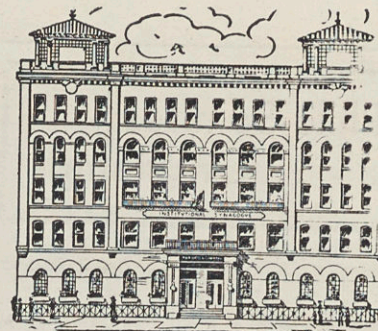


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Dramatic Groups Rehearsing For Chanukah Festival

Annual One-Act Contest To Take Place Dec. 9

With only two weeks to go before the annual one-act play contest Chanukah Festival of the Institutional Synagogue, directorial voices and thespianic cries may be heard from the auditorium almost every day of the week. Four productions are now in rehearsal.

Margulies Directs "Ost-Jude"

"The Ost-Jude", the vehicle of the I. S. Players, being moulded into shape by the capable directorial hands of Mr. Gerald Margulies, who has been associated with I. S. dramatic work for several years.

Has Seasoned Cast

The cast of the "Ost-Jude" includes many names known to I. S. audiences. Among those to perform in this production are B. Feinberg, B. Berkowitz, L. Billauer, G. Margulies, and the Misses Bella Bailey and Ethel Grumer.

Pageant Planned For Lincoln's Day I. S. Celebration

Most recent plans for the I. S. Lincoln's Day celebration include a pageant to be staged by I. S. children which will outline the contributions of the "great emancipator" to American democracy, and religious freedom.

The theme of the celebration is to be a reaffirmation of the principles of American democracy as set forth in the Bill of Rights. Tickets for the celebration are now on sale and may be purchased for \$.25 at the office.

Liturgic Music To Be Sung In Sixth Henning Program

Gym And Pool Memberships Urged

Membership in the gymnasium and pool is now available at reasonable rates. Both individual and group or club membership may be applied for at the main floor desk in the I.S. building.

Keeping fit during the winter months is a difficult task for all. Membership in the I.S. gym helps to minimize this difficulty.

'Book of Maccabees' For Club Programs Again Available

Contains Suggestions For Chanukah Use

The "Book of the Maccabees", a 41 page publication of the Institutional Synagogue, is again available for club and group use in the informal observance of the Chanukah festival. Designed for group and club use, the attractive booklet, mimeographed in three colors and issued in a printed cover, sells for \$.25 per copy. Lower rates pertain to volume purchase.

Selected Articles Included

The "Book of the Maccabees", prepared by Rabbi Philip Goodman, includes contemporary articles by the Hon. Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Louis D. Brandeis, and Morris Joseph, author of "Judaism as Creed and Life."

Appropriate poetry by Longfellow and Lazarus, several festival songs, a short story, and an appendix are included.

Zavin To Conduct

A program of liturgic music by choir and cantor will comprise the sixth evening of the third series of the Henning Program, which will take place on Saturday, November 25th, at 8:30 p.m. At that time Cantor Louis Zavin will lead B. A. Rabinowitz's Choir from the stage of the I.S. auditorium.

Is Popular Feature

Responding to the popular demand for folk and liturgic music manifested by audiences of former Henning program series, the attempt has been made this season to offer a varied series of performances within the field of liturgic and folk music. Former programs, however, have stressed the nationalistic elements in this music, while the sixth program will dwell more fully on the liturgical elements.

Shanok Well Received

Last Saturday night saw the appearance of Morton Shanok, dramatic baritone, in the series. Mr. Shanok sang before a large audience, and received an excellent ovation from the I.S. audience.

Two Performances Remaining

Only two performances will follow upon the appearance of Rabinowitz's choir on November 25th. These are respectively, Irving Davidson in an evening of "Jewish Wit and Humor", and the Chanukah One-Act Play Festival of the Institutional Synagogue, which is scheduled for Saturday night, December 9th.

Tickets On Sale For Theater Party Of Parents' Group

Tickets are now on sale for the theater party of the parents' association which will be held on December 27, at the Second Avenue Playhouse.

This is the third year that the Association has undertaken a theater party, and it is also the third consecutive time that the Playhouse has been designated as the Association's choice.

Tickets are available at reasonable prices, and may be purchased from the I. S. Office or from members of the Parents' Association. It is advisable to reserve places immediately if the more choice locations are desired for the dramatic performance to be shown.

Forum Successful In 2nd Meeting Thanksgiving Eve

Large Group Present For Timely Discussion

Holding its second discussion and dance of the year, the I. S. Youth Forum, composed of members of clubs, and friends, met on Thanksgiving Eve for a timely discussion of the topic, "What Have American Jews To Be Thankful For?"

Foreign Conditions Cited

Conditions in foreign nations at this time for both Jews and non-Jews were cited in the presentation of cogent issues. A touch of authenticity and color was added to the discussion when several refugees told of their own experiences in Central Europe.

Re-dedication Pledged

Recognizing that the bases for religious freedom and action lie in constitutional guarantees, the youthful group rededicated itself to the support of the "American Way."

Institutional League Committees Meet To Plan Future Activity

Committees of the Institutional Synagogue League met last Tuesday evening to consider various proposals for fund-raising activities of the active I. S. adjunct in the near future.

Dr. I. J. Silverstein is president of the organization. Among the more active members in the group are included Mr. Arthur D. Goldstein, Mr. William Cantan, Mr. Theodore Charnas, and Dr. Jacob Rachunow.

The membership of the league is open to I. S. old-timers, members and friends.

I. S. Helps In Refugee Education By Holding Classes In English

The I.S. is cooperating with the Committee for Refugee Education by holding classes in the study of the English language, it was recently announced by Rabbi Philip Goodman, executive director of the synagogue.

One Class Now Formed

One class, which is to meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 4:00 to 6:00 in the afternoons, has

already been scheduled, and further groups are to be arranged in the future.

Recruiting Teachers Now

The Committee, of which James S. Cushman is chairman, is recruiting volunteer teachers for this work of teaching refugees the English language. The present plans are to conduct classes in various parts of the city in which not more than ten students in a group will receive professional aid in their studies.

East Harlem Group Meets To Discuss Educational Planning

In order to discuss plans for a general meeting at which the present situation in East Harlem in relation to education and recreation will be discussed, a planning committee met on Monday evening, November 20, at the Friends and Neighbors Club of the Benjamin Franklin High School.

Rabbi Goodman is a member of the committee which met under the leadership of Mr. Leonard Covello, principal of Benjamin Franklin High School.

Philo-Semites ... On Stamps

By JOSEPH E. DAVIDSON
III. Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe



Johann
Wolfgang
Von Goethe

The Jews of Germany who have been so vilely caricatured by Hitler on the theory that if you persistently publish a lying statement long enough, people will eventually believe it to be the truth, have the consolation of knowing that

they are in good company.

In stating that Goethe was an avowed anti-Semite and that were he alive today he would approve of the drastic steps taken by Hitlerland to annihilate German Jewry, the ex-house-painter of Vienna pens a word portrait of the incomparable Goethe which is on a par with some of the picture card paintings which Hitler palmed off on his Jewish customers in the days when they would give him coffee money, because no one else but a Jew would buy his junk or stake him to a cheap meal.

There is nothing in Goethe's writings that in any way reflects on any individual Jew or upon Hebrews as a race or people.

There are many instances, however, where he has shown an affectionate regard for members of our race.

One instance is where he refers to Rahel Levin (100% non-Aryan) as the little woman with the great soul.

On another occasion, in November 1821 he visited the home of Abraham Mendelssohn, the banker, who was the son of Moses Mendelssohn, the "Nathan der Weise" of Lessing's immortal work. He had dinner with the family, and young Fanny Mendelssohn played the piano to entertain the distinguished guest.

Goethe kissed the girl, and taking her music sheet in his hand, he inscribed the following:—

"Den ich mir in stiller Seele
Singe leise Lieder vor,
Wie ich fühle dass sie fehle
Die ich einzig mir erkor!
"Moecht' ich hoffen, dass sie saenge
Was ich ihr so gern vertraut,
Ach! aus dieser Brust und Enge
Draengen frohe Lieder laut."

The above is the German of Goethe, written to the grandchild of the greatest Jew of the eighteenth century. It is the kind of German that Hitler never understood, and there is no doubt that were Goethe alive to-day, Hitler's blitzkrieg German would be as distasteful to Goethe as would the concentration camp.

Thanksgiving Oddities

(Excerpts from "Customs of Mankind"
by Lillian Eichler.)

Days of Thanksgiving in recognition of special mercies or favors have been known since the earliest times, and have been common to almost all nations . . .

The Israelites appear to have been among the earliest people to observe a special day of Thanksgiving. They observed faithfully, with great rejoicing and solemn ceremonies, their Feast of Tabernacles, a day of thanks not only for the bounties of the land, but for the escape from Egypt . . .

We are all familiar with the appalling hardships that the first settlers in America were forced to endure. A handful of home-sick men and women in a strange, bleak country, Indians everywhere, food scarce, and home across the ocean. No—home here, for they could not return to the land from whose intolerance they had fled . . .

Governor Bradford gave directions that a day of Thanksgiving be held on December 13, 1621, to give thanks for the great blessings that had been bestowed upon them. A feast was prepared. Friendly Massasoit, with ninety of his Indian braves, was invited to the feast, and they came in all their holiday paint and feathers. Of white men and women there were only fifty-five at this first Thanksgiving . . .

Although Thanksgiving did not then



become a regular yearly festival, our own Thanksgiving, which we observe every November, is a direct legacy of that historic feast with the Indians . . .

On Thanksgiving Day children dress themselves in grotesque fashion, paint their faces, wear masks, and go about the streets singing or blowing on horns. This custom commemorates the presence of the Indians, in their gay paint and feathers, at the first Thanksgiving . . .

Before the Civil War it was a popular custom for families to hold great reunions on Thanksgiving. The children came home from schools; the married sons and daughters came with their families; aunts, uncles, cousins, and everyone came to the great Thanksgiving feast . . . Many families still observe this old custom of Thanksgiving day . . .

The custom of supplying food and clothing to the needy at Thanksgiving has survived, as good things do, and the charity-basket is one of our most gratifying Thanksgiving observances.

I. S. Cue



The other p. m. found the Abe Rohts, Milton M. Rosenbergs and . . . the ever so charming Rhoda Margulies and Pearl Levenberg

greeting each other with gusto . . . was this a reunion . . .

What's this we hear about Ruth Bernstein . . . recovering from a serious illness . . . at Sydenham Hospital . . . and is this the reason for Bella Fried's absence from our gay throng . . .

Have you noticed the close resemblance Diana Fine bears to another jitterbug . . . who frequents those Tuesday Nite Dance Classes . . .

Why is Jack Frank so glum . . . these fair autumn days . . .

Take a peep at the snappy collegiate styles on Julie Frank . . . if we had the nerve . . . we would dress the same.

Birthday greetings to Erwin Rosenthal and Irwin Katz . . .

Murray Kestenbaum who just became a groom . . . was guyed by the boys recently . . . and upon being queried . . . do women change after they are married . . . replied . . . yeah . . . your friends, hours and habits . . . which calls to mind . . . the fact that one of our ace reporters . . . is in an awful rush to leave when day is done.

And while we're on the subject . . . what group . . . (could it have been the Senior Girls of the You-Know-What) . . . erroneously linked that moody m.m.s. to our bee-yoo-tiful bella b . . . circulating the rumor that them bonds was matrimonial . . .

And while we're on the big-time news, what South Norwalk columnist and radio commentator recently celebrated a (numberless) birthday, receiving the admiring plaudits of every pundit in the business???

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In Memoriam

Yahrzeit*

Eliezer Wartels . . . November 25th
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William Friedman . . November 29th

* Yahrzeit begins at sunset of the previous evening.

Bible Readings This Week

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11/26, Sun.—KINGS I; 1, 2
11/27, Mon.—KINGS I; 3, 4
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11/29, Wed.—KINGS I; 7, 8
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