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I. S. Camp Ta-A-Noog Offers Complete Program of Education and Recreation

Weekly Outings Feature Program

Campers to Spend Wednesdays On All Day Outings

An outstanding feature of the Camp Ta-a-noog program that has met with enthusiastic approval by the campers in past seasons has been the all day outings held on Wednesdays. This year an interesting and enjoyable schedule of trips has been planned for those who will attend.

On July 8th, the campers will be taken by bus to Tibbets Brook Park where they will spend the day hiking and playing games.

The second outing, on July 15th, will be a boat ride on the Hudson River.

July 22nd will find Camp Ta-a-noog at the Indian Museum in the morning, and attending a baseball game at the Polo Grounds in the afternoon.

Pelham Bay Park will be the scene of the fourth outing. Practice in track and field sports will be held on this occasion.

On August 5th, the members of the camp will spend the day on the parade grounds of Van Cortlandt Park.

Inwood Park, at the upper end of Man- LORRAINE RE-ENGAGED FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Due to the demand and pressure of numerous friends of the Institutional Synagogue in the West Side neighborhood, the Lorraine at 2307 Broadway, between 83rd and 84th Streets, have been re-engaged in order to accommodate them for the coming High Holy Days Services.

In addition, services will be held as usual at the Main Building Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, and at the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street.

Information concerning seating arrangements at any of the above addresses may be secured from Mr. Abraham Bernstein at the Main Building, UNiversity 4-6729.

Home Camp Solves Problem for Children Who Cannot Leave City During Summer

The I. S. Camp Ta-a-Noog, offering a complete program of educational and recreational activities will solve the problem of many children who are faced with the difficulty of finding something to do with their summer vacation from the public schools. It is a well known fact that, unfortunately, only a few are able to go away for the entire summer. Many others find

it possible to spend a week or two at near-by camps. Camp Ta-a-noog, however, provides for a portion of the great mass of children who cannot leave the city during the summer months. The Home Camp, conducted at our main building, offers a wholesome, happy, and active summer, free from the dangerous and hot city streets.

This summer the first session of the camp will take place on Monday, July 6th. The camp will be in session for a period of eight weeks, ending August 28th.

The camp meets daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon, with the exception of the older boys who will come at 8:15 for morning services.

Parents desiring to register their children for the I.S. Camp Ta-a-Noog are urged to do so as soon as possible. Due to the ever-increasing popularity of our Camp, an exceptionally large registration is anticipated. Of course, those who come early will naturally receive preference.

Applications for registration and scholarships may be obtained from Rabbi Philip Goodman, Director of the Camp, at the Main Building.

An illustrated leaflet containing complete information concerning the camp will be sent upon request.

Daily Morning Services

In accordance with the objective of Camp Ta-a-noog to instill Jewish practices in the lives of the campers, daily morning services will be held. All boys who have passed Bar Mitzvah age, and those approaching this age, will attend the services. The men counsellors will also attend in order to supervise. However, the services will be conducted solely by the campers. Following the prayers, breakfast will be served.

TYPICAL DAILY PROGRAM

MONDAY

8:15—Boys: Sr.—Morning Services

8:50—Boys: Sr.—Breakfast

9:15—Roll Call and Inspection

9:30—Boys: Sr.—Dramatics

Int.—Arts and Crafts

Jr.—Gym

Girls: Hebrew

10:30—Boys: Hebrew

Girls: Sr.—Dramatics

Int.—Arts and Crafts

Jr.—Gym

11:30—Wash up

11:45—Lunch

12:45—Sr. and Int.—Table games and reading

Jr.—Rest

1:15—Boys: Sr.—Arts and Crafts

Int. and Jr.—Stories

Girls: Sr. and Int.—Gym

Jr.—Stories

2:00—Boys: Sr. and Int.—Gym

Jr.—Arts and Crafts

Girls: Pool

3:00—Boys: Pool

Girls: Sr.—Arts and Crafts

Int.—Stories Jr.—Dramatics

4:00—Milk and Crackers

4:15—Sr. and Int.—Hobbies, Camp Paper

to Jr. Boys: Arts and Crafts

5:00—Jr. Girls: Dramatics

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Light Candles Friday Evening, 8:13

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Friday Evening 6:30
Saturday Morning 9:00
Sedrah "Korach"
Saturday Afternoon 8:13
Ethics of the Fathers, Chapter 4
Weekday Evenings 8:20

HIGH HOLY DAYS

are on the horizon

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the summer.

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this matter will save you the
trouble of attending to it after
the summer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our sincerest congratulations are
extended to our active and devoted
members, Mr. and Mrs. David L.
Messing upon the forthcoming
marriage of their daughter, Olivia,
to Mr. Jacob Starman.

Wit and Humor

BREVITY IS THE SOUL OF BUSINESS

A wholesaler in Lodz was exasperated because a Jewish customer in Minsk had owed him money for some time and refused to pay. Several pleading letters and statements from the merchant failed to elicit the desired result. The merchant called in his son who had recently been graduated from college and instructed him to draw up a drastic telegram to the obstreperous customer in Minsk. In a few minutes the son returned with the following copy for the telegram:

"Debt past due. Please remit at once."

"This is a terrible telegram," shouted the merchant to his son. "Let me show you how ridiculous your words are. You say, 'Debt past due.' What are you discovering, a new America? Doesn't he know that it was due a long time ago? You say, 'Please remit.' Doesn't he know that I want him to do that? You say, 'At once.' Again you are wasting words. What else do I wish him to remit if not 'at once'? Let me show you how this telegram can be worded economically and effectively."

The merchant thereupon sat down and wrote on the telegram blank, "Nu, nu?"

A few hours later he received a telegram from his customer in Minsk. The answer read, "Sha, sha!"

AN INFORMAL INTRODUCTION

Moses Mendelssohn, the Jewish philosopher, was once walking on a busy thoroughfare in Berlin deeply engrossed in thought. Unintentionally he bumped into a corpulent Prussian army officer. Mendelssohn hastened to apologize but the officer became furious. "Pig!" he shouted.

Whereupon the philosopher made a courteous bow, as if responding to a personal introduction, and said: "Mendelssohn."

YES, WHAT IS IT?

A Polish Count instructed his Jewish steward to obtain a dachshund for him not later than the following morning.

"Very good, your Excellency, but how much do you wish to spend on a dachshund?" inquired the Jew.

"Say, ten roubles," replied the Count.

"That's not enough."

"Make it twenty-five."

"Look here, now," insisted the Jew, "you will no doubt want a real dachshund, one of which you will never be ashamed. That kind of dachshund will cost no less than fifty roubles."

"All right then, I'll make it fifty, but be sure to have it by tomorrow morning."

"Just leave it to me."

As he was about to depart the Jew stopped and asked: "By the way, your Excellency, will you please tell me what is a dachshund?"

AN INHERENT IMPEDIMENT

A major in the Russian army and his favorite dog were on a train in the same compartment with a Jewish merchant. The major kept fondling the dog and looking persistently at the Jew as he called his pet Yankel. The Jew sat silently for a long time, read his newspaper, and said nothing. Finally the Jew began to murmur to himself repeatedly: "It's too bad; indeed, it's too bad."

"What's too bad?" asked the major.

"It's too bad you gave your beautiful dog a Jewish name."

"What difference does that make to the dog?" asked the major.

"You see," replied the Jew, "if it were not for his name the dog, too, could become a major."

OUR FATHERS

Let us now praise famous men,
Our fathers in their generations.
The Lord manifested in them great glory,
Even His mighty power from the beginning.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms,
And were men renowned for their power,
Giving counsel by their understanding,
Such as have brought tiding in prophecies:
Leaders of the people by their counsels,
And by their understanding men of learning for the people;
Wise were their words in their instruction:
Such as sought out musical tunes,
And set forth verses in writing;
Rich men furnished with ability,
Living peaceably in their habitations:
All these were honored in their generations,
And were a glory in their days.
There be of them, that have left a name

behind them,
To declare their praises.
And some there be, which have no memorial;
Who are perished as though they had not been,
And are become as though they had not been born.
With their seed shall remain continually a good inheritance:
Their children are within the covenants.
Their seed standeth fast,
And their children for their sakes.
Their seed shall remain for ever,
And their glory shall not be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace,
And their name liveth for evermore.
Peoples will declare their wisdom,
And the congregation telleth out their praises.

Ecclesiasticus 44 1-15

I. S. CAMP TA-A-NOOG PROVIDES JEWISH CONTENT PROGRAM

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.

A novel innovation in the activities of Home Camps will take place this summer, when three of the camps, located in the Bronx and Manhattan, will hold an inter-camp Maccabiah. The camps participating will be the Schiff Center, the Washington Heights Y. M. H. A., and Camp Ta-a-Noog.

The Maccabiah will be held on August 5th, at Van Cortlandt Park.

The program for the day includes a grand parade of participants, mass drills by each camp, and the Maccabiah invocation and pledge. Each camp will present a pageant symbolic of the city in Palestine it will represent. Washington Heights "Y" will present Haifa, the port of immigration for persecuted Jews. The Schiff Centre will portray Tel Aviv, the Levant Fair, representative of the industrial wealth and growth of Palestine. The Institutional Synagogue will present Jerusalem, the city of learning.

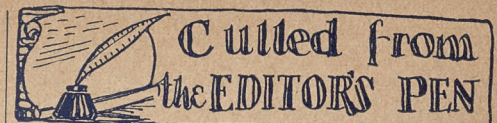
Following the pageant, a comprehensive program of track and field events will be conducted, in the same manner as the Maccabiah games are held.

So as not to lose the continuity of the work of the Talmud Torah, during one period of each day, the entire camp is divided into graded classes with the regular teaching staff in charge. 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 the grace after meals. Appropriate games of Jewish content are introduced and enjoyed by the campers during the Hebrew period. An effort was also made to replace camp terminology with its Hebrew equivalent and met with some success. Treasure hunts in which the clues contained Hebrew words prove to be very exciting. The texts 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 consideration of possible adjustments to satisfy individual needs.

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 counselors, 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 on Jewish current events, Herzl Day, Tisha B'Ab, etc. A portion of the

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UNTIL SEPTEMBER

With this issue the "Institutional" suspends publication until next September.

The manifold activities of the past season reported regularly in the "Institutional," served as concrete illustrations of the successes that have crowned our efforts during the year.

The "Institutional" itself, we trust, has taken a change for the better both from the standpoint of news content and typography in its enlarged form. Deliberate effort has been made to suggest the potential power of the "Institutional," as a means of correctly reporting the happenings within the building, of encouraging the growth of our present nucleus of workers, and of seeking to enlist the support and intelligent sympathy of outsiders in the constructive program that we are offering. We have tried our best and are grateful to all those individuals, including the Board of Directors, the Executive Staff, members and friends, who have been helpful in our endeavors. To our active supporters we say that your investment in the work of our Institution has produced dividends in the form of good Jews and good Americans.

We look forward to a summer replete with constructive contributions to fill the community's needs.

We extend our sincere wishes to all our readers for a very pleasant summer, and wish to remind them that the I. S. is, as always, open day and night. We hope that you will take advantage of this to participate in our summer's program.

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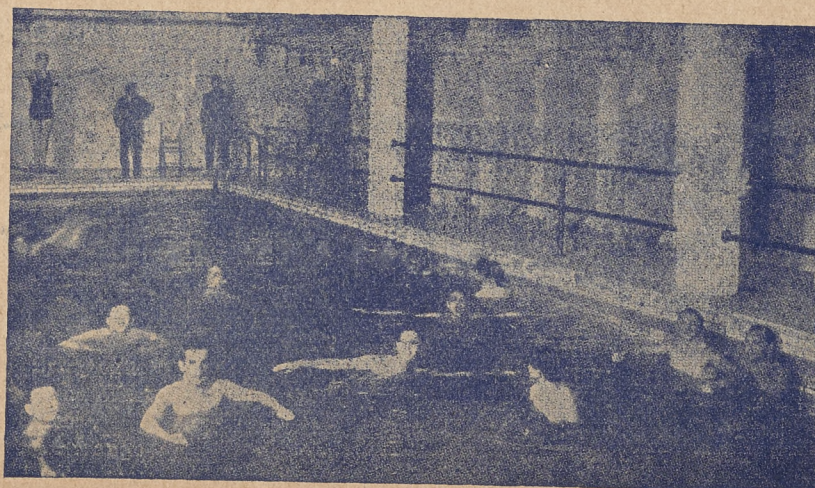
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JEWISH CONTENT PROGRAM PERVADES ALL ACTIVITIES

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paper is devoted to contributions written by the children in Hebrew.

The Jewish motif is also introduced in the arts and crafts workshop through soap and wood carving, raffia weaving and stippling. Some of the objects made during past season were scrolls, the Tablets of the Ten Commandments, Holy Ark, Mogen David, and Hebrew letters.

Tisha B'Ab is observed in accordance with tradition. The entire day's program is rearranged to conform with the fast. In the morning an assembly will be held, for which we have prepared a special service containing prayers in Hebrew and English.

Every Friday afternoon the campers themselves will conduct services in the synagogue. A regular feature of the services is the narration of a Sabbath story.

The success of the Jewish content program that we execute is due to the fact that it is not considered a special activity to be heralded by a fanfare of bugles, but, rather a normal integrated part of the daily camp routine. We are 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.

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Health teaching is integrated in the program as an incidental rather than as direct subject matter. Aspects of health and hygiene are brought out in actual practices in the projects and in the daily routine. A very effective opportunity for health teaching as well as health building, is the mid-day lunch, which the children often help to plan, buy, prepare and serve.

This meal becomes a real experience in social living. The children sit in small groups at attractively set tables. Group table service and its amenities of consideration and courtesy, wholesome attitudes toward food and eating, the aesthetics of well arranged tables and properly served food—all these are educational by-products of the experience of eating together. The service of afternoon milk constitutes another pleasant, relaxing interlude in the day's activity, combining health with social routine.

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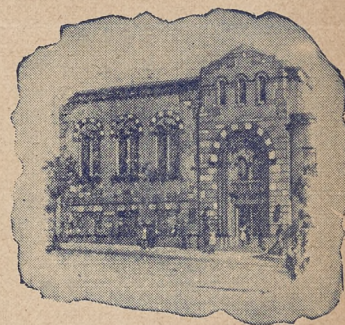
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hattan, will be the scene of the sixth outing on August 12th. The Day Camp of Inwood Park will act as host to our group.

Central Park will be visited on August 19th, and the campers will spend the day playing on the East Green. Many of the campers will visit the Museum of Art.

The final outing of the season will be held on August 26th, when the campers will spend the day in Bronx Park. Of course, a visit to the Zoo will be part of the day's program.

In case of rain, or any unforeseen happening, the schedule of outdoor trips will be changed to meet the circumstances. Whenever possible, the outings are usually held the next day.



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