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Dinner, June-Walk, Debate, Dramatic Athletic Contests Terminate Spring Program

Junior Clubs to Enjoy Novel Field Day — Indoor Tourney Will Attract Many

The Junior Clubs this year will not go on an all day Field-day but will assemble instead on Monday evening, June 29th, in the Gym to decide which of the clubs is entitled to be called "The Best All Around Junior Club".

To this end a varied program has been arranged similar to the P. S. A. L. tests given in the Public High Schools.

The contest will be run on a point basis. The various games have been divided into three classes and those members who qualify for each class will receive a number of points. The club receiving the highest number of points will win the trophy. Besides this award, the three individual members who receive the highest number of points will receive medals.

The Junior clubs are urged to enter every member in this contest and a complete list of those members who will compete must be in the hands of either Mr. Silbert or Mr. Urieff by tonight or the club will not be allowed to compete.

GYM CONTESTS

	75% (1 point)	90% (3 points)	99% (5 points)
1. Rope Climbing	with hands	with hands	With hands and feet
	with hands & legs	only	at right angles
2. Basketball Goals	5	8	10
3. Potato Race	17 seconds	16	15
4. Step and Leap	10 feet	12	15

SWIMMING EVENTS

- 1—Two lap free style
- 2—Four man relay (2 laps a man)

The swimming events will be rated by the following schedule:

Best time in each event	5 points
Next best	3 points
Third best	1 point

Here is your chance to show that YOUR club is the best all around Junior Club in the I. S. Enter your entire club and get busy practicing. For further information see Mr. Urieff at the desk.

In order to foster and advance the educational projects of the Institutional Synagogue, we are conducting a Subscription Prize.

Members and their friends, young men and women, who subscribe to the Educational Fund may at the same time be the winner of an automobile. The subscription will cost from One Cent to One Dollar.

Those interested may secure a Subscription Book from the Executive Director or may subscribe at the office. The proceeds of this subscription will be devoted in its entirety towards the Educational Projects of the Institutional Synagogue.

On Monday evening, October 12th, a gala entertainment will be conducted at the Main Building for those who subscribe. At this event the winner of the automobile will be announced.

We urge all members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue to co-operate with this subscription and to get others to subscribe so that we may maintain our high standard of Educational activities and also be able to develop new projects. The subscription starts with this issue and will terminate the first week in October. It will be conducted throughout the summer.

We urge your co-operation!

BOARD-STAFF DINNER TERMINATES ACTIVE SPRING SEASON

The final function of the very active Spring program, and one of the most significant events of the year was the Board-Staff Dinner conducted last night at Lou G. Siegel's Restaurant.

Because of the proximity of this function to the publication of this issue, we cannot print a detailed account of the dinner.

At the Speakers' Table were Cong. and Mrs. Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Mr. E. J. London, Field Secretary of the Metropolitan League, Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen and his guest, Miss Celia Fingerhut, St. Louis, Mo., Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Datt, Mr. Jack Silbert and Mr. Abraham Kirschenbaum, who presided as toastmaster.

Many members of the Staff and Faculty were present. Mr. Aaron Wartels and Mr. David H. Gluck represented the Board of Directors.

CHILDREN OF TALMUD TORAH AND SOCIAL DEPT. TO ENJOY ANNUAL JUNE WALK

Baseball Game Between T. T. and S-E Depts. Will Feature Great Day

The Fourteenth Annual Outing for the children of the Talmud Torah and the Social Department will be held Sunday, June 28th. This outing is being arranged by Mrs. I. Stein, President of the Parents Association, and her committee.

Hail the "King"!

Those who recall the outing of last year will pleasantly recollect over eight hundred eager and happy faces that marched from the I. S. building to the north meadow at Central Park. They will recall the "King and Queen," beautifully canopied upon a banner-laden throne, followed by a flock of "subjects" joyously dressed for the occasion.

And Goodies, Too!

The more prosaic will recall last year's triumph by its beautiful music and plentiful amount of goodies present. There were ice cream, milk, fruit and we must not forget the beautiful toys and games that were given to each one present at the conclusion of the outing.

The committee in charge of this function consists of Mesdames Levine, Vosberg, Saslovsky, Fleisig, Simpson, Tanenbaum, Wartels, Harris, Bernstein, Jordan, Vogel and A. B. Stern. The Junior League, represented by Miss Eva Stein, and by Miss Gertrude Stein, are cooperating with the Association in insuring an enjoyable event for the boys and girls.

In case the weather at that time prohibits outdoor activity, the games will be held in the gym. Refreshments will be served and games and prizes distributed.

A baseball game is scheduled between teams representing the Social and Talmud Torah Departments. The winning team will receive a Silver Loving Cup donated by the Parents' Association through Mrs. I. Stein.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hertz and to their son, Hamilton, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah this Saturday at our West Side Branch.

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UNTIL SEPTEMBER...

The "Institutional" begs leave to extend its readers, the Board of Directors, the Executive Staff, and the I. S. membership and friends its sincere wishes that they enjoy a pleasant summer.

The I. S. in September faces its Fifteenth Anniversary confident that its uncompromising ideals, its worthy objectives and its commendable program and projects will again attract to its support the responsive Jewish citizenry of the entire city of New York.

To our active supporters we say that your investment in this Institution has produced dividends in the form of character and citizenship training of our boys and girls, young men and women. We thank you for your aid. Again, happy vacation.

We extend Mazel Tov to our active member, Mr. Harry M. Kirson, on the occasion of his engagement to Miss Evelyn P. Fox, of Baltimore, Md.

OUTDOOR JUNIORS DEFEAT HAPPY WANDERERS IN DEBATING TOURNAMENT

Winners Will Meet Sunshine Girls for Junior Championship

The Outdoor Juniors, under the leadership of Miss Dianna Goldstein, won an interesting debate from Miss Helen Zausmer's, "Happy Wanderers" on the subject: "Resolved, that a Jewish Homeland be established in Palestine." The winners, Gertrude Elgart, Harriet Beuler, and Ruth Bruten, in upholding the negative side of the question, contended that many other races were just as entitled to Palestine as the Jews are and that the country is not a suitable selection for a Homeland.

The Happy Wasderers argued that the Jews were entitled to Palestine for historical reasons and on the basis of the Balfour Declaration. Although the girls were much younger and in lower grades in school, they presented very strong arguments in their favor. The team consisted of Nettie Kahn, Rita Goldberg and Lillian Brotter.

The Outdoor Juniors will meet the Sunshine Girls for the Championship of the Junior Department. Miss Sylvia Goldberg is the leader of the Sunshine Girls, who won their debate on the topic, "Resolved, That New York pass a law to provide for compulsory automobile liability insurance." The championship debate is scheduled for the second week in July.

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I. S. ENTERS MET. FIELD DAY EVENTS

When the Seventeenth Annual Field Day of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centers started on Sunday, June 21, at McCombs Dam Park, a strong I. S. team again took the field in an endeavor to win the trophy.

The members of this year's team have been recruited from both the Social-Educational and Physical Education departments.

Besides the trophy awarded to the Community Center scoring the most points the boys will also compete for individual prizes that are given to the winners of each event.

The team has entered eight out of a possible fourteen events and Mr. Silbert expects them to make a fine showing.

The members of the I. S. team are:
 Abraham Weisstock—100 yard dash.
 Jack Birnbach—880 yard run.
 H. C. White—12 lb. shot put.
 E. Finker—running broad jump and hop, step and jump.
 Bob Robinson—100 yard dash and running high jump.
 D. Lapidus—100 yard dash.
 B. D. Gittleson—100 yard dash.
 S. Tow—high jump and broad jump.
 J. Barouch—100 yard dash.
 I. Margulies—100 yard dash.
 Benj. Silverman—100 yard dash.
 M. Hoffman—high jump and 100 yard dash.
 I. Pesitzky—100 yard dash.
 N. Cohen—running broad jump and 100 yard dash.

FACILITIES GALORE REMAIN TO TEMPT I. S. SUMMER MEMBERS—ALL COOL AND BENEFICIAL, TOO

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 through 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 oftentimes overlooked because of their very 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 work-out may be indulged in, should keep us physically fit and able to withstand the discomforts 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 over-laden subway trains en route to the beaches the wise man will realize the needlessness of this inconvenience.

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'29 DEBATING CHAMPS GREET '31 CHAMPS

June 13, 1931

Mr. A. Bernstein:

As members of the Manhattan-Bronx Championship Debating Team "1929" representing the I. S., we wish to congratulate the Institutional Synagogue upon again winning that championship.

We are confident that Morris Urieff and Charles Cohen, this year's worthy representatives, will carry on their victorious stride and capture the City Championship in the Fall.

With best wishes for their continued success, we are

Respectfully yours,

JACK LEFKOWITZ,
 ALEXANDER STERENBUCK.

Scout Photo Studio in Game Room.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN ON RELIGION AND SCIENCE

The misunderstanding as to the relationship between religion and science has been the cause of the weakening of religion throughout the entire world. The difference between religion and science is largely a difference of emphasis. Religion reverts to a perfect way of life and science attempts to perfect a way of life. The further back religion goes to revelation, the nearer it is to the fountain-head of spiritual truth. Progress, from the point of view of religion, means an advance towards the proper living of the revealed word of God. Even in regard to our political parties it is said, "Let us go back to the pure Republicanism of Abraham Lincoln, and to the original principles of Jeffersonian Democracy." In revealed religion the truths must be old, yet perennially new. Thus we Jews attain our greatest spiritual heights when we go back to the original teachings of our faith.

The exact reverse is true of science. The more science reverts to the past, the more it reverts to error. The science of today proves the science of the last century untrue, and so the science of tomorrow may show that the science of today is inexact. In revealed religion, however, love, prayer and all the behests of the Lord, being eternal verities, are nearest their naked truth the further back we go, and are at the same time as necessary today as they ever were. What has happened is that the scientific spirit has departed out of her own province and has attempted to become the mistress of another domain. All who have caught this wanton spirit have gone into the realm of revealed religion, and called it false because of its age. My effort is not to square science with religion. It is impossible to say the last word on such reconciliation until the advent of the Messiah. The Bible has been forced into a harmonization with the science of every age, and I am certain that our children and grandchildren yet to come will be called upon to explain our faith in the light of the science of their day. One thing is certain, however, that the word of God has remained immutable, but science has had to change. As the prophet puts it, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." It is therefore possible and natural for genuinely scientific men and women to be truly religious, and truly religious men and women to be scientific.

The story is told that when one of Pasteur's pupils declared that many scientists had their faith disturbed by science, Pasteur replied: "It is not a question of science and faith, but it is rather a question of the size of the mind. If you have only a little bucket of a mind, and get a good deal of

science into it, the little faith you have may come floating out at the top and be lost. But if you have a good sized bucket of a mind there will be plenty of room in it for both science and faith.

Judaism, in no unmistakable terms, declares that to feed one's self on the "Etz Haddath," "the tree of knowledge," connoting science, without being disciplined by the "Etz Hahayim," "the tree of life," which is synonymous with religion, leads to man's own destruction. This is portrayed by the first story of Genesis, which shows how man's yearning for the tree of knowledge alone was responsible for his downfall. The cardinal Jewish conception and experience of a living God who rules history, is the very foundation of religion, and the idea toward which science is coming steadily closer and closer. As the late Professor Haffkine has scientifically put it, "Slowly and by degrees science is being brought to recognize in the universe the existence of one Power, which is of no beginning and no end, which has existed before all things were formed, and will remain in its integrity when all is gone; the Source and Origin of all, in itself beyond any conception or image that man can form and set up before his eye or mind; whereas all things perceivable as matter and force are subjected to His inquiry and designs.

WE LAUD MRS. ANNIE R. MORRIS



President of I. S. Sisterhood. A modest, sincere and responsible personality whose efforts for and on behalf of the Institutional Synagogue have always been motivated by a desire to benefit others; whose association with Institutional projects has been at all times actuated by a sincere endeavor to render conspicuous service in an inconspicuous manner.

"The Institutional," as the official voice of the Institutional Synagogue, is honored and pleased to laud the services of Mrs. Annie R. Morris. And for the I. S. constituency we extend her our best wishes for many, many years of happiness and continuation of great service.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS AND SEATHOLDERS!

We are now taking applications for seats for the High Holy Days at both our synagogues in Harlem and at the West Side. In order to get choice seats or to retain the seats you have had in previous years it is important that you immediately reserve them. Particularly so at the West Side, where we have but a limited number of seats. We desire to avoid a repetition of last year's disappointments, when we were unable to accommodate all our friends who sought seats at a late date. With the hope that we will see you with us again this year,

Sincerely,

Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

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☐ Ladies' Seats

Remarks (indicate choice)

Sincerely

Name

Address

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RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S APPEAL BRINGS WORTHY RESPONSE

Rabbi Goldstein's appeal to 5,999 public spirited citizens to help keep the Institution doors open and to aid the I. S. in its religious and educational work has brought forth a superb response. Accompanying the donations many donors expressed commendation of the I. S. objectives and projects. Both Jews and Gentiles responded. We publish some of the letters sent to Rabbi Goldstein.

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My dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I am very glad to help along your cause. The amount that you ask for is so small in comparison with the work for which it is intended that I doubt whether you will have any difficulty in getting responses from all those you write to.

In fact, I think it is the duty of every Jew to support so splendid a work. I hope the Lord will give you continued good health and happiness so as to enable you to carry on this great work.

With kindest regards, and wishing you and yours a pleasant Sabbath, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
S. H. G.

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My dear Rabbi:

I am with you. Your beneficent work deserves recognition and appreciation from all good Jehudim.

Sincerely yours,
A. R. K.

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My dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I am not a Jew, just a Pennsylvania Dutchman, but I am enclosing my check for \$2.00 herewith.

Sincerely,
F. R. G.

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Dear Dr. Goldstein:

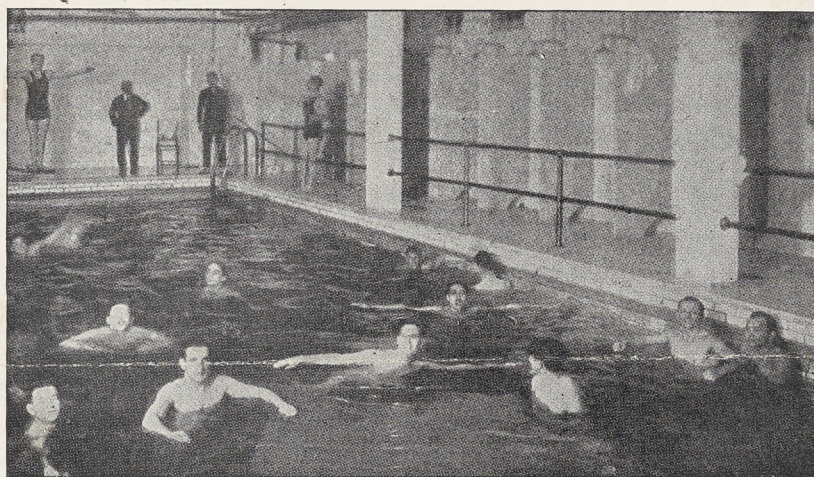
You will please find enclosed check \$10.00, my contribution and that of my brother, Mr. S. A., my son and our several nephews.

I am glad to be enabled to help in this difficult situation.

Sincerely,
S. A.

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