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Junior Camp Fund Athletic Carnival Sunday Night

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SCOUT PHOTO STUDIO PRODUCING EXCELLENT RESULTS; MR. BEN BERK DIRECTING

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The most unusual Junior project ever conducted in the I. S., and at the present time the most outstandingly interesting one is the Scouts' Photo Studio under the direction of Mr. Ben Berk, Scoutmaster of Troop 525. The Studio is located on the first floor, left, in the Main Building. It is fully equipped to take and develop photos.

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The photos are very reasonably priced. The first copy is only 20c and every copy thereafter is only 10c. One may take one or as many photos as one pleases.

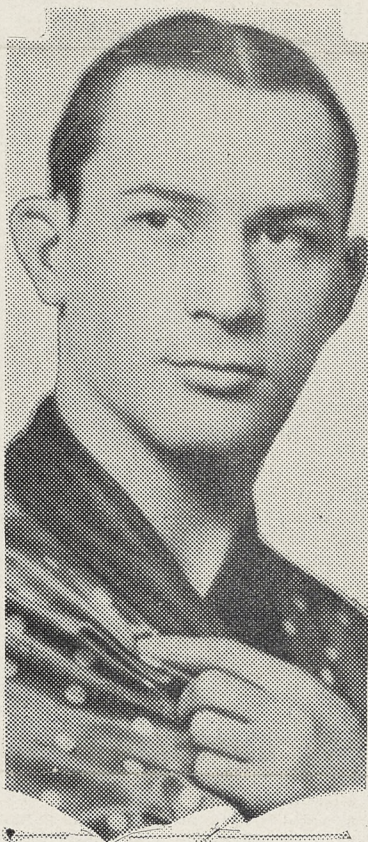
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The Studio has a number of splendid photo studies of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein which it offers to friends and admirers of the Rabbi for only 25c a copy. You may write or call for a photo study of the Rabbi.

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JUNIOR GIRLS CONDUCT SUCCESSFUL ALL-DAY-OUTING

The Junior Girls Clubs, under the supervision of Miss Frances Phillips, conducted a very successful outing in New Jersey. With the able assistance of Miss Helen Zausmer and Miss Diana Goldstein, the I. S. Juniors were able to conduct such feats as the roasting of marshmallows, mountain climbing, etc. The following clubs participated: The Outdoor Girls, the Happy Wanderers, the Sunshine Girls, and the Outdoor Juniors. They all agree that a good time was had by all.



Benny Leonard, Undefeated Lightweight Champion of the World

Benny Leonard is one of the outstanding faithful friends and workers at the Institutional Synagogue. He has been a member since the founding of the I. S. He has always been associated with the more important Institution functions. At Award Nights, Benny's smile and congratulations as he presents the awards is incentive to carry on good work. Last Summer, the Institution conducted a Boxing Show at Long Beach. The Chairman of the Committee was Benny Leonard, who again rendered the I. S. invaluable service.

He will be present at the Athletic Carnival this Sunday night.

BENNY LEONARD AND OTHER NOTABLES WILL BE PRESENT

PROCEEDS FOR CAMP FUND

The most outstanding Athletic Carnival yet conducted in the Institutional Synagogue will take place this Sunday night in our gymnasium.

Mr. Isidore Bookbinder, chairman of the Buddies-Leaders' Athletic Carnival Committee, has arranged a program replete with interesting features and made more attractive and colorful by the assured presence of some of the most outstanding Jewish athletes.

The most notable and popular celebrity present will be a beloved I. S. worker, the esteemed Benny Leonard, the undefeated lightweight champion of the world, and considered by many as the greatest Jewish athlete.

A Glamorous and Congenial Festival

In addition to exhibitions by these great athletes, an interesting program of entertainment has also been arranged. Dancing will follow the bouts and the exhibitions.

Those attending are assured meeting boxing, wrestling and other sports' headliners—greeting Benny Leonard, witnessing exhibitions by these stars—entertainment, dancing—a congenial and exceedingly colorful festival. Most important, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that by attending the Carnival they will have helped the "Send-An-I. S.-Junior-to-Camp-Fund."

Proceeds for "Send-An-I. S.-Junior-to-Camp-Fund"

The proceeds of the Athletic Carnival will be turned into the worthy project conducted by the Leaders Staff of the S-E Dept., the "Send-An-I. S.-Junior-to-Camp-Fund."

Admission to the Athletic Carnival will be only 50c. We know that you will be present—but will you put your shoulder to the wheel and urge your friends to support the Athletic Carnival this Sunday night?

At the time this article is going to press we have received another long-distance phone from Benny Leonard assuring us that nothing will stop him from being present.

Remember then: This Sunday Nite — I. S. Gym — Admission 50c — Sporting Carnival and Dance. Your friends should be told about this BIGGEST and BEST CARNIVAL yet conducted here.

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We extend our congratulations and very best wishes to our Director, Mr. and Mrs. Max Moskowitz, and to their son, Howard Bruce, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah this Saturday at the West Side Branch.

JESHURUNS TO REPRESENT I. S. IN METROPOLITAN LEAGUE DRAMATIC TOURNAMENT

The Jeshurun Club, whose production "A Night At An Inn," won the Richman Trophy at the One-Act Play Contest last week, has been chosen by Mr. Cohen to represent the Institution in the Metropolitan League Dramatic Tournament.

The tournament will take place Wednesday evening, May 20th, at the 92nd Street Y Auditorium. Invitation has been extended to Congressman Siegel, President of the Institution Synagogue and Vice-President of the Metropolitan League, to attend the tournament.

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We extend our sincere condolence to Mrs. Jack Marrus, an I. S. pioneer member and one of our first club leaders, on the death of his father.

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Shevuoth

The Feast of Weeks will commence this year at sundown of Thursday, May 21st, and will last through Saturday, May 23rd. Since Friday, the first day of the holiday, will be immediately followed by a Sabbath and it will be necessary to prepare everything on the first day for the second, we shall have to make an "Erub tabshilin" on the eve of the holiday. This rule applies to every holy day followed by the holy Sabbath, and is not characteristic of the Feast of Weeks only. The main ceremonies that are characteristic of the festival under discussion are: The recitation of "Tikun" on the first night, the chanting of "Akdomuth" before the reading of the Torah, on the first morning, and the reading of the Scroll of "Ruth" before the reading of the Torah on the second morning of the holiday. Besides that, memorial services for the departed will be held before the Musaph, the additional service of the second day, as is done on the last day of every other festival. On the whole, the Feast of Weeks is the shortest and simplest of the three pilgrimage holidays, though it commemorates the greatest event in our life as a people, namely—the giving of the Torah on the Mount of Sinai.

The Story of "Ruth"

The festival under discussion is also known as "Chag Hakotzir," the Feast of Harvest, and "Chag Habikkurim," the Feast of the First Ripened Fruit. These two appellations are indicative of the season when the festival is celebrated. Shevuoth occurs at the time when the wheat harvest begins in Palestine. This is also the time when the first ripened fruits were brought in great display to the Temple in days gone by. For this reason, before the reading of the Torah on the second day, we read "Megillath Ruth," a story which occurred at that time of the year, and of which a brief resume follows.

In order to escape a drought in Palestine, a rich man by the name of Elimelech, left his country and his brethren and went to Moab, taking along with him his family, consisting of two sons and wife called Naomi. Perhaps, at first, Elimelech intended to stay in Moab only for a short time; but once there, his sons married noble Moabite women. Soon after this, he and his two sons died, and Naomi remained with her two Moabite daughters in law. After a while, Naomi heard that the climatic conditions in Palestine had improved, and she therefore decided to return to her land and to her people. At first she was accompanied by both daughters in law; but on the way to Palestine she persuaded one to return to Moab, while the other—Ruth—steadfastly stuck to her mother in law and the latter's faith, in spite of all the pleading of Naomi and her warnings that she was destined to endure poverty and misery. At the end, however, Ruth was rewarded for her loyalty to the Jewish faith. The most prominent man of Bethlehem married her; and from her descended David, who laid the foundation of the Davidic dynasty.

The great virtues of Ruth were manifested during the beginning of the wheat harvest, which synchronizes with the time the

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SHEVUOTH PROGRAM

- I.—Chairman's Remarks.
- II.—Paper on Shevuoth (read by a member of the Club).
- III.—Recitations.
English—
Pentecost—Annette Kohn.
Ruth and Naomi—Wm. P. B. Peabody.
The Moabites—Phillips Brooks.
Covenant of Sinai—Jos. Leiser.
Heavenly Light—Max Meyerhardt.
Ruth—H. Hyman.
Ruth and Naomi—Lowell Courier.
What Praise Is On Our Lips—Jos. Leiser.
(The above are to be found in "The Standard Book of Verse"—by Friedlander.)
Ruth's Choice.
Ruth's Answer to Naomi—L. Davidson.
(The above are found in "Poems for Young Judeans.")
Readings—
Book of Ruth.
Greens for Shevuoth—Sholem Aleichem in "Jewish Children."
Pentecost, or The Pilgrimage—Hannah Trager (story) in "Festival Stories of Child Life in a Jewish Colony in Palestine."
IV.—Music—
"Jewish Songster"—Israel and Samuel Goldfarb.
1. Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee.
2. Confirmation Hymn.
3. Once on Sinai.
4. With Sacred Joy.
5. Avodas Ho-i-kor.
6. Shovuos.
7. Shir Hakkotsir.
8. Dos Lied fun Broit.
9. Unter die Greeninke Boimelach.
10. Der Oibershter iz der Mechutten.
V.—Games for Shevuoth—
In "Games for Young Judeans."
The above material can be borrowed from the S-E office.

Feast of Weeks is celebrated; but the synchronization is by no means the only reason for reading the beautiful idyl on Shevuoth. We learn from the Story of Ruth how the Israelites of old received a noble proselyte with open arms. For Ruth, her coming to Palestine was her receiving of the Torah, and for this reason no better time for the reading of her biography than the Feast of Weeks could be found. Moreover, the appellations Feast of First Ripe Fruit and Feast of Harvest need not be limited to their literal sense. The harvesting of first ripened human souls is surely just as important as the harvesting of first ripened grain, and as such the first deserves to be celebrated no less than the second. The Torah has elevated the material and connected it with the spiritual. The Feast of Weeks is the Feast of the First Ripe Fruit and of Harvest in the spiritual sense more than in the ordinary meaning of these phrases. As a matter of fact that prophet Hosea refers to Israel in the desert as a first ripened fruit as follows: "I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness, I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig tree at her first season." (Hosea IX, 10.)

(Continued next week)

Scout Photo Studio in Game Room.

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN "THE ONE AND THE MANY"

The one and the many represents the debt the individual owes to the community. The wealthy men of America are on trial. They are being put to the test, as to whether they will come forward during this, the severest depression of our generation, and give more than ordinary succor to the millions of famished Jews in Eastern and Central Europe. This is a time for men of wealth to give not merely of their income, but of their principal. We prate a great deal about the brotherhood of man, certain the Joint Distribution Committee is giving all of us an opportunity to put this ideal into practice. When the saving of life is involved surely there should be no difference as to race, creed or color. The Gentile, as well as the Jew, may give.

You might ask, have we not a great deal of suffering here in our very country? My answer is, "here we are trying to rescue luxuries which we regard as necessities, there in Eastern Europe we are called upon to rescue life itself. Soviet Russia affords us the notorious example that the world is unsafe so long as any appreciable part of it is starving and destitute."

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACT AS HOSTESS AT WEST SIDE BUILDING GATHERING

The Women's League acted as hostess at a Lag B'Omer gathering of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, held at our West Side Building on Tuesday afternoon. The speakers included Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, the president of the Women's Branch of the Union, Rabbi Max J. Mintz, and Mrs. Sharstein, who spoke on "Jewish Wit and Humor." Mrs. Isaac Siegel spoke in behalf of the Sisterhood. Mrs. Louis I. Nash rendered vocal selections.

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U. O. J. C. A. PEACE COMMITTEE HOLDS CONFERENCE

The Peace Committee of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, of which Mrs. Albert Wald is chairman, held a Round Table Conference at the West Side I. S. on Thursday, May 14th. The guest speakers included Mrs. Durmach, Chairman of the World Peace Poster Committee, Mrs. Samuel Kubie, Peace Chairman of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhood.

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JUNIORS PREPARE FOR INTER-CLUB DEBATING TOURNAMENT

The very active Junior Clubs are now preparing for the Junior Inter-Club Debating Tournament scheduled to start the first week in June. These clubs are participating:

Troop 619 vs. Sunshine Girls.
Troop 25 vs. A. N. I. 24.
Iroquois vs. Happy Wanderers.
Seacs vs. Outdoor Girls.

All members and others interested in these Junior debates are invited to attend the debating meetings.

THE I. S. ALBUM

It may be Spring, but of late we liked—

The Arista production at the One-Act Play Contest . . . The pantomime used by the Jeshurun actors in their prize production . . . the Jeshurun production . . . Beatrice Schwartz's subtle comedy in the Omaha production . . . the comments on the previous columns . . . the activity of the Junior girls . . . Dr. Datt's suggestion that we also write about the I. S. women . . . we can not . . . not because we are misogynistic (sometimes) but we don't know very much about the I. S. women outside of their association with the Institution . . . ergo, we welcome your assistance . . . let's see, we would like to write about Mrs. Isaac Siegel, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Abraham Bernstein, Mrs. Annie R. Morris, Mrs. Stein and her daughters, Miss Esther Garfunkel, the members of the W. S. Women's League, the I. S. Sisterhood, the I. S. Daughters, the Junior League, Parents' Association, and the other members of that charming sex . . . -O's column in the "Y Bulletin" . . . "Paunette" in the Staten Island Center News . . . I. Borodovko's review in the "H. H. I. News" . . . Abe Auerbach's anthology feature in that same publication . . . Why is the St. Louis "Y Journal" omitting "Thoughts Without Reason" by Sophists . . . this column is receiving very favorable review here in New York . . . think we'll invite a guest-columnist and give the "Institutional" readers a break . . . the fine co-operation existing between the Upper-Manhattan Centers . . . Max Miller's hospitality last Thursday in his pent house apartment in the sixth floor of the Institution . . . his daughter, a beauty, eleven months old . . . Ruth Yellin's charming appearance in that new Spring ensemble . . . a lot of other things and people . . . Spring.

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And if it were not Spring, we would not like—

Rabbi Goldstein's sermon-views on Birth Control . . . chauvenistic publications . . . Ludwig Lewisohn, a pseudo-Jew with a perpetual tear-jag which does bring in roy-

alties . . . wonder why a splendid stylist should play for the Gallery . . . the morons who titter during a play performance . . . writers who write in this staccato manner . . . if it were not for the dots we would have to observe the rules of paragraphic transition . . . and that's work . . . work . . . columns such as this one . . . otherwise all's well with the world . . . sez you . . .

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A founder of the Institution; associated at all times since his pioneer work with Institution projects; a wise administrator who has guided the I. S. during the most trying periods of stress; a sympathetic executive; his interest has been an inducement for his associates and staff to carry on under trying circumstances; has at all times in the past sacrificed time and health in order that his ideal — the Institutional Synagogue — may not meet the unfortunate end of other Centers not endowed by a Federation; like a Pilot directing a ship through a threatening water, he has with skill, wise economy and with practical inspiration piloted the Institution through neighborhood shifts, fluctuating membership, uncertain financial support; the Institution's mortar, steel and foundation stand today as a tribute to three leaders and their associates — Congressman Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, and he who is the subject of this tribute, Executive Director Abraham Bernstein.

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Ben Berk, Scoutmaster of Troop 525, was a Texas Ranger. He is one of the most versatile workers in the I. S. We have yet to find some field of endeavor that Ben does not know about fairly well.

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Last week we announced that your name would be in this week's column. We will keep our word. You have here the opportunity of placing your name in this column. Take your pen and on this line—

write your full name. We keep our promise. Your name is now in this week's alleged column.

—MEPHISTOS.

DO YOU KNOW THAT —

1. In Pennsylvania marriage by a rabbi is illegal according to the law?
2. There is only one Jewish postal worker out of forty thousand in Poland?
3. The study of Hebrew has been instituted as a modern language in the Detroit Public High School.
4. Simon J. Rubin has been selected as the "most outstanding citizen of California for 1930"?
5. There are only 123 Jews serving in the British army? (J. D. B.)
6. A colony of Jewish cave-dwellers has been discovered in Tripoli.
7. It was Mohammed who first called the Jews "The people of the Book"?
8. In Berlin, Jews have to pay an extra tax for permission to marry?
9. Chatham Square was the first Jewish cemetery in America?
10. "Hep-Hep" is an Anti-Semitic cry, being the derivation from three Latin words which mean "Jerusalem is destroyed"?
11. There are 18,340 Jews in colonies created by Soviet Russia in Crimea?
12. That the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati has the largest collection of Jewish Literature, Art and Ceremonials in the world?
13. The versè "Proclaim Liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof," taken from Leviticus is engraved on the Liberty Bell?
14. Mordecai Manual Noah tried to establish a "Jewish State" in 1825 on Grand Island, near Buffalo?

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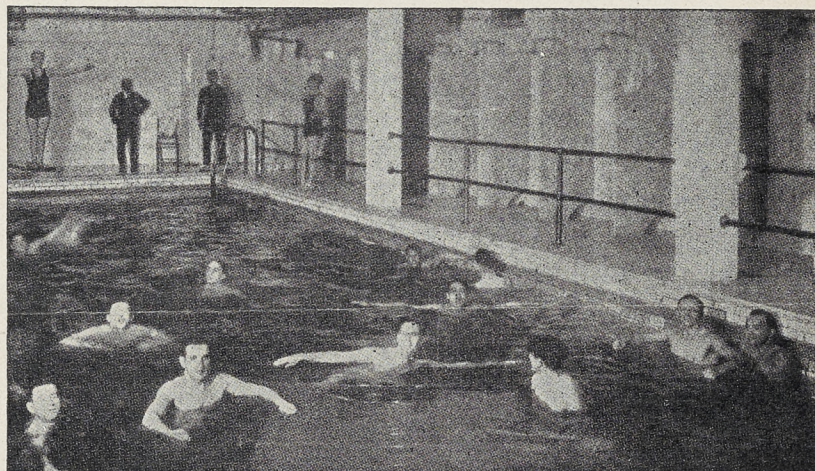
JUNIOR TATTLER STAFF TO EDIT SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL

The Editorial Staff of the Junior Tattler
will edit a special number of the Institutional
which will be issued May 22nd. Ben
Dobrow, Editor-in-Chief of the Junior Tattler,
will also retain his editorial supervision
over this special issue.

A feature planned for this issue is an
interview with Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.
The column conducted by Rabbi Goldstein
regularly in the Institutional will, for this
issue, be taken over by young Marvin Livingston,
who was Rabbi at the Institution
during Boys' Week, and Joshua Levine, who
delivered the sermon at the West Side services.

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