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## Journalism Group To Meet Tuesday

### Organization Meeting Set For January 10th

The I. S. Press Club will hold its organization meeting on Tuesday evening, January 10th, at 8:30 o'clock. The purpose of this group will be to instruct its members in the fundamentals of journalism.

The technical aspects of editing a newspaper will be discussed and ample practical demonstrations will be made available. Elements of make-up, lay-out, news writing, feature writing and publicity work will be studied.

The program of activities will also include trips to newspaper plants and to printing establishments. Opportunities for putting into practice the theory presented at these sessions will be afforded the members during the "workshop" meetings when they will do news reporting, rewrite work, and similar undertakings.

The group will be under the leadership of Mr. Marc M. Siegel. Those interested are urged to come to the meeting on Tuesday evening, or to see Mr. Siegel in the I. S. office.

## Basketball Tournament Enters Second Round

The second round of the inter-club basketball tournament will be conducted this Sunday, January 8th, 1939. These games have created great enthusiasm among the club members, who are all anxious to participate.

The schedule for this Sunday is:  
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

## Matza And Kohn Vie For Checker Championship

The Talmud Torah checker tournament for boys is now entering the final round. The two remaining contestants Abe Matza and Ernest Kohn, will play the championship match this week. Abe Matza is determined to maintain his position of "champ," while Ernest Kohn is just as determined to achieve that title. The match will be an interesting one from every point of view.

Entries are now being accepted for the Talmud Torah checker tournament for girls. This is the first time that such a contest for girls alone will be run. The girls are practicing for this tournament.

## House Council Meeting

An important meeting of the I. S. House Council will be held this Sunday afternoon, January 8th, promptly at four o'clock. The election of permanent officers will be the major item to be considered at this meeting. The final schedule of club activities will be outlined. In addition, matters needing immediate attention will be taken up. Delegates are urged to make their appearance promptly.

## Should F.D.R. Have a Third Chance To Run Will Be Subject Of First Inter-Club Debate

Starting a series of ten debates on current topics the CLUB SPADE will meet the CARDINALS on Sunday, January 29, when the controversial issue to be discussed will be, "Resolved that President Roosevelt Be Candidate for a Third Term of Public Office."

The CLUB SPADE will uphold the affirmative of the contention, while the CARDINALS will argue the negative.

On the same afternoon the ELKS will debate the SCHOLASTICS on a topic of similar interest and scope.

The purpose of the inter-club debating contest is to stimulate thought and supply the opportunity for verbal expression to members of the I.S. clubs.

The rules under which the tourney will be conducted follow:

1. Each team will consist of two speakers, with one or more alternates.
2. Presentation speeches should not exceed seven and one-half minutes; refutation speeches four minutes.
3. All clubs and groups in the Department of Center activities are eligible to compete.
4. Decisions will be based on:
  - a. content matter
  - b. logic
  - c. presentation
5. The decision of the judges will be final.

Further details concerning the tournament and information in regard to topics for debate, may be secured at the office.

## Parents Association Holds Theatre Party

The Parents Association of the Institutional Synagogue conducted their Yiddish Theatre Party last Tuesday evening, January 3rd, at the Second Avenue Theatre. A large attendance viewed with pleasure the excellent presentation of "With Open Eyes," staged by a well-trained cast.

The proceeds of the function, which has reached a sizeable sum due to the efforts of the indefatigable ladies, will be used to further the activities of the I. S. Talmud Torah.

## Juniors Sample Goodies In Vacation Trips

The opportunity presented by the winter vacation from Public Schools was not neglected by the Talmud Torah students. During the last week they enjoyed interesting and informative visits to the Breyer's Ice Cream plant, the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., and to the Borden's Milk Co. plant. In addition to seeing the various processes the children enjoyed the numerous and delicious samples offered by their hosts.

Other trips of similar interest will be announced shortly.

## I. S. Table Tennis Racqueteers Practicing For Jewish Welfare Board Annual Tournament

The I. S. racqueteers are practicing diligently in preparation for the Metropolitan Section—Jewish Welfare Board's inter-center ping-pong tournament. Although this pastime is the most popular one in the gameroom, the announcement of the formation of teams to represent

the I. S. has added further interest in the game.

The junior team will consist of Max Fried, Seymour Kanner and Abe Matza. The senior team will be composed of Bernard Feinberg, Henry Perlman and Bella Fried.

## Bronx Y Quintet First Opponent As Varsity Basketeers Open Court Season

### Sunday Evening Game And Dance Series To Be Inaugurated On January 15th

The I. S. Varsity Basketball Team will open its schedule of "at home" basketball games and dances on Sunday evening, January 15th. These games will be a component part of the inter-community center basketball tournament sponsored by the Metropolitan Section of the

Jewish Welfare Board.

The first opponent the varsity will face will be the Bronx Y.M.H.A. quintet. In rapid succession thereafter, they will meet the Federation Settlement, the Hebrew Educational Society, the Central Jewish Institute, the Jewish Community Center of Bensonhurst and other metropolitan community centers.

In conjunction with the basketball games, dances will be held. Arrangements have been completed so that suitable music will be available for dancing before and after the game, as well as between periods.

The I. S. varsity is being coached by Mr. Milton T. Rosenberg, Gymnasium Director. The squad consists of: B. Rosenbaum, S. Grosshandler, M. Margulies, J. Ross, H. Simon, J. Levine, S. Shapiro, L. Finkelstein, A. Trow, H. Perman, J. Altman, D. Olster, J. Schnitzer and S. Wolfgang. Bernard Feinberg is the manager.

The admission charge for the first basketball game and dance, on Sunday evening, January 15th, has been set at the nominal sum of twenty-five cents. Tickets may be secured at the gate.

All club and gym members are urged to come out and root for our team which shows great promise. Lend your support and encouragement by attending regularly.

## History Contest Entries Due By January 10th

With the last issue of the Institutional, the Jewish History Contest drew to a close. The final series of questions, which concluded the contest, brought the present day problems facing the Jew to the fore. The final requirement of the contest was to write an essay on the present conditions in Palestine and its effects on World Jewry.

All contestants must have the final set of answers submitted not later than January 10th, if they wish their entry to be considered. As soon as the final answers are received and graded, the two prize winners will be announced.



## Theodore Roosevelt On The Jews

Excerpts from a letter of Theodore Roosevelt to Jacob H. Schiff on the 250th Anniversary of the Settlement of the Jews in the United States.

Washington, November 16, 1905

Dear Sir:

I am forced to make a rule not to write letters on the occasion of any celebration, no matter how important. I make an exception in this case because the lamentable and terrible suffering to which so many of the Jewish people in other lands have been subjected, make me feel it my duty, as the head of the American people, not only to express my deep sympathy for them, as I do now, but at the same time to point out what fine qualities of citizenship have been displayed by the men of Jewish faith and race who, having come to this country, enjoy the benefits of free institutions and equal treatment before the law. I feel very strongly that if any people are oppressed anywhere, the wrong inevitably reacts in the end on those who oppress them, for it is an immutable law in the spiritual world that no one can wrong others and yet in the end himself escape unhurt.

The celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States properly emphasizes a series of historical facts of more than merely national significance. I am glad to be able to say that while the Jews of the United States, who now number more than a million, have remained loyal to their faith and their race traditions, they have become indissolubly incorporated in the great army of American citizenship, prepared to make all sacrifice for the country, either in war or peace, and striving for the perpetuation of good government and for the maintenance of the principles embodied in our constitution. They are honorably distinguished by their industry, their obedience to law, and their devotion to the national welfare. They are engaged in generous rivalry with their fellow-citizens of other denominations in advancing the interests of our common country. This is true not only of the descendants of the early settlers and those of American birth, but of a great and increasing proportion of those who have come to our shores within the last twenty-five years as refugees reduced to the direst straits of penury and misery. All Americans may well be proud of the extra-ordinary illustration of wisdom and strength of our government thus afforded.

With all good wishes, believe me

Sincerely yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

## Turning The Pages

by Ben Tovim

SOURCE BOOK OF JEWISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE. By Julius Hoexter, Ph.D. and Moses Jung, Ph.D. Shapiro, Valentine & Co. London England. 330 pages and 22 page Hebrew Supplement.

"Source Book of Jewish History and Literature" is the latest Anglo-Jewish anthology to be published. The fine selection of historic and literary material from ancient times to the present was abridged from the German work by Dr. Hoexter originally issued in five volumes.

Dr. Jung, Professor of Religion at the State University of Iowa, not only translated choice portions of this monumental

work but also brought it up to date by adding new material, such as the Mandate for Palestine, selections from Louis D. Brandeis, etc. Indeed, the book may be justly termed a new contribution to the understanding and appreciation of Jewish history and literature.

The Hebrew supplement, though very sparse, contains selections from the ancient Mishne as well as the modern Bialik.

This volume is highly recommended to laymen who are desirous of getting a better acquaintance with the literature and history of our people, and to scholars who need a ready reference library. It can be useful for classroom work.

## WIT & HUMOR

The blind mendicant and his seeing partner bought a basket of cherries, and agreed, as gentlemen, to eat them one cherry at a time. Then, all of a sudden, the blind man arose in a fury, and with all his might, slapped his crony on the face. "You are a cheat and a scoundrel," shouted the blind beggar, "that's what you are!"

"What's that for?" demanded the other, "Are you crazy or what?"

"If I am taking two cherries at a time and you don't protest," explained the blind fellow, "then I am sure you must be taking three or four at a time, and

you are nothing but a scoundrel."

The military authorities of Camp Dix, during the World War, noticed that a Jewish recruit was constantly searching for something, and whenever he found a slip of paper, he picked it up, scrutinized it, and exclaimed, "Dat ain't it!"

Seeing that he was persistent in this queer conduct, the army dignitaries decided that he was mentally unbalanced, and gave him a discharge.

"Dat's it!" jubilantly exclaimed the eccentric trooper, as he beheld the discharge papers. "Dat's it!"

## JEWISH ODDITIES

The courage and the determination, the perseverance and pluck in the face of great odds which characterized Theodore Roosevelt and made of him a symbol of the America we love, was attributed by him after the Spanish-American War to the members of his regiment. The "Rough Riders" was one of the most courageous military aggregations ever to exercise its energy and initiative in the service of the United States.

In commenting on the intrepid action of his men Theodore Roosevelt made special mention of the Jewish members of his regiment. These numbered seven, all of whom distinguished themselves by courageous action. One of this number was made a lieutenant by his leader.

In a letter written to Jacob Schiff on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the settling of the Jews in America, Theodore Roosevelt wrote: "I am glad to be able to say . . . that while the Jews of the United States . . . have remained



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, LEADER OF THE FAMOUS "ROUGH RIDERS" IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, PRAISED THE OUTSTANDING COURAGE DISPLAYED BY THE SEVEN JEWISH MEN IN HIS COMPANY.

—Courtesy of Pillsbury

loyal to their faith and their race traditions, they have become indissolubly incorporated in the great army of American citizenship, prepared to make all sacrifice for the country, either in war or peace, and striving for the perpetuation of good government and for the maintenance of the principles embodied in our constitution."

## MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Exactly twenty years ago today Theodore Roosevelt passed on to the great beyond. We think it fitting, at this time, to reprint in part, the remarks of Congressman Hicks, which appear in the Congressional Record for January the Sixth, 1919.)

The life that has just closed was the fullest expression of Theodore Roosevelt's conception of what life should be. He himself said:

"The life of duty, not the life of mere ease or of mere pleasure; that is the kind of life which makes great men, just as it makes a great nation."

His was a fulfillment of the noble sentiment—

"God give us men—

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,

Men who are honest men, who will not lie.

Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flattery without wincing.

Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog

In public duty and in private thinking."

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