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Gymnasium And Swimming Pool Now Open For Summer Memberships

Attractive Rates Offered For Three Months

The summer session of the Department of Physical Education is scheduled to begin this year on June 1 and to extend until September 1. An ambitious program of activities, planned to interest every class of membership, has been prepared. The new summer schedule offers lowered rates and a greater variety of activities to the membership.

As usual, special emphasis will be laid on the swimming activities in our modern and spacious swimming pool. Classes in swimming both for advanced swimmers and non-swimmers are included on the program. Expert instructors will supply the training along these lines. Safety measures, both in outdoor and indoor swimming, will be one of the major points stressed, the purpose being to train our members to be able to take care of themselves in an emergency. Toward this end, training in Red Cross Life Saving techniques will be offered at no additional cost, and regular examinations will be given by licensed examiners.

In the gymnasium the activities will be centered around baseball, basketball, handball, fencing, wrestling and apparatus work. Badminton and boxing will also find their adherents.

The exceptionally low rates at which a summer membership is now available, and the completeness of the program planned for the summer months, makes this membership exceptionally attractive.

The rates follow: Junior Housemembers and Talmud Torah pupils (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; and Senior Non-Housemembers, \$4.00.

Beginning with June 1st, the gymnasium and swimming pool will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A summer membership entitles you to make use of these activities on each of those evenings.

Model Of Institutional Synagogue Being Built

The busy craftsmen are now engaged in an ambitious undertaking. The Arts and Crafts workshop is the scene of action as a model of the Institutional Synagogue is slowly taking form.

The craftsmen have at the present time completed the plans for the model, which will include the gymnasium, swimming pool, synagogue, and various rooms of the building.

Miss Edith Witt is in charge of this project, which is expected to be completed within two months.

Jewish Book Week Starts This Sunday

The twelfth annual observance of Jewish Book Week will take place this year during the week of May 15th-22nd. Every effort will be made by the Jewish pulpit and press to call attention to this observance and recall to the Jewish people the vast and invaluable contribution which the Jew has made to the world of books. Jewish Book Week was instituted in 1927, at the instance of Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn of Chicago. Since that time, it became of increasing interest and concern to the Jews of America. Rabbis, school teachers, community centers and Talmud Torahs call attention to Jewish Book Week in an endeavor to impress upon their groups the importance of Jewish books and a knowledge of the Jew's contribution to the world's literature which he has done so much to create.

Registration For The Fifth Season Of Camp Ta-a-Noog Now Under Way

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.

Pupils To Attend Lag B'Omer Assembly Thurs.

A Lag B'Omer Assembly will be conducted for the pupils of the Talmud Torah on Thursday evening, May 19th.

A short but interesting program will be presented. The assembly will also serve as an opportune time to present to the pupils of the Talmud Torah the program of activities that will be conducted at the Lag B'Omer Field Day, which will be held on May 22nd.

JNF Flower Day

The Silver Jubilee Flower Day of the Jewish National Fund will be observed on Saturday evening, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th.

The funds received from the sale of these flowers will be used to purchase land in Palestine. It is being conducted under the auspices, and for the benefit of, the Jewish National Fund.

Complete Recreational And Educational Program

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 nearby 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 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, June 27th. The camp will be in session for a period of eight weeks.

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 8:30 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.

Employment Assistance For Sabbath Observers

The files of the Institutional Synagogue Employment Bureau are full with applicants, experienced in stenography, bookkeeping, secretarial, and general office help, who are desirous of observing the Sabbath. Many of these persons are high school and college graduates. They have fine records, and will make capable employees.

The services of this bureau are free to employers and employees. If you know of any vacancies in your organization, phone UNIVERSITY 4-6729, or write to the I. S. and we will be glad to send you capable applicants.

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Calendar of Services

Light Candles Friday Evening 7:49
 Friday Evening6:30
 Saturday Morning9:00
 Sedrah: Emor
 Saturday Afternoon7:45
 Weekday Mornings7:00

Field Day Outing Set For May 22nd

Clubs And Talmud Torah To Participate

On Sunday morning, May 22nd, the members of the clubs, gym and Talmud Torah will be present at Pelham Bay Park to participate in the Annual Lag B'Omer Field Day.

A varied and interesting schedule of events has been prepared for this function. In addition to the usual field, track, and relay events, several novelty competitions will be held. In keeping with the traditional observance of Lag B'Omer, the pupils of the Talmud Torah will participate in an archery contest, an event that has proven to be very popular at past field days.

In order to allow every one to take part in the track and field events, field entries will be accepted, according to Mr. Milton Rosenberg, gymnasium director. A detailed list of the various events that will be held may now be obtained either at the desk, or in the gymnasium office.

Following the track and field events, the rest of the day will be spent in group games, with several baseball games already scheduled. Clubs desirous of playing another team are urged to communicate with Mr. Rosenberg as soon as possible.

THE STORY OF LAG B'OMER

Lag B'Omer is the most recent of all Jewish festivals. All Jewish holidays and festivals, major or minor, except Lag B'Omer, originated long before the destruction of the Second Temple. This holiday is based upon some event or events which occurred sometime after the failure of the Bar Kochba uprising, and is connected with either Rabbi Akiba, who was a staunch supporter of that uprising against Rome, or his pupil Rabbi Simeon Ben Yochai. Since the suppression of the Bar Kochba uprising took place in the year 130 of the common era, the festival of Lag B'Omer must have originated some time after that date.

To understand the meaning of the phrase "Lag B'Omer," we must first know what the Omer was. All that the term means is an ancient dry measure about the size of a half gallon; but it has been commonly used to indicate the barley sacrifice which was brought into the Temple on the second day of Passover, as a thanksgiving offering for the first ripened grain. It has been so called because the Omer was the measure used for that sacrifice. Beginning with the second day of Passover, a period of forty-nine days is counted daily, and the fiftieth is celebrated as Shevuoth, the Feast of Weeks. "Lag" consists of the Hebrew "lamed" and "gimmel," which are numerically equivalent to thirty and three, respectively. Thus the phrase "Lag B'Omer" stands for the thirty-third day since the bringing of the Omer on the second day of Passover.

Our sages tell us that on Lag B'Omer the plague which raged among the pupils of Rabbi Akiba ceased. This is generally accepted as the explanation for the celebration of this day. Some think that the plague and its cessation had something to do with the suppression of the Bar Koch-

An Experience in Healthy Living At The Home Camp

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.

By Child Study Association

ba uprising against Rome, and a release from the sufferings that were brought about by this last attempt by the Jews to regain their freedom. But what the connection between the two was, is difficult to tell. Some connect this holiday with the passing away of Rabbi Simon Ben Yochai. It is claimed that the famous scholar revealed many secrets before his departure from life, and his Yahrzeit is therefore celebrated as a happy occasion. It is quite obvious from both of these explanations that it was a mere temporary joy or release from suffering. It was a breathing spell to enable the Jews to endure the exile for some time longer, and as such it is celebrated.

The most important feature of this minor holiday is the permissibility to hold festive celebrations on this day, such as weddings, and that of hearing music and cutting the hair, practices prohibited during the days of Counting the Omer. But though its main feature is release from prohibitions observed before and after this day, it has a number of secondary features, making it a joyous occasion. On this day it is customary to eat fruits that are known to grow in Palestine, and for some people an occasion for athletic games.

The festival of Lag B'Omer may be compared to a wanderer's accidental stop in an oasis. Tiresome, dreary is his walk along the sandy paths in the burning sun of the tropical desert. He is hungry, thirsty, and tired, and the fertile spot catches his eye. He sits down on the grass, refreshes himself with the spring water and swallows as many tropical fruits as he can; but does not stay long, for there is a long way before him. The "sefirah" time coincides with the spring, when nature awakens and beckons to young and old to come out and rejoice; but national memories prevent us from rejoicing. We are kept in depression through the "sefirah" period; music and like enjoyments are prohibited. Lag B'Omer is a temporary release and we take advantage of it as best we can.

—Women's Branch, U.O.J.C.A.

A Letter Written By Billy Sunday Shortly Before His Death To a Friend of Our President, Hon. Isaac Siegel:

We can fly in the air like birds, dive in the water like loons, but a Jew wrote the twenty-third psalm.

The laws God gave us through Moses a Jew, form the basis of all laws today.

The Jew is the most remarkable man of this world.

They have outlived the Tudors, Stewarts, Plantagenets, Romanoffs, Hapsburgs, the Hohenzollerns, Caesars.

No nation has ever endured that persecuted the Jews.

Germany is riding for a fall because of their abuse of the Jews.

God bless the Jews.

Your friend,

W. A. SUNDAY
Psalm 34

WIT & HUMOR

THE MIDDLE POSITION

Two Hitlerites noticed Ludwig Blau, a middle-aged man, board the train at Dresden, and decided to annoy him. As the train pulled out of the station, they walked up and sat down at his right and left, respectively.

"We are here," said one of the Hitlerites, "to find out something about you. Are you an ordinary fool or a downright crook?"

The Jew thought a moment and then answered calmly: "It seems to me that I find myself between the two."

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IT'S ALL IN THE POINT OF VIEW

The testimonial dinner was over and the patient guests who had listened to the long address of the principal speaker breathed a sigh of relief.

"The speaker was all right," said one of the participants to the toastmaster, "but it seems to me that he did not put enough fire into his speech."

"That's your opinion," replied the toastmaster, "but in my opinion he did not put enough of his speech into the fire."

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LEARNING AND UTILITARIANISM

It was Fathers' Day on the campus and Dave was uneasy. His father was scheduled to have dinner at the frat house and Dave was worried lest something untoward might happen. Things ran smoothly till tea was served. Then his father forgot that he was away from home and poured some tea into the saucer. There was a titter.

"Why are you doing that, dad!" exclaimed the son crestfallen.

"You go to college and you ask such a question?" the father exclaimed. "Why, don't you know? To cool the tea!"

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A JEWISH STORY

Israel Zangwill was once asked to define a typically Jewish story. "A Jewish story," he said, "is one which no goy can understand and which a Jew says he has heard before."

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