

# CHANUKAH PLAY GIVEN AT SYNAGOGUE SUNDAY

## Jewish Children Present Performance in Observance of Holidays

A Chanukah play was put on in the ~~lobby of the Beth Israel synagogue~~ Sunday afternoon by the Jewish children in observance of "Chanukah," the eight-day celebration of the Feast of the Lights, the most joyous of Jewish holidays. The holiday began Sunday

guidance the children learn of the evening with the lighting of one candle, and will continue for seven more evenings, on each night of which another symbolizing candles will be lit. On the eighth night, there are eight candles glowing, preserving the symbol of the victory of the forces of light over the forces of darkness, two forces that come to a clash in every age and in every land.

The play was a part of the appropriate program sponsored by the Auxiliary of the synagogue. The play told of a grandmother coming to visit her daughter and children and finding that they were about to celebrate Christmas instead of Chanukah. Under her

meaning of their holiday and of the heroes and heroines who are especially remembered at this time. In the end, the children celebrate their own holiday.

Esther Petlock assumed the role of grandmother; Emily Gediman, the role of mother. The three children were Ruth Cohen, Esther; Edward Cohen, David; and Ida Cohen, Leona. The nine candles were Ann Berle Shwartz, shamma; Albert Povich, the first candle, the light of faith; Rena Gediman, the second candle, the light of worship; Ida Lindenberg, the third candle, the light of justice; Sarah Lindenberg, the fourth candle, the light of charity; Sylvia Kutz, the fifth candle, the light

of learning; Ruth Cogan, the sixth candle, the light of cheer; Bobby Levin, the seventh candle, the light of thanksgiving; Eleanor Gediman, the eighth candle, the light of sacrifice.

The program opened with the reading by Miss Esther Petlock of Psalm 145, a psalm in praise of David. Miss Silvia Kutz gave the address of welcome. Mrs. David S. Cogan read a very fitting article on "Palestine."

Mrs. Rachel Mikels Israel of Eastview, N. Y., presented the children with a gift of \$10. Mrs. Joseph Solovich presented each member of the cast with a small gift.

The auxiliary served refreshments at the close of the program.