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"A World In Flames" Features Winters' Troupe

Appearing Nov. 4
To Be Third Show
In Henning Program Series

"A World In Flames" a dramatic performance depicting the place of the Jew in a war-torn world will be afforded a timely performance on November 4th, 1939, from the stage of the I. S. auditorium. The play, which will start at 8:30 promptly, is the third offering of the Henning Program Series.

Pearl Winters' Troupe To Act

The interpretation of the appropriate drama will be made by the Pearl Winters' Troupe, longtime I. S. favorites. The performance is to be followed by a short musical concert.

Five Further Programs

The Henning Programs, of which this series is the third, will present five other programs on ensuing consecutive Saturday nights.

Among these programs, which are made possible through endowment of the late Fanny Henning, are Morton Shanok, dramatic baritone; Irving Davidson, on Jewish Wit and Humor; Corinne Chochem and her Dance Group in an evening of the Modern Hebrew Dance; Lillian Zahn, singer, accompanied by guitar; and the I. S. Chanukah One-Act Play contest.

Inter-Center Council Meets To Outline Plans Among Center Seniors

The Inter-Center Senior Council of the Metropolitan Section of the Jewish Welfare Board, last week met and outlined plans for further coordination of cultural and athletic programs among Jewish center-seniors.

Physical Directors Meet To Co-ordinate Program

In an effort to give further cohesion and interplay to the physical activities of Jewish centers in the metropolitan area, physical directors of thirteen "Y"s and other institutions, met last week to plan inter-center tournaments, educational projects, and a possible "Health Week."

"Why Are Jews Persecuted" Is Subject As Youth Forum Meets November Sixth

An informal discussion of "Why Jews Are Persecuted" is to open a series of Youth Forum evenings when the first of these get-togethers is held on Monday evening, November sixth, at 8:30 p.m. in the I. S. building.

Games To Be Played

Attempting to present the important issues in the complex problem through visual aids and audience participation the subject will be approached through games of various types. Formal discussion is to be limited.

The forum is to be conducted and engaged in by boys and girls of high school and collegiate age. Friends of I. S. members who fall into this age category are invited to attend and participate.

Dancing To Follow

Dancing and community singing will follow upon the discussion. Held, as it will be, on the eve of Election Day, ample opportunity will be afforded to exercise the right of free speech and assembly which is safeguarded by the exercise of the intelligent franchise.

Parents Association Puts Tickets On Sale For Annual Theatrical Free Sons A.A. Calls For Entries In Annual Tourney

Yiddish Production To Be Seen December 27th

The Parents Association of the Institutional Synagogue will hold its annual Yiddish theater party this year on December 27th. The performance scheduled will be held at the Second Avenue theater.

Locations By Priority

Choice locations for the performance are being offered by the theater party committee according to when reservations are made.

Tickets at moderate prices are now on sale and may be obtained at the office or from any member of the parents association. As is the usual custom, the name of the production to be seen has not yet been listed.

"Jewish Oddities" Attracts Club And Center Workers For Use In Group Education

Finding it an excellent motivation for study of Jewish custom and tradition, reports have been pouring in from Club-leaders all over the metropolitan area as to the effective use of "Jewish Oddities" the I. S.'s most recent publication. The booklet, which sells for \$.10, deals with the odd and interesting details which surround Jewish life in America.

Basketball Teams To Compete By Lodges

Member Lodges of the Free Sons Athletic Association have been asked to organize their teams and notify Nathan Boyarsky, secretary, 91 Fort Washington Avenue, of their intention to compete in the annual basketball tournament held by the association.

To Be Run In I. S. Gym

The tournament, a popular one among Free Sons members, will once again be held in the Institutional Synagogue's gymnasium. Last year's tournament was a hotly-fought one, and from present indications, this year's fight is to be as close.

The athletic association extends its greetings to Liberal Lodge.

Ta-a-noog Extension Boys To Construct Model Sets Of Dramatic Jewish Legends

In keeping with the Camp Ta-a-noog extension theme of "Jewish Holidays On Parade" the senior boys have started work on a series of miniature sets depicting the various dramatic legends associated with the Jewish Holidays throughout the year. First of these is the story of "Hannah and Her Seven Sons."

Committee Is Named Proceeds To Apply To Educational Activities

Taking as its theme U. S. democracy as expressed in the four freedoms of religion, speech, press, and assembly, the membership and friends of the Institutional Synagogue will hold a gala Lincoln celebration on the anniversary of the great emancipator's birth, it was recently announced by Mr. Max Stavish, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the affair.

Committee Is Named

Other members of the Committee include Isaac Goldman, Irving J. Silverstein, Arthur D. Goldstein, Philip Simpson, Aaron Wartels, and Theodore Char-nas.

For Building Activity

The proceeds of the celebration are to be used for educational and recreational activities of the Institutional Synagogue. Admission for the evening has been set at the low price of \$.25. Tickets are now available, and may be obtained at the I. S. office, or from members of the committee.

Tickets Are Ready

Tickets for the occasion have already been printed. Members and friends are urged to sell as many as possible in order to insure the success of this affair.

Citron's "Ost-Jude" To Be Performed At I.S. In Chanukah Festival

The selection of the Dramatic Players of the I. S. for their Chanukah Festival has been announced as Samuel Citron's "Ost-Jude". The play will be coached and directed by Gerald Margulies. Casting is now going on. Potential thespians are asked to contact Mr. Margulies.

Training For Clubleaders Offered By J.W.B. Course

Two courses, one basic, the other a seminar for practicing clubleaders, are being conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Broadway and 122nd Street. Interested persons may refer to Rabbi Goodman.

Turning The Pages

By Ben Tovim

HONORABLE SPY. By John L. Spivak. Modern Age Press. New York City. 149 pages. \$50.

The famous reporter-detective, John L. Spivak, author of "Secret Armies" (a review of which appeared recently in these columns) has scored another sensational exposure in "Honorable Spy".

Taking as his theme Japanese espionage and penetration on the West Coast, he has tied it up with reactionary and anti-semitic movements in the U. S. It is a fascinating tale. But more—it is a document that calls for federal investigation.

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A BOOK OF MIRACLES. By Ben Hecht. The Viking Press, New York City. 465 Pages. \$2.75.

"A Book of Miracles" contains actually seven brief novels. Several of these stories are woven about themes of Jewish interest. This volume by Ben Hecht, replete with cynicism and irreverence, can hardly be recommended for popular consumption. While the author displays an affection for his fellowmen, his attitude of disbelief towards spiritual matters makes his "Miracles" merely satirical.

I.S. Cue



Whenever Joe Rosenbaum joins our merry throng the unusual occurs... his most recent appearance called forth a warm reception in more ways than one...

For once we will not disappoint our charming Miss Rae Frank... who has been reading this column week after week without successfully locating her cognomen...

Congratulate... Murray Kestenbaum upon his recent marriage...

What's this we hear about our good friend Reverend Taitz being a hero... it seems that he relieved a thief of a purse... which had been snatched from a woman passenger... on an elevator train...

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Perman's troubles... may your husband have a speedy and successful recovery...

The opening performance of the Henning Series certainly called forth a bevy of charming young ladies...

Felicitations to the following whose birthdays occurred in the month of October... Julius Frank, Milton Herzer, Sam Horowitz, Samuel Klein, David Olster, Gerald Purcell...

Helen Chaifetz who loves to wander from one borough to another comes autumn... has again changed her domicile from Pelham Parkway to the West Bronx...

Dave Bass is around telling the boys about those titanic basketball games he engaged in this past summer at that popular Catskill resort...

At this time we welcome into our midst the Satan Club... whom we hope fails to live up to its name...

JEWISH ODDITIES

John Jacob Astor acquired his first experience in the fur trade working for Hayman Levy, a colonial merchant of New York. Upon Levy's books may be found entries of moneys paid to Astor for beating furs, at the rate of one dollar a day.

Another employee of the same Hayman Levy was Nicholas Low, ancestor of President Seth Low of Columbia College. Nicholas Low served as Levy's clerk for several years, and then laid the foundation of his great fortune in a hogshead of rum purchased from his former employer, who besides rendered him substantial assistance.

Hayman Levy traded early with the Indians, and a historian of that day claims that, because of his fair treatment, he was "actually worshipped by the red man." In 1768 he failed in business, but his creditors were paid off in full, plus interest, and he continued to carry on his fur business. The great fire in 1776 destroyed all his property, but with characteristic perseverance he remained in business and made a new start.

When the British occupied New York in 1776 Levy moved to Philadelphia, and while living there helped to establish the Congregation Mikveh Israel. He was also active in community affairs until his death in 1790.



HAYMAN LEVY

European Summer, '39

by Marc M. Siegel

Just yesterday I received a letter from a young man who lives in London. I feel that excerpts from it are worthy of being printed for more than one reason. For one thing, it is well written. It gives a picture of the trying tension which people undergo when an air raid may be the actuality of the next minute. It has the authenticity of on-the-spot reportage. But it ends on a keynote of optimism, and in a short sentence voices the hope of all civilized men and women who abhor blood-shed and violence.

Let it speak for itself. The letter, of course, was written at about the time of the High Holy Days...

"... About this time the Jews in England send greeting cards to each other—You know the sort of thing—'Happy New Year, and well over the fast', but this year the wish is for long life."

"... This black-out intensifies the heart-rending hopelessness, the painful gloom that is a distinguishing feature of London. It conveys a sense of poverty and filth, of the futility and helplessness of life. There are shackles on our feet, but we've become so used to their rubbing that they hardly seem an objective reality. Our hands are fettered. There are iron rings around our necks. Our tongues are tied, and we are oblivious of everything but work, work, work."

"... Outside the window some kids are singing, 'Land of Hope and Glory'—Poor victims. Soon they may be sacrificed to make a refuge for ants."

"... Maybe through the putrid, gaseous breath, new worlds will break—Our only hope! But we believe that it will be so..."

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The importance of this letter does not lie in its macabre description of war-time London. It lies in the very end of the quoted passage. "But we believe that it will be so..." is indicative of the faith which has always upheld men in times of great crisis. This young man of much faith is not untroubled. He is most humanly worried, upset and depressed. But he has a background, a heritage, and a tradition to lean upon, and it is supporting him. There is something in this not to be gainsaid.

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