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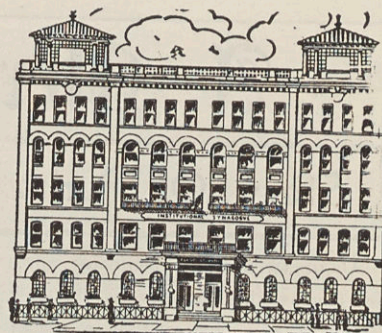
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Swimming Exhibit To Be Staged At I.S. April 7th

Health Week Ends With Sunday Rally

An Exhibition Aquacade, to feature life-saving and swimming demonstration will be staged in the I.S. pool on Sunday, April 7th, from four to five in the afternoon. Under the direction of Miss Lillie Fialkoff, a member of the I.S. Ta-a-noog Extension staff, a group of experts in the field will demonstrate group swimming and life saving to an audience limited to women and girls.

Gyratory Whirligigs

One feature of the demonstration to be performed by the group, all of whom are American Red Cross examiners and instructors, is called "Gyratory Whirligigs" and is an example of precision swimming.

Health Week Ends

Under the direction of "Jack" Jacobs, Physical Director, the I.S. Health Week came to an end on Sunday, March 17th, when a health rally was held in the auditorium to clinch a week of group activity stressing health, safety, and preventative medicine.

Scout Troop 555 Receives New Charter For Year Of 1940

The I.S. Scout Troop 555, was awarded its national membership charter at its last regular meeting, when an official representative of the Boy Scouts of America made the presentation. A first aid and signalling demonstration, in which, among others, A. Bernstein, S. Grobstein, and J. Haughton participated was conducted during the evening.

"Return At Sunset" Nets Prize For Spades As Four Clubs Present Plays In Contest

Club Spades took first place, and the DeMolays ran a close second, in the annual inter-club one-act play contest which took place on Saturday night, March 16th, before an enthusiastic audience in the I.S. auditorium.

Individual Honors Won

Individual honors were awarded to Barnet Jaffe for an outstanding dramatic performance, and Milton Wiener was granted second honors. Herbert Steinberg of the De Molays and Harriet Beuler, who appeared with Club Spades, were

Megillah Reading Saturday At 6:15

The traditional reading of the megillah of Esther, marking the holiday of Purim will take place at the I.S. on Saturday evening, March 23rd, at 6:15 p.m. and Sunday morning at 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Parents Association Continues To Boost Novel Dutch Supper

12 Food Products Included In Ticket

The Parents Association will hold a Jewish Homecrafter's Guild Dutch Supper on Sunday, March 31st, at the Institutional Synagogue, it was recently announced. Tickets for the supper are now on sale at \$1.00 each.

Attendance at the supper will entitle the ticketholder to twelve standard size packages of food products. These products generally retail for slightly over a dollar.

Tickets On Sale Now

Since the number of people to attend must be determined some time in advance, it is advisable for those friends of the Parents' Association who wish to be present to purchase their tickets to the function as soon as possible.

Clubs To Compete In April Oratory

I.S. Clubs will compete in an oratorical contest, sometime in April, it was recently announced by Mr. Morris A. Urieff, Director of Club Activity. Original or famous orations may be employed in this contest which is open to all members. Details may be obtained from Mr. Urieff.

cited for Honorable Mention.

Return At Sunset Vehicle

The vehicle of Club Spades was "Return At Sunset" a drama of middle-class home life. The De Molays appeared in the well known "Valiant".

Spartans, Eagles Appear

Other clubs participating included the Spartans, who presented "A Girl To Order", and the Eagles, last year's prize-winners, who appeared in "The Underdog" a dramatic piece of timely importance.

Purim Celebration Highlighted In Coming Week's I.S. Meetings

Youth Forum Meets Saturday Night For Purim Carnival

Parents Also Marked Holiday

The I.S. Youth Forum will hold a Purim Carnival on Saturday night, March 23rd, starting at 8:30 p.m. Known as an "adloyoda" the carnival will feature "A Purim Varieties Broadcast", novel games, and dancing to the latest hit tunes.

Coronation Scheduled

The Carnival will also entail the coronation of a Modern Queen Esther, in the grand ballroom of Shushan, sometimes designated as the I.S. gymnasium.

Adloyoda?

Careful inquiry has elicited the explanation of the title Adloyoda. The injunction, it would seem, is to enjoy oneself on Purim ad-lo-yoda, or until you don't know, the difference between Haman and Mordecai.

Parents Association Party

The Parents Association held a Purim party, replete with the gaiety of the holiday season last Tuesday evening. Rabbi Philip Goodman delivered a timely Purim message.

Rabbi Goodman Addresses Arista

Rabbi Philip Goodman addressed pupils of the Benjamin Franklin High School on March 20th upon the occasion of the Tenth Arista Installation of the school. Arista is an honorary high school society.

The Troupe Postpones Barbizon Appearance To Sun., March 31st

The Troupe, a dramatic organization working under the direction of Mr. Reuben Clurgless at the I.S. has postponed its program of one-act plays to be given at the Barbizon-Plaza Theatre, until March 31st. The appearance, which is to be the professional debut of the group, was to have been held on March 3rd. Mr. Clurgless has also announced that Gerald Margulies will act as assistant director of the I.S. Players in that group's forthcoming production.

Extension To Hold Masque On Sunday

The Festival of Purim will be celebrated in fitting manner by several I.S. groups during the course of the coming week, according to present plans. In many cases regular meetings will center around the Purim theme, but in at least four instances special programs will be presented.

Masque And Carnival

According to an old tradition the Talmud Torah will participate in its annual Purim masquerade. This year in addition to the Talmud Torah pupils, the members of the Camp Ta-a-noog Extension Program will also appear on Sunday afternoon to vie for the award of "best costumed."

Youth Forum Sat. Night

The Youth Forum will meet the night before, as will the members of the clubs, to praise the virtues of Mordecai and Esther and to depreciate the evil Haman. This Purim Carnival will start at 8:30. Games, stories, entertainment and refreshments appropriate to the Feast of Esther will constitute the program.

Jewish Culture Program Planned By N.Y.W.F.

A program of Jewish culture will be presented at the Temple of Religion of the New York World's Fair, 1940, it was recently announced. To be held on June 9th, the program will draw from professional as well as amateur talent. Special cutrate tickets for entrance on that day are now being made available.

Ads Being Accepted For Literary Issue To Appear April 12th

Advertisements are now being accepted for insertion in the annual literary issue of the "Institutional" which will appear this year on April 12th. Contract blanks are available at the office, or advertisements may be placed by telephoning UNIVERSITY 4-6729.

The literary issue will devote itself this year to articles of general literary merit on topics of Jewish interest. Poems, short stories, and controversial articles will be included.

A Merry Good Purim To All Israel

Story Of Purim

About twenty-four centuries ago, the Jews were the subjects of the Persian Emperor Ahasuerus. As a result of his whim, the Jewish Maiden, Esther, whose uncle was the great Jewish scholar, Mordecai, became his queen. Another of Ahasuerus' whims placed the worst Jewish Enemy—Haman—above all the ministers of state and Haman's animosity brought a decree for the extermination of all the Jews.

Haman's Demands

The haughty Haman demanded that all should fall prostrate before him; but Mordecai refused to bow to Haman on religious grounds. Considering it beneath his dignity to punish Mordecai alone, Haman devised a plan for exterminating all the Jews. For this he needed the consent of the Emperor. The latter not only approved Haman's evil design, but delivered the signet ring, thus empowering Haman to sign any decree he wanted. Haman set the date for his murderous plan by means of casting lots (lots in Persian are called "purim"; hence the name of the festival), and that happened to be the thirteenth of the month of Adar. On that day the Jewish enemies were supposed to fall upon the Jews and destroy them. To punish Mordecai for not bowing to him, Haman constructed a high gallows on which he planned to hang Mordecai.

Requests Hanging

Having been invited by Queen Esther to a banquet with the King, Haman planned to request the immediate hanging of Mordecai at this feast. Shortly before Haman entered the palace, the Emperor found out through the Persian annals about Mordecai's saving his life and he decided to reward him. No sooner did Haman appear, then Ahasuerus asked him, "What shall be done to the man whom the King desires to honor?" Thinking the Emperor referred to him, Haman detailed the manner in which honor was to be paid to the man selected. To his chagrin, he was ordered to do as he had stated to Mordecai; but such was the Emperor's command which he dared not disobey.

Meets Disappointment

Upon his return to the court, ready to enjoy the banquet, Haman again met with disappointment. It was then that Esther revealed that she was a Jewess, and that she would not be able to endure the destruction of her people. Immediately, the king ordered Haman hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai.

Mordecai's Triumph

Mordecai was then appointed to fill the office vacated by Haman. The decree of destruction could not be repealed, but a decree in favor of the Jews, permitting them to defend themselves was issued.

In the face of the two contradictory edicts, bloodshed was unavoidable. But due to Mordecai's influence on the army, the Jews were saved and many of their enemies killed.

Proclamation

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT IT CAME TO PASS in the days of the Institutional Synagogue, which reigns over the fun and recreation of all good Jews of the City of New York—

THAT IN THOSE DAYS the decree was issued by the Board of Directors, and the members of that self-same Institutional Synagogue, that the Feast of Purim should be observed in this year 5700, sometimes designated as 1940, as it always has been observed with joy and merriment—

AND IT WAS FURTHER DECREED that all good members of the same Institutional Synagogue, and with them all their friends, should make merry, and join in Purim fun, so that all may forget the hard times in the memory of great deeds which the Lord has of yore done to our Children of Israel, and which He will again repeat in His Own good time—

AND IT HAS BEEN FURTHER ORDERED that all good children and their friends shall attend the Talmud Torah Purim Masquerade which will be held, according to these same dictates, on Sunday afternoon, March 24th at 3 o'clock; while their older brothers and sisters shall join with the Youth Forum on Saturday night, March 23rd at 8:30, so that Purim shall go properly celebrated.

EVEN SO SHALL IT BE.

(Signed) *Institutional Synagogue*

Two Purim Poems

By Helen Hunt Jackson

Mordecai



MAKE friends with him! He is of royal line, Although he sits in rags. Not all of thine Array of splendor, pomp of high estate,

Can buy from him his place within the gate,

The king's gate of thy happiness, where he,

Yes, even he, the Jew, remaineth free, Never obeisance making, never scorn

Betraying of thy silver and new-born delight.

Make friends with him, for unawares The charmed secret of thy joys he bears;

Be glad, so long as his black sackcloth, late

And early, thwarts thy sun; for if in hate Thou plottest for his blood, thy own

death cry,

Not his, comes from the gallows cubits high.

Esther



FACE more vivid than he dreamed who drew Thy portrait is that thrilling tale of old!

Dead queen, we see thee still, thy beauty cold

As beautiful; thy dauntless heart which knew

No fear,—not even of a king who slew

At pleasure; maiden heart which was not sold,

Though all the maiden flesh the king's red gold

Did buy! The loyal daughter of the Jew, No hour saw thee forget his misery;

Thou wert not queen until thy race went free;

Yet thoughtful hearts, that ponder slow and deep,

Find doubtful reverence at last for thee Thou holdest thy race too dear, thyself

too cheap;

Honor no second place for truth can keep.

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Book Reviews

MR. SMITH, MEET MR. COHEN
... by James Waterman Wise and Lee J. Levinger. Reynal and Hitchcock, Inc., New York. 182 pp. \$2.00.

Mr. Cohen presents to Mr. Smith, his gentle neighbor, a composite picture of the Jew in America. It will serve Christian readers (and perhaps some Jews) as an excellent introduction into the thoughts and actions of the Jewish people in this country. Too often do our neighbors speak of the Jew without reflecting upon who and what is a Jew. This book will aid the cause of combatting anti-Semitism and its contagion of prejudice and bigotry.

The volume touches on such subjects as the immigration of Jews into the United States, their contributions to our country, and our country's contributions to them, outstanding Jewish leaders, organizations and communal life, and divers other relevant matters.

A book of this kind may well lead to greater tolerance and understanding. Therefore, we say, Please, Mr. Smith, meet Mr. Cohen.

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