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Basketball Teams Scheduled To Meet In I.S. Round-Robin

Life-Saving Classes Also Organized

The basketball teams of I.S. clubs and athletic groups, are scheduled to meet in a round-robin tournament during the next few weeks, it was recently announced by "Jack" Jacobs, I.S. Director of Physical Activity.

Teams Tune Up

The court aggregations of such clubs as the Orkins, Spades and De Molays, are now in the process of polishing off court tactics and strategy, and are making ready for the tournament with much enthusiasm.

Life-Saving Classes Formed

At the same time, informal classes in life-saving and swimming have been gotten under way. Records of the progress made by each group are being kept.

Abe and Stella Matza Emerge Victorious In Ping-Pong Tourney

Abe and Stella Matza, brother and sister, emerged each in first place, in their respective tournament classes, when the annual ping-pong tournament came to a close late this week.

Runner-up in the boys division was Ernie Kohn, while Finfang, Dave Matza, and B. Klein shared third-place honors.

In the girls tournament, Gertrude Fried took second place, while Rika Podvoll and Ida Finfang were tied for third.

Checker Tournament Entries Taken Now

Entries for the annual checker tournament are now being accepted in the gameroom. Application may be made to Mr. Morris Grumer.

T. T. Holds Mid-Terms; Children Raise Money For J. N. F. During Week

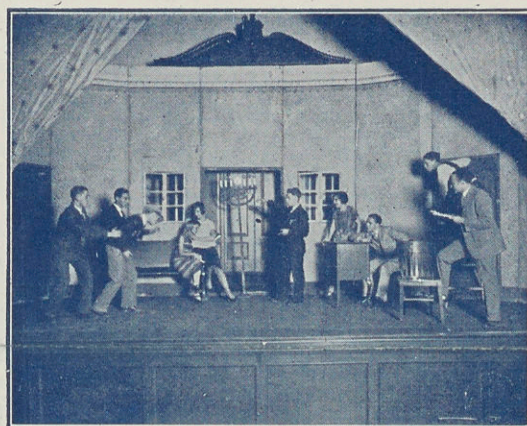
The Talmud Torah held mid-term examinations during the past week, in all subjects taught in the religious school.

Children of the Talmud Torah, it has also been announced, participated actively in the raising of money for the Jewish National Fund, during that agency's recent drive.

I. S. Players To Close Series In Annual Chanukah Festival

Five One-Act Plays Are Featured

Five Institutional Synagogue groups will present one-act plays, and other I.S. aggregations will sing and dance when the Third Henning Series will come to a close on Saturday night, December 9th, at 8:30 p.m.



I.S. Players In Action

The occasion will be the annual Chanukah Festival of the I.S., and will mark the eighth and last evening of the Henning Series.

Judge Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue, will deliver a short address at the festival.

Among the plays to be presented are "The Maccabee Boys" to be put on by the junior boys under the direction of Mr. Morris Grumer; "A Wartime Chanukah", directed by Mr. Morris A. Urieff, to be

acted by the senior boys; "The Sick Girl", a production of the Henning Girls, and "The Ost-Yude", the vehicle of the I.S. Players, directed by Mr. G. Margulies.

Choral Group To Sing

Another feature of the program is to be the singing of the season's songs by the I.S. Choral group. Mr. Elihu Kasten, and Mr. Grumer have been engaged in rehearsing this presentation.

Hebrew Dances Programmed

A group of Hebrew dances will be performed in the spirit of the festival. This group has been coached by Miss Rae Frank.

To Present Original Play

An original one-act play, "Hannah and Her Seven Sons", written by Eva Joseph of the junior girls, will be performed by the group. Mr. Grumer has also coached this production.

Congratulations

The Institutional Synagogue takes great pleasure in extending congratulations at this time to Mr. and Mrs. (Eva Stein) Blotnick, of Capetown, South Africa, upon the recent birth of a baby boy. Mrs. Blotnick is the daughter of Mrs. I. Stein, for many years an active and valuable worker in I.S. activities.

Chanukah Program Set For Dec. 16th By Youth Forum

"Book Of The Maccabees" To Be Used In Program

The I.S. Youth Forum will hold a Chanukah program and party on Saturday night, December 16th, at the I.S. and will play host to young men and women of high-school and collegiate age in an evening of Chanukah fun.

To Use Booklet

The group plans to employ the I.S. publication, "The Book of the Maccabees" in its festive program. Various members of the group will read selected poems, stories, and articles dealing with the holiday, and all will participate in Chanukah games and quizzes.

Dancing To Follow

Present plans call for refreshments to be served, and dancing to follow upon the discussion part of the program.

Directors To Meet

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors will take place at the I.S. Building on Wednesday night, December 13th at 8:15 p.m.

Casting To Start For Dramatic Role In Lincoln Pageant

Margulies Issues Call For December 12th

Casting for the roles to be portrayed in the Lincoln pageant which will be presented as part of the I.S. Lincoln Day Celebration, will start on Tuesday night, December 12th, at 8 p.m. in the I.S. auditorium. Gerry Margulies will consider applicants at this time.

Full-length Performance

The Lincoln pageant is to be a full-length performance depicting in the main Lincolns' contacts with the Jewish community. Five dramatic scenes, involving all types of acting roles, are to be cast. The pageant, according to Mr. Margulies, will offer ample opportunity for acting ability.

Is Part Of Celebration

The pageant is to be the main feature of the celebration, tickets for which are now available at \$.25 at the main-floor desk.

Chanukah Baskets Distributed By Henning Girls

The Henning Girls have distributed numerous Chanukah baskets of food to needy families in the Harlem area, it was recently announced. This gesture, paralleling the longtime custom of Passover relief, in which the I.S. has participated, has been the work of the girls themselves, and reflects the aims and ideals of the organization.

Celebrate Chanukah

1. Light the candles every evening and sing with the children "Haneros Hallolu" and "Mo-oz Tzur."
2. Give Chanukah gelt and gifts to your children.
3. Serve latkes to the family.
4. Ask your child to tell you the Chanukah story that he or she learned at our school.
5. Encourage your child to do the Chanukah Arts and Crafts by showing them to every visitor to your home.
6. Attend the Chanukah Festival, thus showing your interest in our work.

A Happy Chanukah To All Israel

Right Over Might

An Editorial

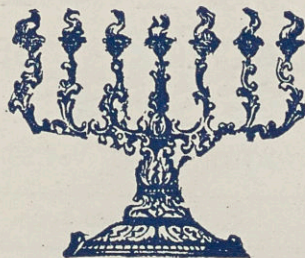


HANUKAH is an inherently joyous festival, commemorating a victory not only of might but of right. The success of the small Maccabean band over the Syrian hordes was credited to the fervent religious spirit of Mattathias and his five sons. Its story, replete

with bravery, romance, poetry and faith, can serve as an inspiration to men and women, boys and girls, in the face of the present-day persecutions, hatred and bigotry. The venerable Mattathias and the brave Hannah vividly exemplify self-sacrifice for the espousal of the cause of Judaism. Chanukah makes a warm appeal to Jewish youths who know the staunch fortitude of Judah and his young brethren and the willingness of Hannah's seven sons to give up their lives to sanctify the Divine Name.

The Maccabean triumph of right over might, Judaism over Hellenism, Godliness over Paganism, should inspire every Jew and Jewess with the confidence and faith necessary to bridge the present chasm of the tragedy of our brethren.

A Happy Chanukah to all Israel!



The Maccabees

By Cecil Roth



URING the nineteenth century, the celebration of Hanukkah, assumed a definitely militaristic tinge—partly, no doubt, in deference to the jingo spirit which ruled the world, partly in demonstration of the fact (forgotten for many centuries) that the Jew, too, could be a soldier.

Hence, among other things, the military services with full martial panoply, which have become a feature of the English synagogue during the feast.

Of recent years, objections have sometimes been raised to this militaristic display, which many feel to be contrary to the spirit of Judaism. The rabbis of olden time would certainly have shared this view. In their eyes, the feast commemorated not so much the triumph of the Maccabees as the rededication of the Temple; not the horror and misery of the battlefield but the salvation of Judaism. This reading is more in accordance with the historical facts than the popularly accepted view. Judah the Maccabee achieved not the establishment of an independent political unit, but the vindication of liberty of conscience (if one can speak of this at so early a date) and the perpetuation of the Jewish spirit.

This was the true miracle of the "cruse of oil"—that reservoir of idealism which not normally to be anticipated to provide illumination for more than the briefest space, has had its lease of life extended, with God's aid, not for a mere eight days, but for untold generations.

The Feast Of Lights

By Emma Lazarus



INDLE the taper like the steadfast star
Ablaze on evening's forehead o'er the earth,
And add each night a lustre, till afar

An eightfold splendor shine above the hearth.

Clash, Israel, the cymbals touch the lyric,

Blow the brass trumpet and the harsh-tongued horn;

Chant psalms of vict'ry till the heart takes fire,

The Maccabean spirit leap new-born.

Remember how from wintry dawn till night,

Such songs were sung in Zion, when again

On the high altar flamed the sacred light,

And purified from every Syrian stain,

The foam-white walls with golden

shields were hung,
With crowns and silken spoils, and at the shrine

Stood, midst their conqueror-tribe, five chieftains, sprung

From one heroic stock, one seed divine.

Still ours the dance, the feast, the glorious Psalm,

The mystic lights of emblem, and the Word.

Where is our Judas? Where our five-branched palm?

Where are the lion-warriors of the Lord?

Clash, Israel, the cymbals, touch the lyre,

Sound the brass trumpet and the harsh-tongued horn,

Chant hymns of vict'ry till the heart takes fire,

The Maccabean spirit leap new-born!

Bible Readings This Week

12/8, Fri.—KINGS II; 3, 4
12/9, Sat.—KINGS II; 5, 6
12/10, Sun.—KINGS II; 7, 8
12/11, Mon.—KINGS II; 9, 10
12/12, Tues.—KINGS II; 11, 12
12/13, Wed.—KINGS II; 13, 14
12/14, Thurs.—KINGS II; 15, 16
12/15, Fri.—KINGS II; 17, 18

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I. S. Cue



Is the younger set having a contest . . . writing plays and poetry . . . we wonder why . . .

Louis Apthekar . . . belovedly

called the mad russian . . . and genial soul that he be . . . is boasting about his changed appearance . . . but what amazes most of all . . . is that nothing unusual (accident) has happened to him . . . for more than three weeks . . .

All of the above calls to mind that Gabby Vosberg recently went on a diet and now is competing with Robert Taylor . . . the screen glamour boy . . .

What fair lady is again smitten . . . this time with ear trouble and has our best wishes for a speedy recovery . . .

What ace reporter . . . just said . . . I beg of you don't mention my name in your column . . . my wife reads it diligently . . .

Abraham Barth . . . former squire of Washington Avenue . . . was in great demand the other evening . . . but could not be reached . . . even via telegram . . .

This week's accolade goes to Martin Kleinerman . . . who commutes regularly each week from Newark, New Jersey . . .

We hear that Hi Jacobs . . . former basketball star . . . has married his childhood sweetheart . . .

Why doesn't Hal Borko . . . make up his mind . . . or is it just lack of organization . . .

Morris Bogdansky came to visit his pal Harold Oretsky and met several friends of bygone years . . . and as a result has become a member in good standing . . .

Tell Ethel Grumer a joke . . . and enjoy her resounding chuckles . . . which occur and reoccur periodically for the next few minutes . . .

Until next week . . . copy boy! . . . and . . . adios, senors, senoras y senoritas . . .

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* Yahrzeit begins at sunset of the previous evening.