purpose, call UNiversity 4-6729 and a messenger will call.

Another major activity in the Association's drive for funds will be a Yiddish Theatre Party, which will be held on the evening of January 3, at the Second Avenue Theatre.

The tickets for the theatre party are now on sale at the office of the Synagogue. Reservations may be made by telephoning UNiversity 4-6729.

I. S. Participates In Nation-Wide Services As Plight Of German Jews Grows More Intense

Together with congregations throughout the country, the Institutional Synagogue offered special prayers for the victims of religious and racial persecution last Saturday. With earnest devotion, the congregation listened as the special prayers, written for this service, were read.

Rabbi Philip Goodman, addressing the congregation on the plight of the Jews in Europe, said in part:

"In the eyes of the enlightened people of every color, creed and race, Hitler stands convicted. From the Court of God, his final conviction will come. The Almighty will provide for His children of all creeds. We must have faith in the great democracy wherein we live, faith

in our fellow-men, and above all, faith in God."

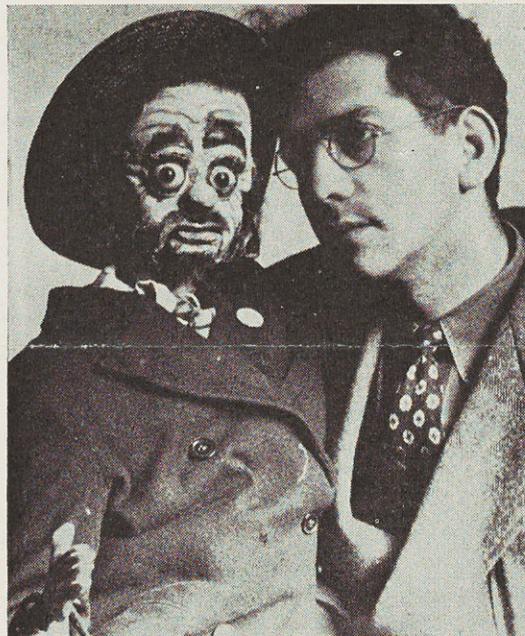
Appeals for funds for the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal were made at all meetings as well as on Saturday evening. Already, a handsome sum has been sent to the J.D.C. to aid in the relief of the distressed refugees. It is expected that another contribution will be forwarded to the proper authorities shortly.

The need for immediate assistance to the sufferers in Europe cannot be over-emphasized. We must not be found wanting in the help we can, and must, give. Contributions may be mailed directly to the Joint Distribution Committee at 100 East 42 Street.

Ben Yano, Only One-Man Yiddish Show, To Appear At I.S. This Saturday Night

Hand Puppets, Ventriloquism, Rag Pictures And Shadow Play Features Of Performance

The only one-man Yiddish show in the world will be performed by Ben Yano on Saturday evening, November 26 at 8:30 from the stage of the auditorium of the Institutional Synagogue at 37 West 116th Street. This performance will be the fifth of a series of nine offerings which comprise the Henning Programs.



Ben Yano And Yossel

Ben Yano is internationally known for his interpretations of Jewish wit and humor. The entire show is done in original Yiddish, but a good portion of the material is translated into English for the benefit of those who do not understand the Yiddish language.

Deals with Folk Lore

The subject matter of this entertaining exhibition deals with Jewish folk lore up to the present day. The form of the presentation is varied. Hand puppets, ventriloquism, ragpictures, and shadow-play are all handled expertly by Mr. Yano.

Tickets for this performance are priced at the nominal figure of fifteen cents, and are available at the office of the I.S.

Members To Meet Sunday To Form House Council

Representatives of every group affiliated with the Institutional Synagogue will meet this Sunday, November 27, at 4 p.m., to form a House Council.

The House Council will sponsor inter-group activities, as well as act as a common meeting ground for all the members.

It is planned to institute this permanent organization as a form of "self-government" among the various groups.

THANKSGIVING RALLY GIVEN BY T. T.

The pupils of the Talmud Torah conducted an assembly last Thursday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

A program of light entertainment, consisting of appropriate songs, recitations, and a short address by the Principal, Rabbi Philip Goodman, was presented.

The contribution of the Jew in the making of America was the theme.

FREE SONS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION JOINS

We are happy to have enrolled as one of our groups the Free Sons Athletic Association. They have a large and active membership whom, we feel confident, will be integrated into our program of activities within a very short time. The group is headed by Mr. Samuel Levine, President, and Mr. Jacob Friedman, Treasurer.

The Child In The Bible

By Rabbi M. Shuchatowitz

When we open the Bible and begin to read there the story of man, we find ourselves in a world without childhood and children. All are "grown ups" and overcome by the passion, pain, pride and jealousy of the "grown up." This impression is formed only while standing on the threshold, as it were, of the Bible. As we open the gates and patiently proceed, however, the prominence of the child in the Bible is more and more disclosed to us, especially when supplemented by Rabbinic interpretation and suggestion.

Adam and Eve, though favored with the joys and temptations of the Garden of Eden, were yet deprived, it seems, of the paradise of childhood. Like all creatures formed on the six days of creation, they came from the hands of the Creator fully and completely developed. (Legends, p. 59).

Cain and Abel

Nothing is related of the childhood of Cain and Abel, though there is ample material for an imaginative mind to picture the possible youth of these first two brothers. There is, however, the story of their quarrel and the record of the first murder. (Gen. 4). In this relation the Rabbis have a most moving, pathetic and poetic account of how the reality of

the tragedy of a child, dawned upon the first puzzled and alarmed parents. (Gen. 38).

Then there follows a long list of names of men whose life-stories are summed up in, they lived, begot children and died. But no mention is yet made of the role of children and the place of childhood, though a period of 900 years is covered in the mentioned list.

Hope in Noah

The first indication of a hope placed in the possibility of progress with the arrival of a child is when one is born to Lamech. "And he called his name Noah (comfort) saying, 'This same shall comfort us in our work and in the toil of our hands, which cometh from the ground which the Lord hath cursed.'" And this vast hope placed in the child seems not to have been in vain for he is credited with the creation of the first plow.

When a child learns of some faith placed in him, sometimes, revealed by his very name, as in this case of Noah, he will not fail to strive to justify that faith.

We are told nothing of the children of the period of the flood, and of their part played in the days of the tower-builders.

(To Be Continued)

Jewish Education - Sine Qua Non

By Rabbi Philip Goodman

The sacred and vital importance of education was continually emphasized as the spark that lights up the torch of Israel. Education has been the sine qua non of the very existence of Jewry. Says the Talmud, "Jerusalem was destroyed for the reason that people neglected to send their children to school." At the time of the destruction of the Temple, when the Romans had besieged Jerusalem, Johanan ben Zakkai, the youngest, yet the most brilliant pupil of the famous Hillel, conceived a unique scheme to ensure the future life of the remnant of the Jewish people. He had his intimate friends spread a rumor of his death. Lying in a coffin, he was escorted to the outskirts of Jerusalem. Having gained exit from the beleaguered city, he immediately went to the headquarters of the Roman Emperor Vespasian to seek succor for his brethren. The Emperor was so impressed with the sagacity of Jonanan that he acquiesced to grant him one favor. The Rabbi pleaded, "Give me Yavneh and her sages so that I can establish a center of study." Not realizing the intrinsic worth of the role of learning for the perpetuation of a nation, Vespasian adhered to the request. After the land had been laid waste and the Jews exiled, from the small town of Yavneh inhabited by a handful of wise men, came forth the inspiration that guided Israel for well-nigh two thousand years. This seat of learning was the heartbeat that kept alive our people.

Potency of Education

Another illustration of the potency of education in the survival of the Jew is the Talmudic story of Rabbi Jose and an aged woman. The latter approached Jose

and said to him, "I am very old and am tired of living. How can I return to my Maker?" The Rabbi queried her on the manner of her life. The elderly woman informed him that she never failed to attend the synagogue every day to hear the discourses of the teacher there. Rabbi Jose advised her to stay away from the synagogue for three days. The woman complied with his advise; at the expiration of the third day she died; thus, it is true of Israel. If we were to cease our continuous application to learning we would sign our own death warrant.

People of the Book

We have been called "Am Hasefer," the "People of the Book." However, present facts indicate that that appellation is gradually being lost. Israel Chipkin in a recent article on "Twenty-Five Years of Jewish Education," reveals that, while there is an estimated Jewish child population of 800,000 in the United States, only 200,000 attend Jewish schools. Of this comparatively meagre number, approximately 75,000 attend Sunday schools where not more than a smattering of Jewish education is imparted. This sad condition demands the earnest consideration of every right-thinking Jew. If we are to cease nourishing the roots of our trees of life, what hope can we have for eating of its fruits. Should the pathetic plight of Jewish education continue, as it is at present, the remaining fruit may wither and rot. To be assured of a fruitful existence for Israel, we must adopt as a minimum program for Jewish education, "a minimum program for the maximum population and a maximum program for the minimum population."

JEWISH ODDITIES

In the middle ages governments did not have regular post-office systems. A letter or a message was a rare occasion. When the necessity for transmission of a message occurred, it was normally carried by a special messenger, or by a traveler or trader who, in the course of his journey from one locale to another destination, would do the letter-writer the favor of delivering his missive.

The ideal behind the U. S. Post Office's motto of "Neither rain, nor wind, nor the gloom of night shall keep these messengers from their appointed rounds" was foreign to that era.

The only people to have regular mail-carriers were Jews, who employed their fellow-religionists to carry letters to other towns or countries. In some communities there were official Jewish letter-carriers under state control. Both men and women served as



Albert Wasserman

letter-carriers. Jews were employed because the addresses were written in Hebrew, which, of course, gentiles were unable to read.

Dr. Lubowe Lectures

Dr. I. Irwin Lubowe, author of "Tell Me the Truth, Doctor," was the guest speaker at the gym smoker last week. Dr. Lubowe presented a very interesting and informative lecture on social hygiene to the large group of gym members and their friends who attended.

The program was completed by the showing of several motion pictures on basketball, comedies, and the serving of delicious refreshments.

Spades Hold Quiz

The Spades Club conducted its first intra-club cultural contest last Sunday, November 13. This contest was styled after the numerous radio "Quiz Contests." With questions flying back and forth, and unusual items of general interest bringing unlooked-for answers, the boys all enjoyed the program. The winner of the contest received a free ticket to a Broadway show.

Don't Miss Ben Yano This Saturday Night

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