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## Gameroom Tourney Announced To Start Within A Few Days

### Ping-Pong Contest Attracts Entries

The annual ping-pong tournament, always hotly-contested at the I. S., will start within a few days, according to an announcement made by Mr. Morris T. Grumer, Director of Gameroom Activity.

#### New Equipment On Hand

Equipment for the gameroom has been reconditioned and supplemented during the past few weeks in preparation for the tournament.

#### Other Contests To Follow

Following upon the heels of the table tennis tournament, will come round-robin contests in checkers, chess, and other quiet games. Entries for all events are asked to submit their names to Mr. Grumer so that the matches can be scheduled.

#### Grouped By Classes

In order to avoid unfair competition, the tournament this year is to be by classes. Four groups have been announced; these are junior girls, junior boys, senior boys, and senior girls.

### Congratulations

The Institutional Synagogue takes pleasure in extending congratulations upon the marriage of Miss Esther Zinstein to Rabbi David Pruzansky of Millville, N. J. Miss Zinstein is a former counselor of the I. S. Home Camp Ta-a-noog.

## Chanukah Lights To Be Kindled Dec. 6

The first candle of the traditional Chanukah Lights is to be lit this year on the evening of this coming Wednesday, December 6th. Each day until December 13th a candle must be added, until on the last day eight lights burn.

## New Crafts Group Open To Members To Meet Tuesdays

### Miss Secile Kroman To Supervise Project

A new crafts group, open to all members, and offering all phases of arts and crafts, has been formed, and will meet weekly on Tuesdays from four to six p.m.

The group is to be under the supervision of Miss Secile Kroman, who has been associated with center work for several years.

#### Individual Effort Stressed

The crafts period is designed to allow individual members to pursue that phase of arts and crafts work which is most suited to their talents. Metalwork, painting, drawing, woodwork, and paperwork are among the crafts to be offered.

Miss Kroman, an artist in her own right, will be particularly pleased to interview any members who have painting or drawing as a major interest.

## Irving Davidson To Speak On Jewish Wit And Humor

## Jewish Centers Plan Impressive Chanukah Programs

### Religious Liberty To Be Main Theme

The triumph of the principle of religious liberty achieved 2104 years ago by the Israelites under the leadership of the Maccabees, will be commemorated by hundreds of YMHAs, YWHAs and Jewish Community Centers during the Festival of Dedication, which will begin Wednesday evening, December 6th and will end Thursday, December 14th.

#### Kindling Of Lights

A central feature of the thousands of impressive mass and group programs planned by Jewish Centers will be the traditional kindling of Hanukah lights and Menorahs, accompanied by the singing of appropriate benedictions and hymns.

## I. S. Parents Association Puts Tickets On Sale For Annual Theatre Party

The Parents' Association of the I. S. will hold its annual Yiddish theatre party this year on December 27th. The performance scheduled will be held at the Second Avenue Playhouse.

Choice locations for the performance are going rapidly. Tickets at moderate prices, however, are still available and may be obtained from any member of the association, or at the main floor desk.

## Institutional Offers Advertising Space At Moderate Rates

Advertising space in the columns of the "Institutional" is available to interested parties at moderate rates.

The "Institutional" offers an advertising medium directed at a highly specialized reading group which may be reached regularly through its columns.

Information as to rates, etc., may be gotten from the main office at the I. S. building, 37-43 West 116th Street, or by telephoning UNiversity 4-6729.

## Appears Dec. 2nd

Irving Davidson, known as the "Jewish Ripley" for his lectures on Jewish Historical Oddities will appear as the seventh performer in the third series of the Henning Programs on Saturday night, December 2nd, at 8:30 p.m. The performance will take place in the auditorium of the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street.

#### Is Recognized Authority

Mr. Davidson, who is a recognized authority on Jewish wit and humor, will talk on contemporary aspects of the subject. Author of numerous articles in Jewish periodicals, Mr. Davidson is now completing a manuscript on Jewish humor, shortly to be published.

#### A Platform Favorite

Mr. Davidson is a favorite on the platforms of Jewish centers. He is a member of the speaker's bureaus of both the Jewish Welfare Board and the United Synagogue of America.

The Henning Programs, of which this is to be the seventh event of the season, are made possible through the estate of the late Mrs. Fanny Henning, benefactress of the I. S., and are dedicated to her memory.

## "Book Of Maccabees" Is Again Available For Club Programs

The "Book of the Maccabees", a forty-one page booklet designed for club use in the celebration of Chanukah, is again available at the price of \$.25 per copy. Lower rates are available for lot purchase.

The booklet, an Institutional Synagogue publication, was used last year by club-leaders and group-leaders to excellent advantage. Appropriate contemporary material makes up the body of the booklet.

## Third Class Formed As Refugees Learn English In I. S. Groups

A third class in English writing, reading, and speaking for refugees has been formed at the I. S. and will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Other classes which are meeting regularly are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6, and Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6.

## Jacobs Named To Head Gymnasium; Outlines Five-Point Program

Emanuel "Jack" Jacobs has been appointed Director of Physical Activity, it was recently announced by Rabbi Philip Goodman, and in that capacity he will be in charge of all gymnasium and swimming pool work at the I. S.

#### We Look Him Up

Looking for a story on plans for gym activity we sought "Jack" out, and engaged him in a brief interview. Modest and personable, but emanating a genuine enthusiasm, he told something of his past experience.

#### Is Coe Graduate

"Jack" is a graduate of the Physical Education department of Coe College, and is at present doing graduate work at N.Y.U. While at Coe he built up an en-

viable record in extra-curricular activities, having been on the track team for four years, and on the cross-country and boxing squads.

#### Is Handball Expert

Handball enthusiasts in the I. S. gym membership will be interested to know that "Jack" held the 4-wall handball championship for two of his four years at college.

#### Outlines Gym Plans

"Jack" spoke briefly of the program that he intends to put into effect. First comes a class in calisthenics. "Something real!" Jack confided. Other plans call for swimming classes, the organization of a basketball team, miscellaneous tourneys, and a comprehensive health program.



## Turning The Pages

GAMES FOR BOYS AND MEN and PARTIES FOR SPECIAL DAYS OF THE YEAR. Association Press, 347 Madison Avenue, N. Y. C. \$.50 each.

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In "Games for Boys and Men" are brought together hundreds of stunts, games and songs which can provide plenty of fun and recreation for numberless occasions. Boys' and men's clubs will find here a storehouse of material which can be utilized at all times.

"Parties for Special Days of the Year" contains program activities for civic holidays as well as other special events. It can serve as a guide in arranging a stimulating and exciting evening.

Both of the above booklets should be found in the libraries of community centers, camps and schools.

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THE BOOK OF PSALMS. Translated from the Aramaic sources by George M. Lamsa. A. J. Holman Co., Philadelphia. \$1.50.

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This new translation of the Book of Psalms from Aramaic sources will shed new light and understanding of certain passages among the English-reading public. It is interesting to note that the translator in his introduction writes: "This portion of the Holy Writ is the greatest contribution of the Jewish people to the religious world . . . The whole drama of the Jewish people, their tragic history, their firm stand for monotheism and their struggle against idolatry is dramatically and vividly portrayed in the Book of Psalms. For centuries the Psalms have not been surpassed as a source of inspiration, of prayer, and for consolation."

## To Feature Pageant At Lincoln's Day I. S. Celebration

The feature of the Lincoln's Day Celebration, which will be held at the I. S., it has recently been announced, will be a pageant which will depict the life of the "Great Emancipator", with special emphasis on his Jewish contacts.

Tickets for the celebration are now on sale for \$.25 and may be obtained at the main floor desk or by telephoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729.

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"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses, yearning to  
breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming  
shore,

Send these, the homeless, tempest-lost  
to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

These lines are the ending of a poem, "The New Colossus", which is engraved on a bronze tablet at the base of the Statue of Liberty, which was written by the American-Jewish poetess, Emma Lazarus. When funds were being raised in 1883 for a suitable pedestal upon which to erect the Statue of Liberty, the gift of France to the United States marking the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Miss Lazarus wrote this poem which netted \$1500 for the fund.

Emma Lazarus was born in New York City on July 2nd, 1849, and died on November 19th, 1887. A good part of the 38 years that she lived were spent in poor health. And yet she was able, in spite of numerous obstacles, to build a place for herself that ranks her with the foremost of modern Jewish poets.

It is not Emma Lazarus' birth alone which puts her into this category. For although up to 1881 her poetry was patterned after early Greek writings in that year, she experienced an awakening which influenced the entire course of her literary career.

The terrible pogroms of the 1880's in Russia aroused Emma Lazarus to the plight of her people. At this time, ac-

cording to an anonymous writer, "She threw herself into the customs of her race, its language, literature and history." Shortly thereafter she published such well-known poems as "The Banner of the Jews", "The New Ezekiel", "By the Waters of Babylon", "Hanukah", "The Prophet", and "The Exodus".

Not content with writing alone, Emma Lazarus became identified with every Jewish movement for refugee relief, and was especially active in the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

She died of tuberculosis after several years of ill health, mourned by all who loved the cause of freedom.



## I. S. Cue



Last Thanksgiving Eve found many gay youthful spirits making merry . . . at the Youth Nite Forum . . . which again proved a smash

hit . . .

At this time we extend greetings of welcome to . . . Emanuel (Jack) Jacobs gym director . . . whose ready smile has already become a symbol . . .

M. Frankel received a thrill the other day . . . when he saw those Ta-a-noog youngsters rehearsing that play . . . and did that far away look in his eyes mean he was yearning for his childhood days . . .

What is the latest puzzle which seems to intrigue those young ladies . . . and what good natured damsel so warm heartedly entertained those tots recently . . . with plenty of good things to eat and a congenial atmosphere . . .

Why does Milton Teitel insist upon telling the same jokes . . . week after week . . .

Birthday greetings to Benjamin Rubin, Nathan Stark, and Edward Zakin . . .

Is it true that our wanderlust boy . . . Abe Tannenhaus . . . just up from Florida way . . . is making plans to locate permanently upstate . . .

Nathan Samuelson who has tried on various occasions to induce one of the staff to become a jitterbug . . . has now

taken to ping-pong with a bang . . . Why has the melodious lilting voice of Milton Weiner not been raised in song . . . for lo these many days . . .

Seymour . . . call me Steve . . . Greenman has given up those long treks to Sunnyside . . . and now resides in the Bronx . . .

What young man . . . who has an overwhelming desire to enter a local college in the near future . . . is jeopardizing his chances by his conduct . . .

Do you know why Joe Cohn has that expansive smile . . . on Sunday mornings . . . and is telling the world . . . I'll see you at the dances . . .

Is Lou Seltzer . . . in retirement . . . and why . . . is George Wexler writing so many postal cards . . . lately . . .

Best show . . . off Broadway . . . admission gratis . . . is watching the facial expressions and gestures . . . when you or you call that certain party . . . in our own private (that's what you think) phone booth in the lobby . . . almost any evening . . .

Why does that fair Apollo . . . Seymour Greenman . . . take so long in reading that unusual tome . . .

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Light Candles Friday Evening . . . 4:09  
Friday Evening . . . . . 4:10  
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Sedrah: Vayeshev  
Weekday Mornings . . . . . 7:30

## In Memoriam

Yahrzeit\*

FANNIE L. GLASS . . . . . Dec. 1  
MOSES NATELSON . . . . . Dec. 1  
HYMAN BEN ITZCHOK  
MONNESS . . . . . Dec. 2  
LOUIS ROSENBERG . . . . . Dec. 2  
SARAH BRODY . . . . . Dec. 6  
ABRAHAM BEN GUT-  
MAN . . . . . Dec. 6

\* Yahrzeit begins at sunset of the previous evening.

## Bible Readings This Week

12/1, Fri.—KINGS I; 11, 12  
12/2, Sat.—KINGS I; 13, 14  
12/3, Sun.—KINGS I; 15, 16  
12/4, Mon.—KINGS I; 17, 18  
12/5, Tues.—KINGS I; 19, 20  
12/6, Wed.—KINGS I; 21, 22  
12/7, Thurs.—KINGS II; 1, 2  
12/8, Fri.—KINGS II; 3, 4

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