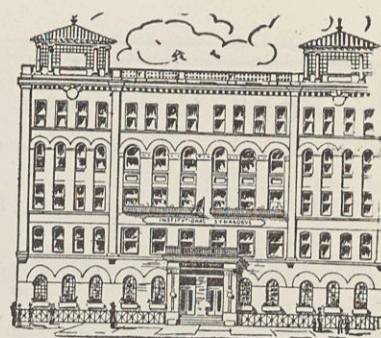


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Essay Contest Sponsored By J.W.B. Draws To Close

Topics Concerned With World Problems

The Inter-Center Senior Council Essay Contest, sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board's Metropolitan Section, today draws to a close. Centers throughout the city have been requested to enter essays for this competition dealing with the problems of the Jewish center senior in relation to a changing world.

Expresses Aims

The contest is being conducted with the approval of the Committee on Clubs and Cultural Activities of the Metropolitan Section. In a bulletin to center executives the Committee on the Essay Contest expressed the opinion that "It is of utmost importance that those who are shortly to assume larger responsibilities as mature citizens should consider and express their views of our institutions and of the general problems confronting the Jewish people."

Contest Closes

The contest draws to a close today as the deadline for entries by center seniors is reached. Judging of the entered essays will occur shortly and announcement of winners will be made within the month.

Mr. Ezekiel J. London Goes To Washington As J.W.B. Executive

The Jewish Welfare Board announces the appointment of Ezekiel J. London as field secretary for the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Mr. London has been associated with the Jewish Welfare Board since 1921, having served as field secretary for New Jersey and the metropolitan area of New York. He will make his headquarters in Washington, and will serve as executive of the Pennsylvania-Middle Atlantic Federation. His appointment makes possible full-time field service in the territory.

The program in the metropolitan area of New York will be directed by Benjamin Rabinowitz, who has for the past two years shared with Mr. London in the field work of the territory. Mr. Rabinowitz will continue in charge of personnel work and as director of Jewish Center Administration.

Health Week To Be Marked In Comprehensive Program

Board Of Directors To Meet March 7th

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on Thursday evening, March 7th. The meeting will start promptly at 8:15 p.m. in the I.S. building. Members of the board are urged to be present since important matters are on the agenda.

League To See "Pins And Needles" At Theatre Party

The I.S. League will see the latest edition of the Labor Stage hit, "Pins and Needles", on Monday evening, March 4th, when that active I.S. adjunct holds its first theatre party of the year.

A few tickets for the performance are still available. Information may be obtained at the main floor desk. "Pins and Needles" is the most successful political satire to have reached Broadway in several years. It has gone through several revisions to keep its material current and timely.

Jewish Contributions To Medicine Discussed As Health Week Nears

By RABBI PHILIP GOODMAN

Although the contributions of Jews in the field of religion are generally known and recognized, few are acquainted with the significant role played by Jewish doctors in both preventative and therapeutic medicine from earliest times.

Traditional Background

Jewish tradition teaches that those who heal the sick are but emissaries of the Almighty who said: "For I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus xv, 26). There is, however, no inference that the practice of medicine is forbidden. On the other hand, it is sanctioned specifically in the instance of "two men who strive together and one smite another . . . and he keepeth his bed . . . he shall pay for the loss of his time and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed". (Exodus xxi 18-19).

While among primitive nations it was customary for only the priests to per-

Mrs. Sidney V. Hirsh To Aid In Activity

A comprehensive program involving nine separate events to be held from March 9th to 17th to mark Health Week, was recently announced by Jack Jacobs, Director of Physical Activity. At the same time Rabbi Philip Goodman, made public the fact that Mrs. Sidney V. Hirsh will aid in the direction of the Health Week program.

Free Medical Examinations

As a special feature of health week free medical examinations will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 p.m. A single combination ticket will admit the bearer to all nine events, and is now available at \$.25 at the main floor desk.

The program, briefly outlined, includes the following events:—Saturday, March 9th, 8:30 p.m., Basketball and handball championships. Dancing; Sun., Mar. 10th, 5 p.m. Lectures and Movies for Ta-a-noog Extension; Mon., Mar. 11th, 7 p.m., Guest night in gymnasium, Demonstrations; Tues., Mar. 12th, 8:30 p.m., Lectures and Movies for Parents Association and I.S. League; Wed., Mar. 13th, 8:30 p.m., Smoker, movies, talks, and refreshments.

form medical services, the Jews did not have any such restrictions. There are several instances in the Bible wherein the prophets functioned as physicians.

Honor Due To Doctors

Ben Sira in Ecclesiasticus (Sirach xxxviii 1-12) wrote: "Honor a physician with the honor due unto him for the uses which ye may have of him, for the Lord hath created him . . . The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them . . . And he hath given men skill that He might be honored in his marvelous works . . . My son, in thy sickness be not negligent . . . give place to the physician . . . let him not go from thee, for thou hast need of him".

(Editor's Note: This is the first installment of an original contribution by Rabbi Philip Goodman discussing the Jew in medicine. The article will be continued next week.)

Tickets On Sale For Dutch Supper On March 31st

Parent's Group Sponsors Event

Tickets are now on sale for the highly novel Jewish Homecrafter's Guild Dutch Supper which is to be conducted by the Parents' Association on Sunday, March 31st. Tickets are on sale at \$1.00. Tickets entitle the holders to 12 standard size packages of food products, in addition to the Dutch Supper.

Donations To Talmud Torah

The Parents Association, it was also recently announced by Rabbi Goodman, has made a donation of \$150.00 to the Talmud Torah to be used in furthering the work of the religious school.

Sharecroppers' Plight As "American Refugees" To Be Marked This Week

Pointing out that sharecroppers are really America's refugees in America, and that economic discrimination against any minority group is but the prelude to discrimination against all minority groups, this week has been designated as National Sharecroppers' Week.

Evils To Be Publicized

The unhappy condition of dispossessed and migrant farmers of the south and southwest is to be widely publicized during this week. Perhaps the most popular account of the sharecropper's problem is contained in the best-seller novel, now adapted as a motion picture, by John Steinbeck, titled "The Grapes Of Wrath".

Aid Pledged

At the same time it has become known that Jewish leaders in the south have pledged continued aid to their stricken brothers overseas as the southern regional conference of the J.D.C. took place.

Condolences

The Institutional Synagogue extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late Mrs. Samuel Silver. Mr. Silver was at one time a member of the Board of Directors of the Institutional Synagogue and the late Mrs. Silver was an active worker in I.S. women's organizations.

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Mrs. I. Stein, upon the loss of her brother, report of whose passing reached this country after two months. May she know no more sorrow.

Book Reviews

CAPITAL CITY. By Mari Sandoz. Little, Brown and Company, Boston. 343 pages. \$2.50.

The overseas drama and its attendant chaos is such that for the past several months the American reader has focused his attention on political developments abroad to the loss of direct insight as to what may be happening within U. S. boundaries. American air, devoid of beligerent planes, is so free to breathe these days, that the story unfolded in Mari Sandoz' "Capital City" may seem a trifle too fantastic, too unreal, too horrible for the American scene.

Mari Sandoz, who has made something of a reputation for brutal writing in her "Slogum House", has, in this, her latest book, taken Sinclair Lewis' famous title and brought it into the affirmative. Miss Sandoz suggests that "It is happening here."

"Capital City" as you may have surmised is the story of the growth of the fascist movement in the U. S. In this case it is the "gold shirts" concentrating and developing in a typical mid-western city. Seen through the eyes of a liberal renegade from a conservative and moneyed family the book describes the gradual curbing of civil and individual liberties as a ruthless group of social misfits applies the theory of intolerance.

Miss Sandoz has not made any great contribution to the novel of potential terror which has become so popular a commodity within the past few years. It is true that there is nothing harmful in this book, that it may well be considered a positive social influence, and that it is executed with a high degree of effective literary technique. But it is not positive in its approach. And at this particular juncture of social history it is the positive and the constructive which should make itself felt in current writing.

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THE DOCTRINES OF MODERN JUDAISM. Considered by G. Lukyn Williams. Macmillan Co., New York.

The title of this book is most misleading. Not only are the doctrines of modern Judaism (by the way, mostly orthodox) considered, but so are the tenets of Christianity. Perhaps it might be used as a study in comparative religion with the comparison always in favor of the Christian theology. While the author states that his book is for the enlightenment of Christians, yet he does "hope" that some Jews will read it. No, this volume does not help the promotion of brotherhood.

Answers To Quiz

1. The first woman to complete the regular rabbinical course is Helen Hadassah Levinthal.
2. The composer who does most of Martha Graham's music is Lehmann Engel.
3. The noted publicist is Edward L. Bernays.
4. The designer of "Democracy" is Henry Dreyfuss.

Second Of Series Depicting I. S. Activities For All Ages Deals With Character Formation Program For Adolescents

In an effort to acquaint friends of the institution with I.S. activities, the "Institutional" offers this article, prepared in tabular form, as the second of a series depicting I.S. service to its members. Membership in the Institutional Synagogue will allow you to join in these activities, and, in many cases, will make possible other activities here mentioned which otherwise could not be sustained.

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SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION, THE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY ENGAGED IN AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH ACTIVITIES AIMED AT THE ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PARTICIPANTS AND THE ENRICHMENT OF THE LIFE OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. UNDER DEVOTED AND CONSECRATED LEADERSHIP THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN SERVING INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS ON A SEVEN-DAY-A-WEEK BASIS. IT HAS BEEN SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF A POPULATION THAT HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY EXPOSED TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES IN ITS AREA.

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The formative period, time of rapid mental and physical growth . . . time of breakaway from the home . . . time of worry and depression . . . time of potential erring.

"As the twig is inclined, so shall the tree grow."

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 appear somewhere on this page.



1. She is the daughter of a well-known Rabbi in Brooklyn . . . and the granddaughter of a famous Philadelphia Rabbi . . . she holds the degree of Master of Hebrew Literature . . . and is the first woman to complete a full and regular rabbinical course in Theological School. Her middle name is also the name of a national Jewish women's organization. Can you supply her name?

2. His first name is the last name of the Governor of New York State . . . and his last name is similar to that of the man who propounded one of the elementary laws of consumption in economics . . . this year he wrote some interesting incidental music for Saroyan's "The Time of Your Life" . . . and Martha Graham prefers his music as accompaniment for her dancing . . . What is his name?

3. He is a noted publicist . . . and the nephew of the late Dr. Sigmund Freud . . . He has been appointed special counsel on public relations for the New York World's Fair for 1940. His initials are E.L.B. and what do you think his name is?

4. He is a native of New York, and an industrial designer . . . His last name is identical with the name of the subject of a great Jewish-French "cause celebre" . . . and he was responsible for "Democracy", the town of the future model inside the great perisphere at the New York World's Fair. What is his name?

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DORA DENBOSKY . . Mar. 1st
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Mar. 5th

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