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MANY FACILITIES IN I. S. FOR SUMMER MEMBERS

Library, Gym, Social Room and Pool Await Leisure of Members

Now that the summer is here, the major activities of the Junior and Senior clubs are on the wane. The unusual interest manifested in social activities such as dancing, gym contests, etc., is gradually decreasing with the advent of the torrid weather.

Several of the organizations, in order to keep up the spirit of unity and fraternalism that was so evident throughout the year are leasing bungalows at the beaches for the summer season. Some of the I. S. club members, using I. S. training by participation in activities as a background, are employed as social entertainers, positions carrying substantial salaries.

For those, however, who will remain in the city, there are enough facilities at the building to keep them profitably occupied. These facilities are oftimes overlooked because of their apparent obviousness. For instance, there is the splendidly equipped library, which, because of its cool and inviting atmosphere, should furnish a real haven for those who will do their summer reading. And let us not forget the beckoning call of the social room wherein to spend the summer evenings.

The spacious and almost frigid atmosphere of the gymnasium, where a strenuous workout may be indulged in, should keep us physically fit and able to withstand the discomfort and rigors of the sweltering days.

But what is unanimously considered as the outstanding feature of the summer facilities at the I. S. is the swimming pool. One plunge in its sparkling and refreshing waters at the end of a distressingly hot day is enough to earn life long gratitude of those who will avail themselves of this opportunity.

While crowds are struggling in the overladen subway trains en route to the beaches the wise man will realize the needlessness of this inconvenience.

Benny Leonard Helps Distribute Awards Earned During Eventful and Memorable Season

THE INSTITUTIONAL

wishes its many readers—the members of the I. S.—a pleasant and enjoyable vacation. We resume publication September 1st.

RABBI AND PRESIDENT SPEAK

Sixty Medals, Placques and Cups Presented to Meritorious Clubs and Individuals

With a grand flourish and in glorified manner the termination of an exceedingly successful season was drawn to a close last Monday evening, June 24th, when the I. S. Celebrated its Twelfth Annual Award Night where the outstanding and meritorious members and clubs were rewarded with medals, placques and cups.

Despite the torrid weather an enthusiastic audience crowded into the auditorium early in the evening to insure themselves of choice seats. But what is praiseworthy is the excellent decorum and order that the congregants manifested in spite of the sweltering climate.

All Activities Covered

The awards covered all the fields of cultural, religious and recreational activities covered by the I. S. Bible story contest, dramatics, inter-club debating, declamation, baseball, swimming and basketball were among the major activities represented. Single individuals were recognized for merit and service by the most treasured of all prizes—the character medal.

The stirring strains of the national anthem, followed by "Hatikva" opened the program. Mr. William H. Shapiro, social and educational director, after a few words of greeting introduced Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

Our esteemed and beloved Rabbi, in his short address stressed the importance of competition in making for success in our endeavors. "There is nothing more honorable than knowing that we have given our best to come in first place, even tho we were not victorious. It is the attempt to do the right thing that is so laudable," remarked the Rabbi.

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ANCIENT JEWS OF TANGIERS BOAST OF MEMORABLE HISTORY

Tangier, romantic seaport city of Northern Africa, boasts of a large population of Jews whose ancestors have been citizens of Morocco for the past fifteen hundred years. The people of the city are of many races, consisting mainly of Jews, Spaniards, Moors, Berbers and Arabs.

Although at least ten thousand Jews inhabit the city, it is impossible to distinguish them among Jew, Moor and Spaniard. Those in native costume of ragged burnouse and heelless sandals could not be told apart from the Moors in similar dress. The skull cap; worn by the older Jews; is the sole means of identifying the Jew.

Regarding their commercial enterprise, the Jews of Tangier conduct the more important stores and establishments. Although there are no statistics to show their wealth, it is very evident that they are exceedingly prosperous.

Many of these Jews were descended from the Jews of Spain and they look forward to another rebirth of Jewish greatness in Spain.

Culturally the Jews of Morocco are far superior to their non-Jewish countrymen. This is especially true in Tangier, although it applies also to the two other large countries of Jewish population—Casablanca and Tetuan.

The Tangier community supports three synagogues, and three schools. The schools are almost wholly secular in their administration and instruction, Jews teaching the arts and sciences.

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Hon. Isaac Siegel, President of the Board of Directors, followed, and in his usual brilliant oratorical manner expounded some of the aims and ideals of the I. S. in reconciling Judaism and Americanism. He cited an example of perseverance in the recent Poughkeepsie boat races, where the dope was upset and the teams which were determined not to trail succeeded in coming in first, and "keep your aims constantly in mind and follow the ball," was his final plea.

For winning the debating championship of the Metropolitan League in Manhattan and the Bronx, the Senior and Intermediate Teams were given appropriate medal. These were donated by Mrs. Annie R. Morris, president of the I. S. Sisterhood, in memory of her late beloved husband, Hon. Samuel R. Morris, and her brother, Ely Rosenberg. She also pledged to donate the Debating Medals each year hereafter.

Al Sterenbuch and Jack Lefkowitz com-

prise the Senior team while Dave Shoppers and Abe Margolies make up the Intermediates.

Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director, was presented to the audience, as were the heads of the Physical and Swimming Departments, Messrs. Silbert and Silverman respectively.

After Cong. Siegel had given out the Social Department awards and had made the club leaders recipients of handsome tokens, the Rabbi awarded Miss Eva Stein with a beautifully engraved gold medal, "in recognition of her most valuable services in conducting religious programs among the S-E Dept. Clubs."

The crowd went wild with delight when the guest of the evening was introduced—not to fight but to speak—Benny Leonard, undefeated lightweight champ of the world. In his short speech Mr. Leonard stressed the importance of fighting fair and clean. He stated that in any activity we engage our thought should be—to hit hard and fight our way to the top. The ovation that Benny received will long live in the memory of the I. S. members.

Benny presented all the athletic awards, starting off with a beautiful placque awarded by the Metropolitan League for winning the swimming championship for the fourth consecutive year. No wonder everyone was so well pleased.

It was with this symbol of victory that the festivities of the evening was concluded, the happy prizewinners delighted with their gifts and the I. S. pleasurably aware of its work being so well done.

The list of awards is as follows:

**Checker:** 1. Irving Greenberg, Jeshurun; 2. B. Handsman, Melrah; 3. B. Gershinkel, Chess: 1. Mr. Toubin; . Mr. Huchter.

**Ping Pong:** 1. Julius Sabbath, Jewish Stars; 2. Ben Handsman, Melrah.

**Declamation:** 1. Beatrice Freisman, Collegians; 2. M. Koppelman, Jewish Stars; 3. M. Margolies, Collegians.

**Service Medals:** 1. P. Wasserman, Neons; 2. Ben Handsman, Melrah. Melrah; 4. M. Shenkman, Jewish Stars.

**Dramatic Medals:** 1. Rose Markowitz, Collegians; 2. Rose Sedaka, Collegians; 3. B. Treisman, Collegians.

**One-Act Play Contest:** 1. Collegians; 2. Omaha; 3. Melrah.

**Leaders:** Miss Mae Klahr, Miss Tedy Klahr, Mr. Abe Margolies, Miss Esther Zionson, Mr. Paul Margolies, Miss S. Winokur, Mr. Clifford Lienwand, Miss Klotskin, Miss S. Charnass.

**Placques** were awarded to Maccabees for Bible Study; Chess Club, for chess and checkers; Debating, to Star of Zion; Placque, awarded to the best all-around clubs,

## CLUBBERY

June 29th is the date set for the departure of the **Jeshuruns** from the I. S. The event will be celebrated by a party.

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We are informed that the boys of the **Pals A. C.** intend to hold regular meetings during the summer months. Incidentally, their basketball quintet has achieved second place in the I. S.

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Opposed by a strong semi-pro team, the baseball team of the **Argoes A. C.** succeeded in holding their more experienced rivals to the close score of 7 to 5. Although defeated, the Argoes nine has shown real calibre.

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Future basketball contests will find the quintet of the **Pals A. C.** fittingly garbed in their new basketball uniforms of blue and grey. The team has shown its mettle on many occasions.

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The farewell meeting of the season was held by the members of the **Melrah Social Club** Sunday, June 17th, last. All past business was concluded, and the members look forward to a bigger and better Fall season.

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Elections were held by the **Maccabees**. Those receiving office were: Irving Weisberger, President; Bernard Schienzel, Secretary; Louis Lucas, Treasurer, and Milton Schrenzel, Literary Man.

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Regular meetings will be continued during the summer by the **Ramblers A. C.** At their last meeting held Thursday, June 20th, one of their members reviewed the club's activities for the year.

Star of Zion and Argoes.

Metropolitan League Swimming Champion of Greater New York: 1. B. Levinson; 2. I. Weidman; 3. W. Friedman; 4. I. Cohen; 5. B. Wolkin, captain; 6. C. Harrison.

**Bible Study:** 1. I. Moses, Orions; 2. H. Toubin, Chess Club; 3. M. Margulies, Collegian; honorable mention, Beatrice Treisman.

**Club Swimming Championship:** 1. Ray Wolken, Jr. Gold; 2. Harold Kramer, Sr. Gold; 3. Theo. Gruber, Sr. Silver; 4. Jack Harris, Jr. Silver; 5. Milton Gamaral, Sr. Bronze; 6. Armento, Sr. Bronze; 7. Robinson, Sr. Bronze; 8. Ginsberg, Sr. Bronze; 10. Alfred Wolkin, Jr. Bronze; 11. Martin Schmidt, Jr. Bronze; 12. Marvin Cohen, Jr. Bronze; 13. Robt. Miller, Jr. Bronze; 14. Paul Harris, Jr. Bronze.

## Largest and Most Successful Field Day Conducted in Institutional Synagogue History

### Officials Rewarded by Parents' Association With Delicious Dinner

The Twelfth Annual Field Day of the Institutional Synagogue was held last Sunday morning, June 23rd, at Pelham Bay Athletic Field. Although the occasion looked like a rain-out, "Old Man Sunshine" managed to creep out from his hiding place.

In true athletic style and decorum, the order of games was run off. Mr. Silbert and Mr. Silverstein were the officials of the meet, and were ably assisted by members of the Social and Education Department staff.

The teachers and officials of the Building were rewarded with a bountiful lunch prepared by the ever wakeful Parents' Association, headed by their president, Mrs. I. Stein and her daughter, Miss Eva Stein.

The winners of the various events were as follows:

**40-Yard Dash — Boys, Talmud Torah** — 1. Graboff, 2. Zaffos, Salvatore; 3. Haier, Isidore; 4. Springer, Morton.

**50-Yard Dash for Boys**—1. Zaffos, Salvatore; 2. Bensussan, Louis; 3. Samuel, Isidore; 4. Haier, Isidore.

**40-Yard Dash for Girls**—1. Seidman; 2. Kohn, Belle; 3. Dabrow; 4. Federbush.

**Baseball Throw for Distance for Girls**—1. Anna Seidelman; 2. Bella Cohen.

**100-Yard Dash, Boys**—1. Reiss, Louis; 2. Helfman; 3. Levy, R.

**220-Yard Dash for Boys**—1. Shapiro; 2. Engelsberg; 3. Albahalla; 4. Grandi.

**880-Yard Run, Boys**—1. Bleiberg, Max; 2. Rymer; 3. Umlass; 4. Sadinsky.

**440-Yard Jr. Club Relay**—1. Shapiro, Sam; 2. Goldberg, Louis; 3. Hirsch, Walter (1 Argoes); 4. Simon, Nat. Argoes: 1. Melisano; 2. Wally; 3. Graboff; 4. Zaffos (second team). All Pals: 1. Farhy; 2. Calev; 3. Calev; 4. Hoffman.

**1st Stuyvesant Club, 440-Yard Int. Club Relay**—1. Louis Helfman; 2. Umlass, Dave; 3. Engelsberg, Louis; 4. Altman, Israel. 2nd Kaweco: 1. Ed. Levine; 2. Al Puritz; 3. Goodman, Lou; 4. Alballa, Milt. 3rd Jeshurun: 1. M. Katz; 2. Greenberg; 3. Grande, J.; 4. Levine. 4th Harlem: 1. Ross; 2. Cohen; 3. Schwartz; 4. Levy.

**Interclass Relay, Talmud Torah**—3 B 1 1st: 1. Walker; 2. Rubin; 3. Coopersmith; 4. Silverman. 3A 1 2nd (honorable mention): 1. Coopersmith; 2. Gassoff; 3. Chasid; 4. Permutt. 5B 3rd (honorable mention): 1. Meyer; 2. Barouche; 3. Margulies; 4. Bensussman.

**Running Broad Jump, Boys, Talmud Torah**—1. Margulies; 2. Springer.

**8-lb. Shotput, Int. Boys Clubs**—1. Altman, 44 ft., 5 in.; 2. Grandi, 44 ft., 4½ in.; 3. Engelsberg, 44 ft.

**Running Broad Jump, Boys Int. Clubs**—1.—Rinaldi, 16 ft.; 2. Levine, 17 ft. 5 in. jump off; 3. Puritz, 16 ft. 5 in., jump off.

The outstanding event was the great run of Shapiro in the 220-yard dash. This chap Shapiro is a "real comer," and gives evidence of developing into a second Nurmi.

Exceedingly gratifying was the unexpected turnout of the various clubs affiliated with the Building. This day exemplified the usual brand of good sportsmanship and spirit that has always been the boast of the Institutional Synagogue.

### CLUBS OF TALMUD TORAH AUGMENT WORK OF SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

The Institutional Synagogue Talmud Torah Dramatic Troupe is an organization formed by the pupils of the Talmud Torah under the directorship of Mr. Cohen. The aim of this organization is to develop innate dramatic abilities of its members and to supply the entertainment at Talmud Torah festivities.

The club convenes every Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. At these meetings the members compete in the fields of drama, dance and music.

Besides plays appropriate to each Jewish holiday, the club presented the following plays to its members: "An Every Day Occurrence," "Midnight" and "A Murder."

On June 24th the Troupe held its final session of this season. Refreshments were served and entertainments were supplied by the artists.

Another club with an excellent record is the Sabbath Story Club, under the leadership of Mr. Reiss. The club meets every Saturday to hear a story related by their leader and to tell the best stories they have read or heard.

An interesting feature innovated is the "Endless Story Feature." There is fun in it and this is how it is conducted: One of the members begins a story and stops when he receives orders to that effect from his leader. The story is then taken up by another member. Five minutes are allotted to him. He has to use his imagination and leads the story to an exciting point. He is not to finish it. The story is so continued without an end.

### STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE TEMPTS CROWD TO PARENT ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL

Tokens of Appreciation Given to Rabbi,  
Cantor, and its President and  
Secretary.

A delightful and merry evening was had last Wednesday night at the Annual Strawberry Festival given by the Parents Association at the Institutional Synagogue. Over one hundred couples, both young and old, were sincere in their acclamation of the "evening well spent."

During the course of the evening a suitable gift was presented to Rabbi Goldstein for his conducting the Parents' Association Bible Class. Also a beautiful silk "Talith" was bestowed upon Cantor Zalman Yavneh, an exquisite cameo to Mrs. I. Stein, the hard working president, and a handsome ring to Miss Gertrude Stein.

The following members were on the committee who helped make this occasion a success:

Mrs. A. Wartels and Mrs. Vosberg, chair-ladies; Miss Gertrude Stein, Mrs. Minnie Cohen, Mrs. Kleinfeld, Mrs. Polay, Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Holander, Mrs. Neworth, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Vogel, Mrs. S. D. Burnett, Mrs. Podolsky, Mrs. Winokur, Mrs. A. Levine.

### ANTI-SEMITIC DEMON- STRATIONS TAKE PLACE IN POLAND

Occasional anti-Semitic demonstrations are still arising in different parts of Europe.

Biased anti-Jewish agitators in Lemberg, Poland, a few weeks ago incited rioting upon the Jewish Community of that city. Thanks to the firm hand of the existing Polish Government the outlaws were quickly rendered harmless and many of them were arrested.

The anti-Semitic leaders had induced these riots for political purposes. They sought to show the world that the present Polish Government was incompetent or indifferent with respect to affording protection to the Jewish inhabitants of the land.

The Government, aware of the plan to discredit it, at once put down the outbreak.

### YARTZEIT NOTICES

Dr. Henry Rafsky, for father, 25 days of Sivan, commencing Tuesday, July 2nd, ending Wednesday, July 3rd.

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May I take this opportunity of thanking each one of you for the whole hearted cooperation and remarkable results that were evident this season. Especially to Mr. Joseph Datt, Talmud Torah principal, Mr. William H. Shapiro, Social and Educational Director, and Institutional Editor; and Messrs. J. Silbert and J. Silverman of the Recreation Department and their respective staff members. I wish you all a pleasant vacation and hope to see you all back this Fall with renewed energy and zeal for another successful year.

Cordially,  
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,  
Executive Director.

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### DISTINCT BENEFIT

may accrue to you if you will leave your name with the I. S. before going on that much-desired vacation.

There is no telling what may happen while you are gone; and the I. S. is peculiarly well-circumstanced to reach relatives and otherwise dispatch that which a certain moment may make most important.

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### STAGE FRIGHT

How does it come about that though a man ordinarily has a steady flow of ideas and words when he sits in a chair, he cannot think on his legs; that even a half-reclining posture does not check speech, but perpendicularity paralyzes him? What after all is it that shortens the breath, causes the heart to pound, dries up the mouth, makes the knees tremble and impels one to turn tail and run off the platform?

This physical disturbance is brought on by a state of mind, a mental distress. Ideas of weakness, failure and defeat intensify the physical manifestations of nervousness. Uneasy anticipation and dread are the two psychological factors that break down the speaker's morale. In short it is thinking of one's self instead of one's subject matter, that makes one think the audience is critically, perhaps laughingly examining him.

It is of course normal to desire the approval of the audience, but the novice usually over exaggerates the situation. With a little more intensity of thought on the content of his speech, and with a feeling that he has a message to deliver which the audience is receptive to hear, the novice can soon relegate the mental fright.

It then becomes a matter of concealing the normal physical disturbance. Authorities agree that a little nervousness makes for eloquence because it makes the speaker more impressionable and impulsive. But the outward manifestations should and can be controlled. G. R. Collins, former Professor of Public Speaking at New York University, gives these three essentials for control.

1. Realize that the audience is not hostile but receptive.
2. Adequately prepare yourself.
3. Master the physical mechanism of the body.

Practice these elements and there will never be an occasion where a state of mental chaos will be the tongue or petrify the mind. Stage fright will only be a possibility in others, never in you.

—Bklyn.

### GREETINGS

and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Levy on the recent arrival of a daughter.

The Institutional Synagogue is in possession of choice plots at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. We request every member to call upon our Executive Director, Mr. Bernstein, in regard to any information that they may desire, in regard to this matter.

**DO NOT LET THE HOT SUMMER DAYS PREVENT YOU FROM VISITING OUR BUILDING**