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Unveiling

The "Institutional" desires to take this means of informing our members and friends that the unveiling of a monument in memory of the late Executive Director of the Institutional Synagogue, Abraham Bernstein, will take place on Sunday, MAY 22nd, at 10:30 A.M., at the Mt. Zion Cemetery, on the grounds of the Empire City Benevolent Society.

Gym, Pool To Begin Summer Schedule

June 1st To Mark Start Of Three Month Program

The Department of Physical Education will begin its three month summer season on June 1st, emphasizing both gym and pool activities.

A complete program of swimming activities will be carried out throughout the summer, with classes being offered for both advanced and non-swimmers. The purpose is to teach our members to take care of themselves in the water.

A variety of activities will be scheduled for the gymnasium, including handball, basketball, baseball, badminton, fencing and calisthenics.

A summer membership extends from June 1st until September 1st, at the following rates: Junior House members and Talmud Torah Students (up to and including sixteen years of age), \$1.50; junior non-housemembers, \$2.00; Intermediate Housemembers (seventeen to nineteen years of age), \$2.00; Intermediate Non-Housemembers, \$3.00; Senior Housemembers, \$3.00; Senior Non-Housemembers, \$4.00

Annual Staff Dinner To Be Held June 9

The Annual Staff Dinner of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on Thursday evening, June 9th, according to present plans. This function is anxiously awaited by the members of the staff as it presents an opportunity for evaluating the work accomplished during the past season and marks the preparation for the coming summer's activities.

At present, members of the staff are busily engaged in preparing a special program which will be presented at this affair. The nature of this entertaining feature has not been disclosed, but will undoubtedly prove to be of unusual merit.

What Is Camp Ta-a-Noog?

Camp Ta-a-Noog is a Home Camp, conducted at the Institutional Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street. The Camp provides for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 15 an organized recreational-educational program. It offers a wholesome, happy and active summer of well spent freedom.

SUPERVISION

The Camp is under the supervision of the Director, assisted by a staff of counsellors who possess experience and ability in particular activities.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Every child receives a medical examination by our physician before the camp opens.

SESSIONS

The camp season is from June 27th to August 19th. The camp is in session daily except Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Luncheon is served at mid-day consisting of nutritious and well-prepared food. Luncheon is followed by a rest period. Milk and crackers are served in the afternoon. On Wednesday, outing day, the children bring their lunch from home.

SWIMMING

Swimming in our regulation swimming pool is a major sport at camp.

Swimming is included in the program daily.

ATHLETICS

Basketball, baseball, volley ball are some of the many games included in the day's program. Our spacious gymnasium and neighboring parks (weather permitting) are utilized.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Among the other important activities are Arts and Crafts, Dramatics, Singing, Story-telling, Editing Camp Paper, Table Games and Camp Rallies.

OUTINGS

Wednesdays are devoted to outings. Hikes in the open country, visits to places of interest such as museums, zoos and baseball parks are conducted.

JEWISH LIVING

In addition to using Hebrew terms, Hebrew songs, and Hebrew dramatics, Camp Ta-a-Noog provides excellent opportunity to learn many Jewish things not included in the all year Talmud Torah curriculum.

PARTIAL AND FULL-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS

Partial and full-time scholarships to deserving boys and girls have been made available by the Home Camp Scholarship Fund.

Counsellors Wanted

Anyone interested in serving as a counsellor at Camp Ta-a-Noog, the home camp of the Institutional Synagogue, is urged to make application immediately. There are several vacancies open. For an appointment, phone Rabbi Goodman at UNIVERSITY 4-6729.

Boy Scout Rally

The Mt. Morris District of the Boy Scouts of America will hold their District Court of Honor on Wednesday, June 1st, in our Auditorium, at 8 P.M. sharp.

Motion pictures of "Camp Manhattan," in full color, will be shown. Our Troop 555 will act as hosts.

All Out For Lag B'Omer Field Day

Many Members To Attend Outing At Pelham

Weather permitting, the members of the Talmud Torah, clubs and gymnasium, together with their friends, will spend this Sunday, May 22nd, at Pelham Bay Park on their annual Lag B'Omer Field Day.

A complete day's program of activities has been arranged to provide plenty of entertainment and competition. Athletic contests, ranging from dashes and field events to humorous novelty events will be conducted under the supervision of a competent staff.

The program has been arranged in such a manner that everybody will find something of interest to attract his or her participation. In keeping with the traditional observance of Lag B'Omer, the members of the Talmud Torah will engage in an archery contest. This event is expected to have the largest number of participants, as it has been the most popular contest for several years.

Following the athletic events, the rest of the day will be spent in playing group games, with baseball as the major attraction.

Members will meet at the I.S. at 9:30 o'clock promptly on Sunday morning, and will proceed from there to the park. It is expected that they will return about five o'clock in the afternoon.

J.W.B. Field Day

Call For Candidates To Form I. S. Team

A team representing the Institutional Synagogue will participate in the New York Metropolitan Section-Jewish Welfare Board Track and Field Championships, it was announced by Mr. Milton Rosenberg, Gymnasium Director.

These events will be held on Sunday, June 12th, 1938, and will comprise a 60 yard dash, a 100 yard dash, a 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, 880 yard run, one mile run, running high jump, running broad jump and a 12 lb. shot put.

All members of the Institutional Synagogue are eligible to participate in these field and track events. At the present time, a team to represent the I.S. is being formed. Members are urged to secure their application blanks from Mr. Rosenberg, who will welcome further inquiries concerning the field day.

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 Saturday Afternoon 7:55
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WIT & HUMOR

A DEBT

A Jew met his neighbor on the street and asked him for a loan of twenty-five roubles. The neighbor, however, remained silent and did not say a word.

"Why don't you answer me yes or no?" queried the Jew impatiently.

"I'd rather owe you an answer than have you owe me twenty-five roubles," came the reply.

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THE LAW MUST BE OBEYED

A Russian peasant lodged a complaint against his Jewish neighbor. The latter had erected a Succah for the Feast of Tabernacles and the peasant discovered the frail structure occupied a portion of his land. The judge before whom the case was tried studied the matter carefully. His verdict stipulated the booth must be removed by the Jew within ten days from the day of its construction.

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ACCUSTOMED TO TROUBLE

An author came to Rabbi Spector of Kovno and asked a favor. He had written a commentary on the book of Proverbs and wished the famous divine to write an endorsement which would help the sale of the book. Rabbi Spector examined the manuscript and said:

"I am sorry that you wrote a commentary on Proverbs. I wish you had chosen Job instead."

"What makes you say that?" asked the astonished author.

"You see," replied Rabbi Spector, "Job was subjected to so much suffering that he would not have minded one additional trouble."

Jewish Content Program Of Camp Ta-a-Noog

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

The Institutional Synagogue Camp Ta-a-Noog was organized primarily to broaden the scope of the Talmud Torah and to provide a recreational program for the children of our neighborhood during the summer months, in the same spirit and ideology governing the religious school, expanded to meet the opportunity afforded us in having the child for forty hours per week. We consciously set out to condition the whole camp program with Jewish value and import wherever it would naturally fit in.

So as not to lose the continuity of the work of the Talmud Torah, during one period each day, the entire camp is divided into graded classes with the regular teaching staff in charge. We do, however, create an informal atmosphere, even in the class room by having the children sit in a semi-circle. The informal curriculum includes reading, writing, prayers, Bible, laws and customs and current events. The laws and customs deal mostly with the prayers and blessings used in the camp, such as, the blessings for food and

grand parade of all participants, the Maccabiah invocation and pledge. Each camp presented a pageant symbolic of the city in Palestine it represented. Washington Heights "Y" presented Haifa, the port of immigration for persecuted Jews. The Bronx House portrayed Tel Aviv, representative of the industrial wealth and growth of Palestine. The Institutional Synagogue presented Jerusalem, the city of learning.

Following the pageant, a comprehensive program of track and field events was conducted, in the same manner as the Maccabiah games are held.

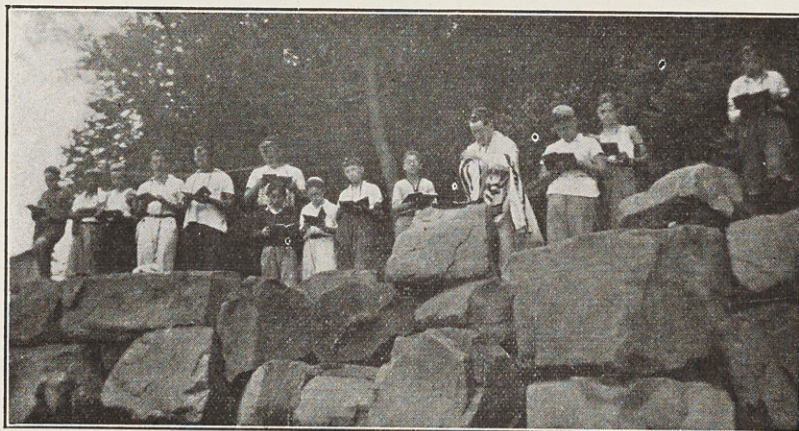
A most successful project, executed by a group of girls, was an imaginary trip to Palestine. A special room was set aside with pictures, maps, books and crafts materials, all selected in terms of conditioning the group with a curiosity about Palestine. As a result of discussion, and interest aroused by the counsellor, the girls decided to make the journey. Local trips were taken to a travel agency, department stores, the Jewish Museum,

The Jewish motif is introduced in the arts and crafts workshop, through soap and wood carving, raffia, and stipling. Some of the objects that are made include scrolls, the Tablets of the Ten Commandments, Holy Ark, Mogen Doved, the Hebrew letters. A unique creation was the construction of a miniature succa made of reed; a roof covered with secach made of green paper, fruit made of clay hung from the rafters, and a table completely set for a festive meal, were included in the succah. A model synagogue complete in every detail was constructed.

Tisha B'Ab was observed in accordance with tradition. The entire day's program was re-arranged to conform with the fast. In the morning an assembly was held in the synagogue for which we prepared a special service containing prayers in Hebrew and English.

In accordance with the objective of Camp Ta-a-Noog to instill Jewish practices in the lives of the campers, daily morning services were held. All boys who passed the Bar Mitzvah age, and those approaching this age, attended the services. All of the men counsellors participated. However, the services were conducted solely by the campers. Following the prayers, breakfast was served. Every Friday afternoon the campers themselves conducted services in the synagogue. A regular feature was the narration of a Sabbath story.

The success of the Jewish content program that we executed was due to the fact that it was not considered a special activity to be heralded by a fanfare of bugles, but, rather as a normal integrated part of the daily camp routine. We were thus able to impress upon the minds of the children that Jewish living is not confined to the four walls of the Talmud Torah classroom, but rather it is the pervading spirit of every action and thought of the Jew.



A Minyan on the Shores of the Hudson at an Overnight Hike of Camp Ta-a-Noog

the grace after meals. Last season, a dramatized version of the Biblical story of Rebecca and Eliezer was the result of the advanced class studying Genesis. The play was produced with the cooperation of the Hebrew teacher and the dramatic counsellor and was well received, by the campers. It is again planned to use this means of vivifying the Bible to the children. Appropriate games of Jewish content are introduced and more than enjoyed by the campers during the Hebrew period. An effort is also made to replace camp terminology with its Hebrew equivalent and usually meets with success. Treasure hunts in which the clues contain Hebrew words prove to be very exciting. The text of Palestinian and traditional songs, included in the camp songster, are explained. Weekly reports showing the progress of each child are prepared by the Hebrew teachers and submitted to the camp director for the consideration of possible adjustments to satisfy individual needs.

During one summer, Camp Ta-a-Noog participated in an inter-camp Maccabiah which was held at Van Cortlandt Park, under the sponsorship of the Jewish Welfare Board.

The program of the day included a

the Zionist Organization, Hadassah headquarters and a steamship. Several people who lived in Palestine were invited to help conduct the tour. A diary of the preparations and the trip, including souvenirs of the places visited, is a proud possession of the group. A special Palestinian Program comprised of dances, drills, songs and plays was presented for all the campers and their parents. In connection with the visit to Tel Aviv, a miniature Maccabiah was held in which the entire camp participated. Inspired by the work of Hadassah in the Holy Land, the group wrote and produced an original play on this theme.

Fascinating stories of Biblical and post-Biblical times, as well as Jewish legends, make up the greater part of the story hour. Not only are stories related by the counsellors, but the children also are urged to read stories of Jewish interest and to narrate them. For this purpose a comprehensive list of stories has been compiled.

The weekly publication of the camp is also utilized by the campers for writing articles of Jewish current events, Herzl day, Tisha B'Ab, etc. A portion of the paper is devoted to contributions written by the children in Hebrew.

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