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## I.S. Members Urged To Buy Tickets Now For Theatre Function

#### Affair Takes Place December 27th

With its annual theatre party taking place next Wednesday night, December 27th, at the Second Avenue Theatre, the Parents Association is devoting its efforts to disposing of the remaining tickets.

Last-Minute Preparations

Last minute preparations are being made to insure the success of the theatre party. Some few tickets are still available and may be obtained from members To Mark Chanukah of the committee.

Mrs. Wartels Honorary Chairman

Mrs. Aaron Wartels is honorary chair-man of the Theatre Party Committee. Other members of the committee include Mrs. P. Vogel, President of the Association, Mrs. Ida Bernstein, Mrs. Rae Vosberg, Mrs. Rose Levit, Mrs. H. Perman, Mrs. D. Levine, Mrs. A. Elgart, Mrs. Zaslavsky, and Mrs. I. Stein, Honorary President.

#### "Romeo And Juliet" To Be Staged Jan. 21st

On Sunday evening, January 21st, 1940 the Institutional Synagogue will present the Allied Theatre Productions in a stage production of William Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet".

### Costumes Needed For Lincoln Pageant

Costumes are needed for the Lincoln Pageant which will be presented in conjunction with the I.S. Lincoln's Day Celebration. Members or friends who are in a position to help in this matter, or who can refer the I.S. to the proper parties are urged to communicate with the office.

# Youth Forum Holds Successful Party

#### Many Participate In Evening Program

A large group participated in the Chanukah Party of the Jewish Youth Forum when that I.S. group met last Saturday night to mark the Festival of Lights.

#### "Book Of Maccabees" Used

The program was modelled around the suggestions of the "Book of the Maccabees" an I.S. publication designed for group use in celebration of Chanukah. Among those who took part in the program were Helen Grobstein, Moses Finfang, Ida Finfang, Harold Borko, Diana Fine, Rika Podvoll, Elaine Schlefstein, Harry Goldstein, and Ethel Grumer.

## 2200 Attended Henning Programs; Harlem Organizations Were Guests

Over twenty-two hundred people at part of which was reported in last week's tended performances of the Third Series of the Henning Programs, it was recently announced by the I.S. office. Organizations which received blocs of tickets free of charge were the Harlem Home for the Aged, and the Home of the Daughters of Israel.

Eight Performances Seen

The Third Series presented eight eveged in offerings from Corinne Chochem's Dance Group to a lecture on Jewish Wit historical drama. and Humor by Irving Davidson. Several dramatic groups were seen, and two choral societies were heard. Individual instrumentalists and singers, such as Lillian Zahn, were also programmed.

Ended With I.S. Festival

The series ended with the annual oneact play Chanukah Festival of the I.S.,

"Institutional". The remainder of the credits for performance in the festival follows :-

Eva Moses' Play Performed

An original play by Eva Moses was 'Hannah and Her Seven Sons" acted by the Junior Girls group. Ruth Bacharach, (as the king who lost his crown!) Phyllis Begun, Ruth Gluck, Eva Moses nings of Jewish cultural treats, and ran- Lydia Salow, Edith Sondheim, Ruth Unger and Kate Weil took the parts in the

Chorus Sings Chanukah Songs

A chorus, made up of Senior Girls and Boys sang several selections during the evening. Those in the group were Margot Adler, Libby Begun, Harry Cherwin, Nat Feldman, Diana Fine, Ida Finfang,

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# First I.S. Variety Night To Be Held Tomorrow At 8:30

# Portchester Group On January 3rd

#### Refugee Problem To Be Topic

The question, "Resolved that Refugees are Creating an Economic Problem in the S." will be debated when the I.S. debating team meets the debating society of the Jewish Community Center of Portchester, N. Y. on January 3rd. The I.S. team will take the negative view of the resolution.

Is Traditional Contest

The I.S.-Portchester debate is by now a traditional contest which has occurred annually, with few exceptions, for a great many years. This year Bernard Goldberg and Julian Hoffman will represent the I.S. The debating team, in its many years of existence, has never been defeated, holding a unique position among the teams of other Jewish centers.

#### Nine Boys Get Buttons As Swimming Tests Start For Extension Youngsters

Swimming tests for Camp Extension boys started last Sunday under the supervision of "Jack" Jacobs, Physical Director. The following nine boys were awarded Beginner's buttons, in preparation for the "Swimmer's" test: Morton Silver, Ernest Kohn, Sidney Grobstein, Murray Begun, Abraham Matza, Fred Cohen, Morris Tipelin, Leonard Bernstein, and Harry Cherwin.

#### Senior Groups Plan Arts And Crafts Chamisho Oser Projects

Both senior groups of the Camp Ta-anoog Extension have made plans for projects to mark the celebration of Chamisho Oser B'Shevat.

The senior boys are undertaking the construction and electrification of a map of Palestine.

The senior girls are working on an exhibition of the flowers of Palestine Moses Finfang, Gertrude Fried, Helen to be made of artificial crepe-paper

## Debating Team Meets Spades vs. Spartans In First Game

The first of a series of eight I.S. Saturday Variety Nights will take place on December 23rd when members and guests of the I.S. will be privileged to avail themselves of all I.S. facilities. A basketball game, a motion-picture showing, a ping-pong tournament, and a dance in the gymnasium will feature the first Variety Night. Admission to these affairs is free.

Spartans To Meet Spades

The basketball game will also be the first contest in the annual inter-club tour-The Spades are scheduled to meet the Spartans. Both club teams have been in practice for several weeks

Ping-Pong Tournament Scheduled

The major gameroom activity will be a fast ping-pong tournament which will be conducted for participants who register early in the evening. Checkers, chess, quoits, hi-li, and other games may be played by all at any time during the evening.

Movie In Auditorium

At the same time an old-time thriller will be shown in the auditorium, and dancing will take place to the latest hit tunes before and after the basketball game as well as between halves.

The idea of the Variety Nights is to provide such various activity going on at the same time that all interests may be satisfied.

#### Habonoth Girls Olympics To Be Held In I.S. Pool On Tuesday, Dec. 26th

A swimming meet, the acquatic part of the Habonoth Girls Society's olympic games, will be held on Tuesday, December 26th, in the I.S. pool. The I.S. chapter has invited the city-wide group of girls' clubs to avail itself of I.S. facilities for this occasion. Events in the meet will be of a varied nature.

#### Children To Visit Coca-Cola Factory On December 27th

Children of the Talmud Torah and of the Camp Ta-a-noog Extension Program will visit the Coca-Cola plant on December 27th, according to a recent announce-

#### I.S. Cue



The only description of last Saturday nite's Chanukah Festival was . . . as we so aptly heard from

the concluding performance . . . a WOW . . . mama, papa, brother, sister and friends of the various performers turned out en masse . . . and showed their appreciation by vigorously applauding as every occasion demanded.

Is it true that the dramatic troupe is expanding . . . and great deeds are to be accomplished . . .

... this is not their usual wont ...

Watch this column for an announcement extraordinary . . . which we hope to make in the very near future . . and will prove of great interest to you and you.

Send congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eva Stein Blotnick upon the birth of a baby boy . . .

What are those astounding difficulties confronting Ben Rubin . . . so that even pal Louis Kaplan can not solve them . . .

Was that gentleman we saw engaged in such animated conversation the other evening none other than Max Greenberg the well known bondsman . . .

Michael Berman . . . the prominent counselor . . . has a bad case on his hands every Wednesday . . . when he tries to match wits with those kibitzer colleagues . .

A young lady tells us that upon a recent date she was deeply insulted by being offered a drink . . . and confides . . . she swallowed the in-

Until next week . . . my dear readers (we hope there are a few) . . . adieu . . .

#### Players Appear Again In 2nd Performance Of "The Ost Jude"

The I.S. Players put on a second performance of the "Ost Jude" for the Tremont Young Israel organization at a function marking the installation of officers of that group on Dec. 17th. The group appeared without change in cast and received a vigorous reception.

(Continued from Page 1, Column 2) Grobstein, Ernest Kohn, Abe Matza, By Annie E. S. Beard. Crowell, N. Y. Stella Matza, Robert Rynowecer, and Third Edition. 446 pages. Selma Schlefstein.

A Chanukah Dance, directed by Miss Rae Frank, was performed by Libby Begun, Phyllis Begun, Bessie Finfang, Ida Finfang, Gertrude Fried, Selma Klein, Stella Matza, Selma Schlefstein and Elaine Suckle. An Interlude found Miriam Bernstein, Leon Finfang, Abraham C. Goodman, Ruth Kraus, Fred Nussbaum, Gilbert Salonowitz, Phyllis Scharfberg, Martin Serletis and Jerome Welch, performing on the stage.

### What's In A Name?

A column devoted to Jewish personalities who have made outstanding contributions to the American scene. Can you guess who each of the following is? The answers will appear next week.

. . . His first, middle and last names known legitimate playhouse bears his the lips of a are the names of three American name. youngster after statesmen . . . Was on the editorial staff of the Chicago Journal, N. Y. Evening Mail, N. Y. Tribune, and and later attended C.C.N.Y. . . . H. N. Y. World . . . He is best known taught the violin at the age of fifteen . . for a column which he now writes in He has been active in Jewish affairs. the N. Y. Post. Who is he?

2. He was born in 1869 and studied dramatic arts in Vienna . . . He appeared on the stage, but later became president the authoress of many screen plays . . Why have Julian Hoffman and Leon of the Orpheum Circuit . . . He built These include "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Fisher been acting so subdued of late the Palace Theatre which housed the Hyde", "Miss Lulu Bett", and "The best in U. S. vaudeville . . . He is a Gilded Lily". What is her name?

1. He was born in Chicago in 1881 | member of Temple Emanuel . . . A well-

3. He was born in 1891 in New York And he is best known and loved as "the old maestro".

4. She comes from Baltimore and is

## Recent Books Of Interest

Reviewed By Ben Tovim =

New York. 239 pages. \$2.50.

This book is a competent, critical survev of Great Britain's military, financial, economic, and imperial strength. This able volume, except that the author is a German. Furthermore the British press in reviewing this English translation found it "... Objective, well-balanced, dispassionate." This criticism is sufficient recommendation for a book which answers the vital and pressing question of the day-"How Strong is Britain?"

GERMANY RAMPANT. By Ernest Hambloch. Carrick and Evans, Inc., New York. 297 pp. \$2.50.

The other side of the same question is discussed in a Briton's evaluation of the economic militarism of Nazi Germany.

In "Germany Rampant" Hambloch has exploded the theory that the present German government is pursuing a philosophy foreign to the real wishes of the German populace. Methodically tracing the supernationalist trends running through the whole of German religious and philosophical teachings from the time of Luther to the present, it is the author's contention, presented somewhat too late, that only economic pressure can bring Germany to a pacific state of mind. The book, nonetheless, is a brilliant and unbiased historical study of Germany's attempt at domination.

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It is a matter of great moment that in itself would not make for a remark- these men and women, born on foreign soil, should have found expression in America, and come to stand for the American Ideal itself. Consider for a moment the array of names which find themselves in this category - Audobon, the ornithologist, Bell, inventor of the telephone, Carnegie, the philanthropist, Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, Grainger, the musician, Angelo Patri, the educator, Pulitzer, the journalist,-the list is long and inspiring.

Of particular interest are the discussions on Jews of foreign birth who have contributed to the American way of life. Albert Einstein, Felix Adler, Nathan Straus, are but three discussed.

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