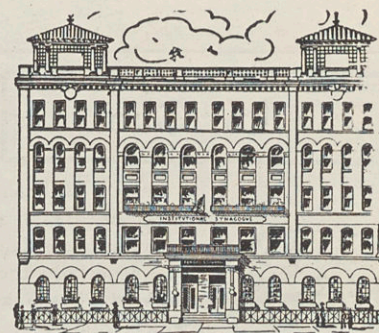


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200 Participate In Variety Night Fun And Frolic

Young Israel
Triumphs 34-11

Close to two hundred people participated in the second I.S. Variety Night last Saturday night, and a large crowd saw Young Israel defeat the De Molay's to the tune of 34-11 in the second game of the inter-club basketball tournament. Movies were projected in the auditorium, while gameroom activity attracted many. Dancing between the halves and at the termination of the basketball game was also on the program.

Balloon Dance Popular

The novelty dance of the evening was a balloon dance from which Miss Bernice Neuberger and escort and Miss Ida Finfang and escort emerged winners.

De Molays Outplayed

The De Molays were outplayed by Young Israel from the start of the game. Schacter of the Young Israel's was high scorer, amassing 13 points. Runner-up was Capt. Warren who scored eight points. Bill Celiberti and "Jack" Jacobs were referees, while Marvin Rosenberg acted as time and scorebook keeper.

Rosenhaus Checker Champ

In the gameroom tournament S. Rosenhaus nosed out M. Begun for the checker championship. J. Diamond and G. Fried were runners-up.

The third gameroom tournament will be in bow and arrow marksmanship.

The basketball game on January 6th, the third in the inter-club round robin tournament, will be the Satans vs. the Roosevelts.

Speedy Recovery

The Institutional Synagogue members and staff wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Morris Levenson, who is now recuperating at the Polyclinic Hospital.

Anniversary Dance, Skating Social Are Among Club Features As 1940 Starts

The Spartans 10th Anniversary Dance, and the N. Y. Chapter of the De Molay's projected ice-skating social, are among current I.S. club plans as 1940 starts. These are but a few of the activities in which I.S. clubs are engaging.

Spartans Elect Council

The Spartans, who will celebrate their tenth anniversary on January 27th,

Inter-Club Dramatic Contest Announced For February 24th

Plays Must Be Submitted
On Or Before January 15th

The annual inter-club one-act play contest will take place this year on February 24th, and entries must be submitted by January 15th for approval, it was announced last week by Mr. Morris A. Urieff, Director of Club Activity.

Is Popular Event

The inter-club one-act play contest is an event which, through annual appearance, has come to be one of the most popular events of the club year.

Eagles Won Last Year

First honors last year were taken by the Eagles in a performance of the problem play, "What's In A Name?"

Scripts To Be Submitted

Scripts of the plays to be used must be submitted to Mr. Urieff by January

15th for approval, before actual rehearsals get under way. Lists of appropriate plays are available, and may be obtained upon application to Mr. Urieff.

Auditorium Arrangements

Arrangements for use of the auditorium by clubs for rehearsal must be made in the office.

Awards To Be Made

As in the past the winning club will be presented with the Dramatics Plaque, and the individual performance of highest merit will receive a medal.

In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

Tickets On Sale Soon

Tickets for the affair will be on sale shortly, and will sell for \$10.

Gameroom Activity Shifts Emphasis To Checkers Bout

Entries Accepted
By Mr. Grumer

With the ping-pong title won, the gameroom is now the focus of the annual checkers contest. Entries are being accepted now by Mr. Morris Grumer.

Last Contest Was Close

Last year's checkers contest was a close and exciting one. The championship finally went to Abe Matza who is somewhat of an all-around gameroom man. Last year's runner-up was Ernest Kohn, who was unsuccessful in dislodging Matza from his first honors position.

Club Newspapers To Be Evaluated In Guidance Plan

Competition Rules
Are Made Public

A rating plan for club newspapers and periodicals will culminate in the judging of club newspapers in April, it was recently announced. The rating plan is an attempt to aid in the improvement of club newspapers, and is constructive in its basis rather than competitive.

Rules Are Announced

The rules of the club journalism contest are as follows;

1. Any issue of a club newspaper published between the present date and April 1st is eligible.
2. Papers may be printed, mimeographed, hectographed or typewritten.
3. Content will count as much as make-up.
4. No special issue need be prepared for the rating plan.

Information on the newspaper rating plan may be obtained from Mr. M. Siegel.

Condolence

We extend our sincerest condolences to Miss Julia Stich upon the recent loss of her mother.

Record Is Sought In Ticket Sales For Lincoln's Day

Celebration Theme
To Be Unique

The committee in charge of ticket sales for the Lincoln's Day Celebration to be held at the I.S. is making a concerted effort to raise ticket sales for this affair to a new high. Tickets sell at the nominal price of \$.25.

Original Program

The program for the gala Lincoln's Day Celebration which will take place on Monday evening, February 12th, has a highly original and appropriate theme. Dedicated to the memory of the great emancipator, the program will have as its core a pageant depicting Lincoln's contacts with the Jewish people from his early youth through the last, responsibility-laden days of his White House term.

Pageant In Preparation

The pageant, "Let My People Go", is now in rehearsal and is under the direction of Gerald Margulies. It is to feature five dramatic scenes and numerous choral selections.

Tickets for the celebration may be secured from the office, or from members of the ticket committee.

Handball Elimination Starts This Week

The I.S. members and Free Sons groups will start the handball elimination tournament in singles this week, according to an announcement by "Jack" Jacobs, Director of Physical Activity.

"The first round must be played off by February 1st," said Mr. Jacobs, "and so members who have not yet submitted their names should do so immediately."

Medals will be awarded to winners of the different groups. In case of ties duplicate prizes will be awarded.

"Romeo And Juliet" To Be Staged At I.S. On January 21st

The Allied Theatrical Productions, a professional acting company which plays at schools and centers, will present a performance of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" on Sunday night, January 21st, in the I.S. auditorium. If a large audience attends, further productions will be scheduled. Tickets are priced at \$.25.

I.S. Cue



Lester Billauer likes the life of a travelling thespian . . . especially the midnight snack which follows . . . but deplores the hours . . .

Have Arthur Trow tell you about some of the amusing incidents which have befallen him . . . he is a swell raconteur . . .

Why is Herbert Fuentes called the Rosedale Rampage . . . and woo, woo, brother . . . are those basketball pajama pants modernistic, futuristic, colossal . . . or just designed to beguile the opposition.

It was good to greet Sidney Goldberg, an old school-mate and basketball rival, who now helps print this paper . . . and whom we blame whenever this column appears topsy turvey.

George Wexler . . . ace handball player . . . who is recovering from a bone infection and expects to be back in competition in a few days . . . already is issuing challenges to any and all rivals for his laurels . . .

Send a letter of good cheer to Alvin Rosenthal . . . who is recovering from a serious illness at Sydenham Hospital . . .

Morris Grumer who has a way with the ladies . . . recently supervised more than forty young damsels of the Habanoth serving as counselor and referee . . . now aspires to the title of Director of Girls Activity . . .

Overheard the following from two of our intellectuals . . . Communists and Nazis aren't such strange bedfellows after all . . . they both like the same bunk . . . and thus we take leave of you and you . . . until next week . . .

Coolidge, Roosevelt Anniversary Dates Recall Statements

The anniversaries of the deaths of Calvin Coolidge and Theodore Roosevelt, which take place respectively on January 5th and 6th, recall the pronouncements which both distinguished statesmen made on various occasions in reference to the role of the Jew in American life.

Coolidge, on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Jewish Community Center of Washington, D.C., said, "In the advancing years, as those who come and go shall gaze upon this civic and social landmark, may it be a constant reminder of the inspiring service that has been rendered to civilization by men and women of the Jewish faith."

In a letter written to Jacob Schiff on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the settling of the Jews in America, Theodore Roosevelt wrote, along similar lines, "I am glad to be able to say that while the Jews of the U. S. have remained loyal to their faith and their race traditions, they have become indissolubly incorporated in the great army of American citizenship, prepared to make all sacrifice for the country, either in war or peace, and striving for the perpetuation of good government and for the maintenance of the principles embodied in our constitution."

Rashi - Parshandata

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

On the occasion of the nine hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rashi (Rabben Shlomo Itzhaki), known as Parshandata (Interpreter of the Law) a series of articles will be published describing his life.

During the tenth century, Jews, living in Northern France, on the whole lived a peaceful and unmolested existence. They enjoyed gainful occupations in the fields of trade and agriculture. Although denied the privileges of citizenship, they possessed the good-will of their Christian neighbors. While adhering piously to their religion, they resembled in many ways other Frenchmen. Learning was generally confined to the Bible and the Talmud in which spheres they excelled.

The centre of Jewish learning in France were the schools in Lorraine, founded by the famous scholar, Kolonymos. One of the most outstanding teachers was Rabben Gershon, renowned for his edict forbidding polygamy. He was a true forerunner of Rashi.

Rashi (Rabben Shlomo Itzhaki) was born at Troyes in the year 1040. Tradition connects an interesting miracle with the birth of Rashi. "His father, Isaac is said to have possessed a precious gem of great value. Some Gentiles wanted to take it away from him, either because they desired to put it to a religious use, or because they could not bear the sight

of such a treasure in the hands of a Jew. Isaac obstinately refused their offers. One day the Christians lured him into a boat, and demanded that he give up his gem. Isaac, taking a heroic stand, threw the object of their ardent desires into the water. Then a mysterious voice was heard in the air pronouncing these words: 'A son will be born to thee, O Isaac, who will enlighten the eyes of all Israel'."

Another tradition is woven about the city of Worms. Isaac's wife, while pregnant, was walking along a street. Suddenly she beheld two carriages approaching from opposite directions. Fearing that the carriages might collide and the possibility of bodily injury to herself, she pressed close to a wall. The wall miraculously gave way so that she escaped unharmed. This caused Isaac to fear an accusation of witchcraft. Hence he departed hastily from Worms for Troyes where Solomon was born. Even today a wall is pointed out to tourists which is said to be the wall pushed back by Rashi's mother.

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.



1. He's a well known violinist who was born in Chicago in 1896 . . . He started to study the violin at the age of four . . . and appeared in

concert at the age of fourteen . . . He may be heard any Sunday evening from 7-8 on WQXR with his string ensemble . . . What's his name?

* * *

2. This gentleman, a native of Galicia, Poland, will tell you that you like Mickey Mouse because Mickey can do the things that you want to, and can't . . . He probably knows the work of Sigmund Freud as well as anyone in America . . . He should, because he was Freud's translator . . . Who is he?

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3. He was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1885 and was educated in the Jewish Manual Training School of Chicago . . . He's a member of B'nai Brith and the

Jewish Theatrical Association . . . But, of course, he's best known for his cartoons, among which are numbered "Homeless Hector", "Abie the Agent", and "Kabibble Kabaret". What is his name?

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Answers To Last Week's Queries

1. The best-seller novelist is Sholom Asch.

2. The theatrical entrepreneur is Morris Gest.

3. The screen star active in B'nai Brith is Melvyn Douglas.

Bible Readings This Week

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Girls Basketball Team To Meet Beth Jacob Club

The I.S. girl's basketball team will meet the team of the Beth Jacob Club of Astoria, L. I. on Sunday, January 28th, as part of the Camp Ta-a-noog Extension Chamisho Oser B'Shevat program. The team is being coached by Miss Yvette Cohen.

Book Reviews

THE BIBLE OF THE WORLD.
Edited by Robert O. Ballou in collaboration with Friedrich Spiegelberg, and with the assistance of Horace L. Friess. The Viking Press, New York. 1415 pages. \$5.00.

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The "Bible of the World" is a worthy attempt to bring together into one massive volume the main scriptures of eight religions. Sacred teachings of Hindu, Buddhist, Confucianist, Taoist, Zoroastrian, Judaic, Christian, and Mohammedan scriptures are embodied in this anthology of religious literature.

It can be readily understood that in any effort of this kind, much material had to be omitted. The selections from more than one thousand books have been made by the editor with the intended view of emphasizing the principles of social and ethical conduct, and presenting poetry and prose of literary beauty.

385 pages of the book are devoted to the "Old Testament" in addition to a few portions of the Apocrypha. It is to be regretted that it was not seen fit to include passages from the Medresh, Talmud and Codes.

This work should tend to create a sympathy and understanding towards the followers of other religions. Tolerance of others can be attained by a knowledge of their beliefs.

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