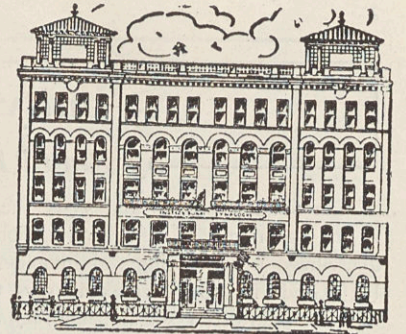


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## Trips for Juniors During Next Week

### To Visit Three Plants

### Coca-Cola, Bordens And Breyers To Be Hosts

Taking advantage of the winter vacation week, when the public schools will not be in session, Rabbi Philip Goodman has arranged a series of trips to places of interest for the Junior members.

Their first trip will be made to the Breyers Ice Cream plant on Tuesday, December 27. In addition to being shown the various stages in the making of ice cream, they will also be given generous samples of this delicacy.

Wednesday, December 28, will find the children on their way to visit the Borden Milk Company's plant. Here, the story of how milk is brought from the farm to the final consumer, will be related to them by means of a practical demonstration. They will also see how the process of pasteurization is done, and how milk is bottled without touching human hands.

The final trip will take place on Thursday, December 29. The Coca-Cola Bottling Company will be the scene of this outing. In addition to being shown through the plant, and receiving souvenirs, a program of entertainment will be presented.

### Varsity Basketball Team Practicing Diligently

Basketball has come to the I.S. to stay for the next few months as the most popular activity both among gymnasium and club members. The I.S. Varsity team is faithfully practicing in anticipation of the Inter-Community Center Tournament of the Metropolitan League. They are rapidly attaining a rare form of playing ability and will undoubtedly give a good account of themselves in the forthcoming contests. The members of the Varsity team are: B. Rosenbaum, S. Grosshandler, M. Margulies, J. Ross, H. Simon, J. Levine, S. Shapiro, L. Fink, A. Trow, H. Perman, J. Altman, D. Olster, J. Schnitzer and S. Wolfgang. Bernard Feinberg is the manager.

Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg, Director of the Gymnasium, has issued a call for additional candidates for the I.S. Varsity Handball Team. All those who are interested in this activity are requested to see him in the Gymnasium Office for further details.

## Second Henning Series To Conclude With Dramatic Chanukah Celebration

### Hon. Isaac Siegel To Be Speaker Of Evening

A program in keeping with the festival of Chanukah, will be the ninth and last in a series of Saturday evening programs presented by the Second Series of the Henning Programs. Tomorrow evening, promptly at eight-thirty o'clock, the curtain will rise on a colorful evening of dramatic offerings by the members of the I.S.

Congressman Isaac Siegel, president, will be the main speaker. He will discuss the present Jewish crisis.

"At this Season," a dramatic history of Chanukah through the ages, will be presented by the Talmud Torah students and Junior members. This play, in seven scenes, gives a brief resume of the highlights of Jewish history. Included in the cast are: Nathaniel Feldman, Abe Matza, Ernest Kohn, Harry Cherwin, J. Haughton, Moses Finfang, Lou Beraha, Murray Begun, Irving Jones, Sidney Grob-

stein, Elaine Schlefstein, Gertrude Fried, Stella Matza, Selma Schlefstein, Libby Begun, Ricka Podvil and Harold Begun.

An experienced cast of amateurs, selected from the members of the Leaders' Council, will stage a famous one-act play entitled, "The Unlighted Menorah."

This appropriate offering is a story of the time of Moses Mendelsohn and portrays with deep pathos and emotion the longing of the Jew for his ancient religion. William Berkowitz, Bernard Feinberg, Isidore Margulies and Ethel Grumer comprise the cast of the play.

In addition, there will also be a fine program of holiday songs and recitations. Miss Gertrude Harris will be in charge of the musical effects.

Rabbi Philip Goodman will act as chairman of the evening.

You are urged not to miss the last performance of the series, which will be held tomorrow evening, December 24. Tickets may be secured at the nominal sum of ten cents.

### Members Explain Hobbies At Eagle Club Meetings

Hobbies are at present the prime interest of the EAGLE CLUB. Under the leadership of Mr. Henry Stern, the members of this group are each giving a short talk on some particular hobby. Harry Cherwin gave the first talk on photography. Last week Nat Feldman explained the fascinating hobby of stamp collecting. The third of the series will be Louis Beraha, who will talk on the construction of model airplanes.

### Debate Tourney Scheduled To Start In January

Next month will find the debating tournament underway among the several clubs. A swimming meet and field day will then follow in rapid succession. The One-Act Play Contest is scheduled to take place in March. A new innovation this season will be a "Quiz Contest," which will be held in April. A journalism contest will also take place. More details concerning these activities will be published from time to time in the "Institutional."

### Gym Director Rosenberg Issues Final Rules As Inter-Club Basketball Tournament Begins Sunday

The Inter-Club basketball tournament will get under way this Sunday, December 25. Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg, Gymnasium Director, will be in charge of this tournament. In addition to the general rules governing the contest, Mr. Rosenberg has set up the additional requirement that each participant in the tournament have a medical certificate on file.

1. Games will start promptly on scheduled time. Failure of five players to be present within five minutes of starting time constitutes a forfeit.

2. Playing time is as follows: Eight

minute quarters, one minute between quarters, three minutes between halves.

3. All protests must be submitted to Gymnasium office within twenty-four hours after game. The decision of the Committee on Protests will be final.

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

## I. S. Theatre Party Booked for Jan. 3

### Ticket Reservations Urged

### Parents Sponsor Event At Second Avenue Theatre

The Parents Association of the Institutional Synagogue will conduct their annual Yiddish Theatre Party on Tuesday evening, January 3, 1939. Reservations for a bloc of seats have been made at the Second Avenue Theatre for that evening. Although the show that will be seen that night has not as yet been announced, the management of the theatre has assured the Association that it will be up to their usual standards and will prove to be excellent entertainment value.

The officers in charge of this affair are Mrs. Vogel, President of the Association, Mrs. Aaron Wartels, honorary chairman, and Mrs. Ida Bernstein, chairman.

At the last meeting of the Association, Mrs. Vogel in addressing the members, said in part: "We must urge all our friends to help make this affair a real success. The increasing need for the work that we are carrying on among the Talmud Torah pupils makes it necessary for us to exert every effort we can to attain our goal."

### J.D.C. To Present Speaker And Talking Picture

An additional feature of the Chanukah Festival, which will be held tomorrow night, will be the showing of a motion picture entitled "Through Europe With the J. D. C." This talking film is a pictorial presentation of the manifold activities now being carried on by the Joint Distribution Committee in Central and Eastern Europe.

In conjunction with this movie, Herbert B. Sussman, representing the J. D. C., will deliver an address on the same subject. This will be a welcome addition to the program as any authoritative information on a subject that is ever-present in our minds is most desirable.

Cooperating with the Joint Distribution Committee, the Institutional Synagogue has made several appeals for funds to aid the plight of the refugees from the persecution torn areas of Europe. A handsome sum has already been forwarded to the J. D. C. and a further contribution is planned.

## Unity In Israel

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

Man must belong to and share the lot of the community if he is to function as a civilized human being. Maimonides in his "Guide for the Perplexed" says that man is naturally a social being. By virtue of his nature he seeks to form communities; man is, therefore, different from other living beings that are not compelled to combine into communities. In the "Ethics of the Fathers" it is written: "Separate not thyself from the community." When the Amalekites fought with the Israelites, Moses stood on the top of a hill with the staff of God in his hand. After a while, when the hands of Moses became heavy, Aaron and Hur took a stone and placed it under him so that he could be seated. Rashi comments that he did not seat himself on a cushion or a pillow for Moses said, "Israel is in tribulation; also I will be in tribulation with them." The Talmud further comments that he who bears his share in the troubles of Israel will live to enjoy the hour of consolation. Every Jew, regardless of his station in life, for who can attain the heights that Moses reached, must partake of the collective responsibility of Jewry.

"All Israelites are mutually accountable for each other," say our sages. As a violin string struck at one and vibrates all over, so every Jew suffers the consequences of each other's acts. Do not say, "This is my affair." Yes, it may be your affair but it also is the affair of the entire community. The sin of one Jew causes the name of the Jew everywhere to be tarnished. Each Jew, whatever his status in life, be he laborer or employer, teacher or student, poor or rich, represents Judaism to the non-Jews. Thus a public violation involving the community is considered a desecration of the Divine Name. Our ancestors sacrificed their very lives in order to avoid the profanation of the Almighty. You are not asked

to die for your people, but, rather, to live for them by contributing to their life. The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, J. H. Hertz, in "A Book of Jewish Thoughts" writes, "Our virtues are Israel's; all our success in life we owe to the fact that the blood of the 'toughest of peoples' is coursing in our veins. Our virtues are our own. Now the world inverts the distribution. Our virtues it credits to us, to our individual brilliancy, diligence, courage. Whereas the crimes, vices, and failings of any single Jew, no matter how estranged from his people or his people's faith he may be, it puts down to his Jewishness, and fathers them upon the entire Jewish race. Is it not a matter of sacred honor, as far as in us lies, to counteract the world's injustice to our people by rendering, when the opportunity is ours, some repayments for all we owe to Israel?"

The strength of an object lies in the coordination of its individual parts. This thought is beautifully illustrated by the following example that the Medresh cites: "Ye are standing this day"; as a cloudy day changes to brightness so also you. The darkness that is over you will bring an everlasting light. When will this occur? At the time you will be a unity. It is well known that, while a man cannot break a bundle of sticks at one time, even a small child can break each one individually. So it is true of Israel. They cannot be redeemed until they become a unity."

The late Rev. Claude G. Montefiore put it very bluntly: "Ten bad Jews may help to condemn us; ten good Jews may help to save us. Which minyan will you join?"

May every Jew join in bonds with his brethren, each as a strong link in an unbroken chain, united throughout the world to serve the best interests of all mankind.

## Turning The Pages

by Ben Tovim

**THE PUZZLE OF PALESTINE** by David H. Popper. *The Foreign Policy Association, New York.* 111 Pages. 25c.

"The Puzzle of Palestine" is one of the latest of the Foreign Policy Association's Headline Books. The stated object of these books is to provide sufficient unbiased background information to enable readers to reach intelligent and independent conclusions on the important international problems of the day.

The particular book of our review, amply illustrated with maps and charts, can be said to achieve its object. It is recommended for all who are interested in obtaining a clear and concise picture of the current Palestine crisis.

The author points out that while the area of Palestine is so small and unimposing it is of particular importance to Jews, Christians, Arabs and Great Britain. After presenting and analysing fac-

tual evidence from every angle, he concludes: "Finally, we see the British, who have failed in the difficult task of reconciling the two peoples, troubled by the mess in Palestine but unable to withdraw from the country as long as they must safeguard the life line of their Empire."

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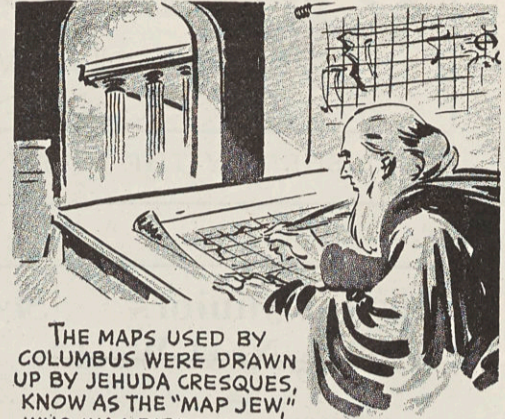
**"TELL ME THE TRUTH, DOCTOR"** by I. Irwin Lubowe, M. D. *Dorrance and Company, Philadelphia.* 92 pages. \$1.50.

"Tell Me the Truth, Doctor" is an educational presentation of sex hygiene based upon questions and answers. The author has treated his subject in a clear, concise and authentic manner. Presented in simple and easily understandable language, the book can serve as an excellent guide in the hands of parents for their adolescent children, and as the basis of group and club discussions under the guidance of a competent leader.

## JEWISH ODDITIES

Jehuda Cresques flourished at Majorca and Barcelona at the end of the fourteenth century. He was so well known for his abilities in map making, as well as for his knowledge of the then-known world, that his work was sought after by the most powerful figures of his day. The maps used by Columbus were drawn by him. Prince Juan of Aragon sent to Charles VI of France in 1381, when the latter was a lad of thirteen years, a "mappa mundi" made by Cresques. It has been suggested that this is the well-known Catalan map now in the Louvre, which marks an epoch in the history of map-making, as the recent discoveries of Marco Polo were added to the usual information contained in the "portulani" or sea-charts of the Mediterranean mariners.

In 1390 Cresques obtained no less a sum than 60 loubres and 8 sous for a map made by him for Don Juan, King of Aragon. In the Spanish persecution of 1391, Cresques was forcibly converted, and was known as Jaffuda Cresques; he appears to



THE MAPS USED BY COLUMBUS WERE DRAWN UP BY JEHUDA CRESQUES, KNOWN AS THE "MAP JEW" WHO WAS DIRECTOR OF THE PORTUGUESE ACADEMY AT SAYRES.

—Courtesy of Pillsbury

have remained in Majorca for a considerable time and to have become known to people there as "lo Juen buscoler," the Map Jew, or as "el Judio do la brujela," the Compass Jew. In 1419, King Henry the Navigator, established a naval observatory at Sayres and summoned to him Mestre Jaime of Majorca, who was probably identical with Cresques.

## HISTORY CONTEST

### EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM SPAIN 1492 C.E. TO THE FRENCH REVOLUTION 1789 C.E.

81. Following the expulsion of the Jews from Spain (1492) where did they settle?
82. Describe the Shulchan Aruch?
83. Who was its author?
84. What was the first city that subjected the Jews to ghetto life?
85. What did Manasseh ben Israel strive to accomplish?
86. Who was known as 'the false messiah'?
87. Describe the founder and the movement of Chassidism?
88. What Jewish philosopher was excommunicated?
89. Name a great Talmudic scholar of Vilna and describe his life.
90. What Jew is the hero of Lessing's play, "Nathan the Wise"?

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Shabbos Chanukah 5699  
Light Chanukah candles before Sabbath candles  
Light Candles Friday Evening .. 4:18  
Friday Evening ..... 4:15  
Saturday Morning ..... 7:00 & 9:00  
Sedrah: Miketz  
Saturday Afternoon ..... 3:45  
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