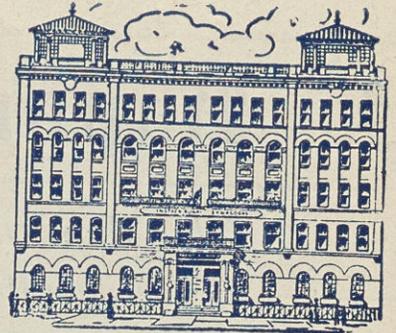




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## Juvenile Artists Present "Ali-Ali"

### Pearl Winters' Troupe Is 8th Henning Event

"Ali Ali," a three-act musical comedy in Yiddish, will be shown on December 17 as the eighth in a series of nine Saturday evening programs presented by the Second Series of the Henning Programs. This offering is a colorful musical presentation staged by youthful actors in full costume. It has been prepared under the expert guidance of Pearl Winters and has the finished touches and final polish of a professional performance.

Following the performance of "Ali Ali," the juvenile artists will present a short concert of Yiddish folk music. This addition to the program will more than complete an evening replete with entertaining features.

Large audiences have witnessed other evenings of splendid programs consisting of choral groups, impersonators, dramatic offerings and musical comedy troupes. These features have been part of the Second Series of Henning Programs, made possible through the endowment of funds by the estate of the late Fanny Henning.

The last performance of the series will take place next Saturday evening, December 24, when the Chanukah Festival of one-act plays will be presented.

### Club Spade To Compete In Quiz Contest

The CLUB SPADE is looking forward to their "Quiz Contest" this Sunday afternoon with the members of the Delta Rho Sorority of Schiff Center. The members of this active club enjoyed their recent theatre party when they viewed "Bachelor Born."

The SILVER STARS will make their debut in I.S. activities on December 24, when they will present a "March of Time" program dealing with current Jewish events in Central Europe.

### Condolences

In behalf of the Directors, Staff, and members of the Institutional Synagogue, we wish to extend to Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg, our Gymnasium Director, and to his entire family, our sincerest condolences upon the untimely loss of his father.

May the Almighty send to them and to all Israel the balm of His healing comfort.

## CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

1. Light the candles every evening and sing with the children "Haneros Hallolu" and "Mo-oz Tzur."
2. Give Chanukah gelt and gifts to your children.
3. Serve latkes to the family.
4. Ask your child to tell you the Chanukah story that he or she learned at our school.
5. Encourage your child to do the Chanukah Arts and Crafts by showing them to every visitor to your home.
6. Attend the Chanukah Festival of the Talmud Torah, thus showing your interest in our work.

### I. S. Yiddish Theatre Party Set For January Third

On January 3, the Parents Association will conduct their Yiddish Theatre Party at the Second Avenue Theatre. This is one of their important social functions. Although the production that will be on view that evening has not as yet been announced, the management of the theatre has assured the Association that it will be of excellent entertainment value.

Tickets for the theatre party are now on sale at the office, or from any member of the Parents Association.

The officers in charge of this affair are Mrs. P. Vogel, president, Mrs. Aaron Wartels, honorary chairman, and Mrs. Ida Bernstein, chairman.

A complete report of the rummage sale conducted by the Association will be given in the next issue of the "Institutional" by Mrs. Rose Levit, chairman of the rummage sale committee.

### New House Council Maps Extensive Activities

The House Council of the Institutional Synagogue adopted a program of inter-club activities last Sunday afternoon, December 11. These contests will begin immediately, and will extend over a period of six months.

On Sunday, December 25, the basketball tournament will start. All male groups have signified their intentions of participating in the tournament. The schedule of games will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The swimming marathon, a handball tournament, a swimming meet and field day will then follow in rapid succession.

During the same period of time, several socials will be held for members and their guests. A ping-pong tournament is also contemplated.

## Leaders Dance For Home Camp Benefit At Pythian Temple Tomorrow Night

### Rabbi Sidney Hoenig To Address Council

### "Book Of The Maccabees" Feature Of Program

The Leaders Council of the Institutional Synagogue will observe the festival of Chanukah with a celebration on Tuesday evening, December 20. Due to the nature of the program that will be presented on that evening, reservations for the affair have been limited to forty-five.

The Chanukah celebration will demonstrate the feasibility of carrying out the elaborate program of songs, stories, recitations and addresses, which has been prepared for this occasion by Rabbi Philip Goodman, for an adult group.

The guest speaker on that evening will be Rabbi Sidney Hoenig, who is a recognized authority on Chanukah traditions and customs.

Among the participants in the celebration will be Abraham I. Rhine, Bernard Feinberg, Marc M. Siegel, Henry Stern, Mrs. Sophie G. Rhine, Mrs. Hanna Goodman, Morris A. Urieff, Morris Grumer, Mrs. Margaret Rachunow, Joseph Kopelman, William Berkowitz, Louis Seltzer, Yetta Margulies, and Isidor Margulies.

### Mid - Manhattan Mizrahi To Present Concert

The Mid-Manhattan Branch of the Mizrahi Organization of America will hold a gala Chanukah Concert on Wednesday evening, December 21, 1938, at the West Side Institutional Synagogue, 120 West 76th Street.

The program will feature the well-known cantors Kapov Kagan, Samuel Kantaroff, and Zalmon Yavneh. They will be assisted by an augmented choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

### Attention Directors

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, December 20, at 8:30 p.m. promptly, at the I.S., 37 West 116th Street.

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

ISAAC SIEGEL,  
President

### Tremaine Band To Play

### Tickets Available At I. S. And At Box Office

SING OUT THE NEWS!

YOU NEVER KNOW but you'll be HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME at the Pythian Temple at 70th Street, East of Broadway, where BOY MEETS GIRL in the Roosevelt Room, on Saturday night, December 17.

BACHELOR BORN or vice-versa, let DAME NATURE take her course. HELLZAPOPPIN' when the Leaders' Council holds its Sixth Annual Dansant.

The music is the swiftest any jitterbug could ask for. Bobby Tremaine and his orchestra, versatile masters of both swing and waltz, will supply the evening's syncopation.

To have fun and simultaneously to aid a good cause is any person's dream. And to attend the Leaders' Council dance is to do both, for the proceeds of the affair go to help the Summer Home Camp of the I.S., Camp Ta-a-Noog.

The extreme value of the work done by the I.S. Summer Home Camp gives this function of the Leaders' Council a philanthropic cause which should guarantee a large attendance.

The subscription to the dance is seventy-five cents per person, and bids may be obtained from the office of the Institutional Synagogue at 37-43 West 116th Street, by telephoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729, or at the door of the Pythian Temple tomorrow night.

### Inter - Club Tournament Schedule Announced

The club teams will be given an opportunity to display their court prowess next week, when the Inter-Club Basketball Tourney gets under way. This tournament will be in the form of a round robin, where every team will play each other. The rules governing the contest will be published next week.

The schedule of games for the first two weeks has been set as follows:

December 25  
1-1:45 p.m. Spades vs. Cardinals  
2-2:45 p.m. Silver Stars vs. Elks  
3-3:45 p.m. Scholastics vs. Barbers  
January 8  
1-1:45 p.m. Cardinals vs. Barbers  
2-2:45 p.m. Spades vs. Silver Stars  
3-3:45 p.m. Scholastics vs. Elks

# A Happy Chanukah To All Israel

## The Menorah

By Theodore Herzl



DEEP in his soul he began to feel the need of being a Jew. His circumstances were not unsatisfactory; he enjoyed an ample income and a profession that permitted him to do whatever his heart desired.

For he was an artist. His Jewish origin and the faith of his fathers had long since ceased to trouble him, when suddenly the old hatred came to the surface again in a new mob-cry. With many others he believed that this flood would shortly subside. But there was no change for the better; in fact, things went from bad to worse; and every blow, even though not aimed directly at him, struck with fresh pain, till little by little his soul became one bleeding wound. These sorrows, buried deep in his heart and silenced there, evoked thoughts of their origin and of his Judaism, and now he did something he could not perhaps have done in the old days because he was then so alien to it—he began to love this Judaism with an intense fervor. Although in his own eyes he could not, at first, clearly justify this new yearning, it became so powerful at length that it crystallized from vague emotions into a definite idea which he must needs express. It was the conviction that there was only one solution for this Judennot—the return to Judaism.

Hitherto he had permitted to pass by unobserved the holiday which the wonderful apparition of the Maccabees had illumined for thousands of years with the glow of miniature lights. Now, however, he made this holiday an opportunity to prepare something beautiful which should be forever commemorated in the minds of his children.

In their young souls should be implanted early a steadfast devotion to their ancient people. He bought a Menorah, and when he held this nine-branched candlestick in his hands for the first time, a strange mood came over him. In his father's house also, the lights had once burned in his youth, now far away, and the recollection gave him a sad and tender feeling for home. The tradition was neither cold nor dead—thus it had passed through the ages, one light kindling another.

On the first night the candle was lit and the origin of the holiday explained. The wonderful incident of the lights that strangely remained burning so long, the story of the return from the Babylonian exile, the second Temple, the Maccabees—our friend told his children all he knew. It was not very much, to be sure, but it served. When the second candle was lit, they repeated what he had told them, and though it had all been learned from him, it seemed to him quite new and beautiful.

Then came the eighth day, when the whole row burned, even the faithful ninth, the servant, which on the other nights is used only for the lighting of the others. A great splendor streamed from the Menorah. The children's eyes glistened. But for our friend all this was the symbol of the enkindling of a nation. When there is but one light, all is dark, and the solitary light looks melancholy. Soon it finds one companion, then another, and another. The darkness must retreat. The light comes first to the young and the poor—then others join them who love Justice, Truth, Liberty, Progress, Humanity and Beauty. When all the candles burn, then we must all stand and rejoice over the achievements. And no office can be more blessed than that of a Servant of the Light.

Translated by B. L. Pauzner

## The Banner Of The Jew

By Emma Lazarus



WAKE, Israel, wake! Recall to-day

The glorious Maccabean rage,  
The sire heroic, hoary-gray,  
His fivefold lion lineage:

The Wise, the Elect, the Help-of-God,

The Burst-of-Spring, the Avenging Rod.  
From Mizpah's mountain side they saw  
Jerusalem's empty streets, her shrine  
Laid waste, where Greeks profaned the Law

With idol and with pagan sign,  
Then from the stony peak there rang  
A blast to ope the graves. Down poured  
The Maccabean clan, who sang  
Their battle anthem to the Lord.  
Five heroes lead, and following, see,  
Ten thousand rush to victory!

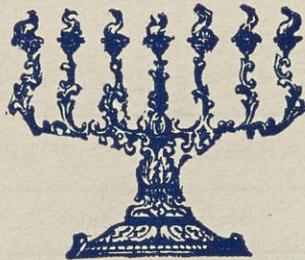
Oh, for Jerusalem's trumpet now,  
To blow a blast of shattering power,  
To wake the sleepers high and low,  
And rouse them to the urgent hour!

No hand for vengeance—but to save  
A million naked swords should wave.

Oh, deem not dead that martial fire,  
Say not the mystic flame is spent!  
With Moses' law and David's lyre,  
Your ancient strength remains unbent  
Let but an Ezra rise anew  
To lift the banner of the Jew!

A rag—a mock at first—ere long,  
When men have bled and women wept  
To guard its precious folds from wrong,  
Even they who shrunk, even they who slept

Shall leap to bless it and to save.  
Strike! for the brave revere the brave!



## A Spiritual Victory

By Morris Joseph

It is good for Jewish lads to include warriors of their own race in their gallery of heroes, to be able to say, "My people has produced its brave men equally with the Greeks and the Romans and the English." But still better is it for

them to feel that these brave men drew their courage from the purest of all sources, from a passionate love for their religion, from a veneration for the good and the true and the morally beautiful. The Maccabees boldly faced overwhelming odds, not for their own selfish ends, but in a spirit of self-sacrificing fidelity to the holiest of all causes. They felt that God was calling to them, and they could not hold back. Theirs was an unique effort. Others had, it is true, displayed an equally noble courage on the battlefield; but they had displayed it in defense of their fatherland and their mother-tongue, their hearths and homes. The Maccabees fought for these things, but for their religion too, and "to fight for religion was a new thing."

Such heroic constancy may well secure our admiring homage for its own sake. It rendered solid benefits to the Jewish cause. But for the Maccabees Judaism would probably have perished. It would have gone down before the cruel cunning of the Greeks. And with it would have perished a mighty bulwark against the encroachments of Paganism with its gross immorality. The little Maccabean band was like a rock in the midst of the surging sea. Standing almost alone in their day, the heroes beat back the forces that threatened to involve all mankind in a common demoralization. They kept a corner of the world sweet in an impure age. They held aloft the torch of true religion at a time when thick darkness was covering the nations.

## Chanukah

By Louis D. Brandeis



HANUKAH, the Feast of the Maccabees, celebrates a victory, not a military victory only, but a victory also of the spirit over things material. Not a victory only over external enemies—the

Greeks; but a victory also over more dangerous internal enemies. A victory of the many over the ease-loving, safety-playing, privileged, powerful few, who in their pliancy would have betrayed the best interests of the people, a victory of democracy over aristocracy.

As part of the eternal world-wide struggle for democracy, the struggle of the Maccabees is of eternal world-wide interest. It is a struggle of the Jews of today as well as those of two thousand years ago. It is a struggle in which all Americans, non-Jews as well as Jews should be vitally interested because they are vitally affected.

For the Zionists the day has special significance. The Maccabees' victory proved that the Jews—then already an old people—possessed the secret of eternal youth: the ability to rejuvenate itself through courage, hope, enthusiasm, devotion and self-sacrifice of the plain people. This will bring again a Jewish Renaissance.

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