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## Young Israel Wins Over Satans A.C.; Score Is 34-17

### Is Fifth Game In Club Tourney

The Young Israel basketball team scored its second victory in the inter-club basketball tournament last Saturday night when the lively court aggregation defeated the Satans A.C. to the score of 34 to 17.

#### Spectacular Scoring

A considerable number of long-shots from the center of the court was largely responsible for the Young Israel lead which was made early in the game and maintained until the final whistle. Co-captains Warren and Schachter were high-scorers, Schachter rolling up 12 points while Warren scored ten.

#### Feature Of Variety Night

The game was the fifth in the series and was featured as part of the Fifth I.S. Variety Night. Marvin Rosenberg refereed the game, and Miss Ruth Cohen acted as scorekeeper.

The winner of the Variety Night Game-room Contest was G. Newman who scored 46 in Hi-Li.

## Condolences

The Institutional Synagogue extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Ruth Bernstein. Miss Bernstein was an active club member and pupil of the Talmud Torah for several years.

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of the late Mr. Benjamin Bernstein of Riverdale, N.Y. Mr. Bernstein, a friend of the Institutional Synagogue, never failed to work willingly with the Synagogue in its endeavors. He was a reliable and constant supporter of Jewish charitable work in the community.

## New Semester Starts For I.S. Talmud Torah

The new semester of the I.S. Talmud Torah will start on February 1st. New registrations are being taken at this time. Parents of prospective students of the Talmud Torah are requested to see Rabbi Goodman. The final examinations for the first term will take place on January 28th, 29th, and 30th, it was recently announced.

## Rabbi Burstein Addresses League At Group Party

### Speaks On Zionism At Holiday Meeting

Rabbi Abraham Burstein was the guest speaker at a Chamisho Oser Bishevat party of the I.S. league on Tuesday, January 3rd. His talk on "The Jew and Zionism" was the basis for a lively discussion and symposium in which Miss Mollie Gerstein, Mr. Ben Oremland, Dr. Jacob C. Rachunow, and Mrs. I. J. Silverstein participated.

#### Theatre Party Planned

A theatre party was planned for the near future by the group, and the next meeting was set for Tuesday night, Jan. 30th.

## Girl Scout Leader Sought For I. S. Troop

The I.S. Girl Scout Troop is now without a Scout Leader. Those who may be interested in working with the group are requested to make an appointment for an interview with Rabbi Goodman. Appointments may be made by telephoning UNiversity 4-6729.

## I. S. Concert Circle Organizes; To Hold First Meeting Feb. 1st To Sponsor All-Tschaikowsky Program

A new I.S. organization, the Concert Circle, will hold its first meeting next Thursday night, February 1st, at 8:30, in the I.S. building, when a group of music-lovers gathers to hear a program of recorded music of Peter Ilyitch Tschaikowsky. All members and friends of the I.S. have been invited to attend this meeting, which is to be the first of a series of musical evenings to be held on Thursday evenings when the Concert Circle meets.

#### First Program Is Popular

The recordings to be heard on February 1st include three of the more popular of the Russian composer's works. The fanciful "Nutcracker Suite" will be followed by Tschaikowsky's Fourth Symphony, and the concert will conclude with a performance of the Piano Concerto No. 1 in B flat minor.

#### Tentative Plans Disclosed

Tentative plans of the Concert Circle call for a series of composer's nights, similar to the first program; for numerous request night programs, and for talks and discussions on the less technical phases of classical music. Operatic favorites will be heard in other programs to be sponsored by the group.

#### Aims Are Outlined

"The purpose of the Concert Circle as we conceive it," said Mr. Bernard Feinberg, one of the founders of the Circle upon being interviewed, "is to allow all of the members of the I.S. to enjoy the music of the masters."

#### Tschaikowsky Talk Scheduled

A short talk on "Tschaikowsky—The Man and His Music" will be delivered by Mr. Marc M. Siegel at the first Concert Circle meeting next Thursday evening.

## Essay Contest Is Announced For I. S. Seniors

### Entries Are Due By March 1st

An essay contest open to I.S. seniors has been announced by Rabbi Goodman. The contest winner at the I.S. will have his or her entry entered in the Inter-Center Essay Contest of the Metropolitan Section of the Jewish Welfare Board. A medal will be awarded for the best essay on either of the following topics:—"The Senior Member and the Jewish Center Movement", and "The Senior Member and World Jewish Problems." In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

The Rules of the competition are as follows:—

1. The Essay must be an original contribution of the writer.
2. Essays should not be less than 750 nor more than 2000 words in length.
3. Articles must be typewritten or written in ink on one side of sheet and signed by pen name only. The writer's real name, age and address should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, the outside of which should bear the pen name and title of the essay.
4. Essays must be submitted not later than March 1st, 1940.

#### Basis Of Judgment

Awards will be made on the basis of (a) content and (b) form, including style and rhetoric, giving equal weight to each.

## Six More Advance To Second Round In Handball Contest

Six more men have advanced to the second round of the handball elimination contest it was announced recently by Jack Jacobs, Gym Director.

In the Monday night group, L. Lazarus and D. Skolnick, S. Greenman and M. Kahn are still in the tournament. In the Sunday Free Sons match L. Glansberg and A. Nachman remain in the running.

## Literary Issue Will Mark 23rd Year Of I. S. Service To The Community

In commemoration of the twenty-third anniversary of the founding of the Institutional Synagogue, a special literary issue of the "Institutional" will be published. As was the case last year, the issue will appear early in the spring, and will be largely the original work of I.S. members.

The Literary Issue will be published in magazine form and will contain stories,

poetry and articles of current interest. In addition it will reflect the activities undertaken by the I.S. All members are invited to submit articles. For suggestions, consult Marc M. Siegel in the Publications Office.

Advertising space in the magazine is now available. Information concerning rates may be secured from the office by calling UNiversity 4-6729.

## Books And Magazines Requested From Members In Library Reorganization

The I.S. library is now undergoing extensive reorganization. Books and magazines are wanted to augment the present collection which numbers over one thousand volumes. Subscriptions to magazines are particularly needed so that the current rack may prove adequate to the constant demand of I.S. readers. Those who would aid in this respect are asked to consult Rabbi Goodman on the choice of periodicals to be secured.

A new schedule of library hours is shortly to go into effect, at which time notice to that effect will be posted.



## I.S. Cue



What members of what organization are sending congratulations to Ruth and Burt Gaimes . . . while . . . Hyman Bornstein of the firm of Chase and Herzer is being felicitated . . . because he leaves for California's sunny clime . . .

*Who is the Charley . . . that is setting so many feminine hearts aah-flutter . . . and they say that he dances so deevinely . . .*

Do you know what hectic romance which has caused a dither in two boroughs . . . is now in the volcanic stage.

Our good friend B. Cipres is either a true outdoors man or an enemy of the haberdashers . . . he never wears a hat . . . rain or shine . . .

Has the wife of Abe Roht recovered from the shock of his becoming an actor . . .

When are jokesters Milton Teitel and Joe Berman purchasing a chauffeurs cap for brother Edward Zaken . . .

Since popular Joe Cohn formed a Sunday morning riding club . . . have you noticed he regularly wears a boutonniere.

We extend heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late Ruth Bernstein . . . Miss Bernstein was an active member of the Deborah Club prior to her illness . . .

That riotous welcoming that you heard the other evening was made by those ambassadors of good will . . . Abe Silverberg, Jake Weis and Abe Shulman . . . as they greeted many old acquaintances.

*Birthday greetings . . . to Ida Finfang . . . who just became sweet sixteen and celebrated with a terrific party . . . attended by various notables . . .*

The former inseparables Jack Block and Sam Horowitz . . . known as the Gold Dust Twins . . . now find it hard to meet since Jack went into the electrical business . . .

Do you know that this bulletin is read all over the country . . . including way down south in the Canal Zone . . . also as far west as the Hawaiian Islands . . . and this is as far as we go . . . and remain until next week . . . your weakly correspondent . . . I. S. Q.

## Many Jewish Centers To Mark February 1st As Social Hygiene Day

The Committee on Health and Camping of the Jewish Welfare Board, has recommended to all Jewish Centers that they participate actively in the observance of National Social Hygiene Day on February 1, 1940.

Proclamations designating this day for general recognition of the importance of the current national campaign against social diseases have been issued by government officials.

Knowledge and action are the weapons in this health campaign. The forces of health, medical, civic and social service agencies have united in a program of education which will help create wholesome community conditions, educate the public and help curb these widespread diseases.

## Rashi - Parshandata by Rabbi Philip Goodman

On the occasion of the nine hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rashi (Rabenu Shelomo Itzhaki), known as Parshandata (Interpreter of the Law) a series of articles is being published describing his life of which this is the 4th.

Godfrey of Bouillon, one of the leaders of the Crusade, desired the counsel of Rashi in regard to the result of his undertaking and sent for him. When the rabbi of Troyes failed to acquiesce to his request, Godfrey went with a company of his soldiers to the school of Rashi. There he found the building deserted. "Where are you, Solomon?", he called. A voice replied, "I am here. What do you desire?" Godfrey, unable to see the source of this voice, called again and again. To no avail. Greatly perturbed, he left the school and chanced upon a pupil of Rashi. He requested the pupil to inform his master that he should cause himself to be visible and not to fear any harm. When Rashi was so informed, he appeared before Godfrey. The latter asked him whether he would return victorious from his crusade. Rashi answered, "You will

capture the Holy City and reign for three days, but on the fourth day the Moslems will put you to flight and upon your return you will only possess three horses."

Godfrey was sorely vexed by these (ill) forebodings and warned the rabbi that if his prophecy was false he would have all the Jews of France put to death.

After the passing of several years, Godfrey was homeward bound for France with three horsemen. Thus having a total of four horses, he felt that the prophecy of Rashi was false and intended to execute his threat. As he and his men were about to enter the city of Troyes, a large boulder fell from a hill upon one soldier, killing both rider and horse. Godfrey was forced to acknowledge the wisdom of Rashi.

## Health Examinations

By IRWIN I. LUBOWE, M.D.  
Chairman Health Committee, Institutional Synagogue

At frequent intervals the club member questions the doctor of a community center or institution as to why he must undergo an annual health examination, when he knows that he is in good health. To amply expound the reasons for complete physical examination, it would be necessary to trace the history of physical examination.

Very frequently a new suit or a pretty dress, may cover some organic disturbances of the body, or hide contagious diseases which may be easily contracted.

### An Excessive Exertion

When an individual uses the facilities of a gymnasium or community center, due to an excessive amount of exertion, the organs of the body (such as the heart, lungs and voluntary muscles) are exerted excessively. Also depending upon the sport indulged in, the ligaments and muscles of the inguinal region are heavily taxed, and potential hernias frequently become actual ones, if the inguinal region is inadequately protected.

### Examination Necessary

We, therefore, as a result of a vast experience of examining club members who intend to avail themselves of gymnasiums, insist upon a routine medical examination, to determine the actual physical status. We place special emphasis upon the heart and its capacity in rela-

tion to strenuous activity. Any evidence of an irregularity (such as an enlarged heart, valvular disease, history of rheumatic heart disease or irregularity in rhythm) is sufficient cause to negate an application.

The chest is examined for any evidence of tubercular lesions or any acute or chronic lung or bronchial disease.

### Preventative Measures

In examining the abdomen, special stress is laid upon the observation of any existence of potential or actual hernia. The presence of a hernia, in our opinion should prevent the applicant from indulging in physical training or gymnastic exercises, unless repaired by surgical intervention, or protected by properly adjusted supports.

We also thoroughly examine the eyes, throat, spine and feet for any existing pathology. The existence of a spinal deviation or flat feet, although not considered by us as ruling out an individual application, are defects which should receive prompt attention and handling by a family physician.

### Is Benefit To Member

The examining physician is interested in screening out any defects which may be corrected while the individual is young, and at the same time preventing any fatality or aggravation of a pre-existing condition which may be detrimental to the club member. In this manner the applicant is informed of his physical status, the institution has a history of the club member's health, and the physician is amply rewarded by having performed appreciative services.

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## Book Reviews

THE PROPHETS. By Beryl D. Cohen. Scribners, New York. 232 pages, \$2.00.

"The Prophets" describes the personalities and teachings of the Hebrew seers, who waged a relentless war in behalf of G-d and against the people that succumbed to the idolatry and paganism of their day. The lives of the prophets, including Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah and Ezekiel, are dramatically portrayed in their historical settings. The book is replete with direct quotations from the prophets. With the exception of a few passages in which the author resorts to biblical criticism, the book can be recommended, if the reader knows to distinguish between the traditional viewpoint and that of biblical critics. Mostly technical points have been omitted so that the book is exceptionally readable.

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