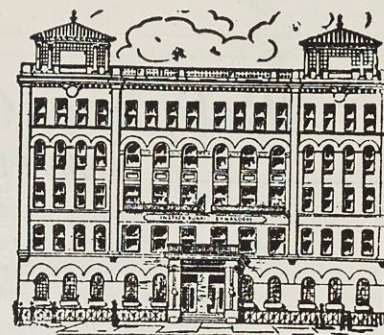


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## Camp Ta-a-noog Ends Fifth Season

Enjoyed By 119 Campers

### Hon. Isaac Siegel Speaks At Annual Banquet

Camp Ta-a-noog, the home camp project of the Institutional Synagogue, concluded its fifth successful year on Friday, August 26th. Due to the urgent requests of parents and campers, an extra week was added to the season thus extending the time to nine weeks. An unprecedented number of campers participated in the program. One hundred and nineteen boys and girls enjoyed their vacation to the utmost in a varied schedule of educational and recreational activities.

Congressman Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue, was the guest speaker at the Annual Camp Banquet, which was held on Friday, August 19th. Over one hundred and fifty campers and parents enjoyed the beautiful program that was presented, as well as the delicious meal.

#### Jewish Teachings

As in the past, living in a Jewish atmosphere was the aim of the camp. This was practically demonstrated in every phase of the camp's program. The boys of Bar Mitzvah age conducted daily morning services. These services were followed by the serving of breakfast. Hebrew instruction, blessings before and after meals, and Friday afternoon services were all incorporated into the camp program.

This summer two new groups were introduced. The kindergarten group was formed to take care of pre-school children between the ages of three and six years. In addition to gaining valuable social training, these youngsters also were given a fine opportunity to do creative work. The results of their arts and crafts periods is ample proof that they took advantage of their opportunities, producing colorful chains to decorate their room, airplanes and many other articles including a model Succah. Most of their day was spent in neighboring parks.

#### Junior Counsellors

The other new division introduced into Camp Ta-a-noog was an experimental group for the purpose of giving preparatory training to counsellors. The Junior Counsellors' group, while learning the duties of a counsellor at first hand by observation and actual practice, also visited other home camps.

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## DR. CYRUS ADLER

on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday

by HON. ISAAC SIEGEL

It has been my good fortune to know Dr. Cyrus Adler for more than a quarter of a century. He has always been a man of action. Indeed he has added a contribution to the life of the Jew throughout the civilized world, which cannot be measured in words.

During the eight years that I was a member of the House of Representatives, his seasoned advice and suggestions regarding the immigration problem, were of the greatest constructive value. He was one of the two men, who helped most to make it possible for a half million men, women, and children, to find a home and a refuge in our beloved country.



DR. CYRUS ADLER

Time can never efface the truly friendly advice which he gave to me as Chairman, and to the other members of the Overseas Commission who went abroad in 1918 to establish headquarters for the Jewish Welfare Board, and to help America's defenders. His labors as Chairman of the Army and Navy Committee, of which I am a member, has stamped him as one who loves his fellowmen, and who has constantly given his utmost to advance their cause.

He has always loved to seek inspiration by revisiting our historic shrines. Hence it is, that only a few days ago, he visited the Touro Synagogue at Newport, R. I. where Washington delivered his famous address.

Not merely has he been interested in the problems of the community, but I can recall two of the instances where he gave quite some time to two young men. One was a midshipman at Naval Academy. Were it not for the patience exercised by Dr. Adler, a gross injustice would have been perpetrated in this particular instance. The second case was with a young man who was a City College graduate and who desired to enter a medical college. Dr. Adler need have no regrets for the efforts which he made in this young man's behalf. This young man

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## Traditional High Holy Days Services Arouse Jewry To Wide Participation

### Talmud Torah Rally Marks New Semester

#### All Parents Invited To Attend With Children

Preceding the opening of the Talmud Torah, a gala rally will be conducted for the pupils and their friends on Monday, September 12th. During the coming week registration will be accepted daily between the hours of nine a.m. and seven p.m.

An entertaining program of motion pictures will be the feature of the rally. Comedies, short subjects, and films of activities at Camp Ta-a-noog will be shown. Refreshments will be served to all the children attending.

Parents are urged to attend with their children and to become acquainted with the program of the Talmud Torah.

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

In addition to our well planned courses of study, under the guidance of excellent teachers, new extra-curricular activities are planned for the new year. These will include arts and crafts, story-telling, athletics, swimming, game room, outings and journalism.

### Gym and Pool Prove Attractive In Summer

Throughout the hot summer nights, the I. S. gymnasium and swimming pool proved to be a haven for those of the members who were forced to remain in the city. Every night, an enthusiastic group of devotees was to be found getting their "work out" in the gymnasium. This was usually in the form of one or more heated games of handball. Basketball, too, was not neglected by its adherents, while calisthenics, boxing, wrestling and badminton were also engaged in. This summer a popular innovation was the electric reducing machine, which had been installed during July. Usually several of the members, who were interested in getting rid of excess poundage, were to be found clustering around it.

The evening's activities were usually ended by a refreshing shower and a plunge in the sparkling waters of the pool. The swimming pool was one place that was seldom vacant.

### Rabbi Goodman To Preach

#### Early Reservations Urged For Choice Seats

Beginning sunset on Sunday, September 25th, the Jewish New Year will be celebrated by Jews throughout the world. As in the past, traditional High Holy Days services will be conducted in our spacious and airy auditorium. The Institutional Synagogue is famed for its beautiful congregational singing, which is led by our sweet-voiced cantor, Rev. Samuel D. Taitz. Uniform prayer books will be distributed to each seat-holder, thus facilitating the worshippers in their service.

Dignity and decorum, assuring the proper spirit for Divine Worship, are the keystones of our services.

Rabbi Philip Goodman will preach the sermons throughout the holidays.

With Rosh Hashonah but two weeks off, members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue are urged to make reservations for seats as soon as possible. Reservations and inquiries can be made at the Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, or by phoning Rabbi Philip Goodman, University 4-6729. The office is open daily from nine in the morning to ten in the evening.

Upon application, unemployed people, home relief recipients, and children will be given free seats.

### Leaders' Council Meets This Tuesday Night

Departing from precedent, the Leaders' Council of the Institutional Synagogue did not cease its activities with the advent of the summer vacation. Instead, they adapted their functions to suit the weather. Their two "get-togethers" at Orchard Beach on July 17 and August 14, were unanimously voted to be an ideal method of combining a way "to beat the heat" and congregating with a congenial group of friends.

The steering committee was also active, holding meetings at regular intervals during the vacation period. They succeeded in arranging a complete and varied program of interesting things to do and of places to go during the coming year for the members of the Council to ratify at their first meeting, which will be held on September 13.

## Religious Group Work

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

The problems of the adolescent Jewish boy and girl are so manifold as to restrict a thorough consideration of them in this article. This most crucial period of physical, sexual, social and intellectual growth and change, which effect the religious outlook of the adolescent, has been sadly neglected in the total scheme of Jewish religious life in America. At this stage, our youth are in dire need of guidance and instruction in order to safely bridge the vast gap that lies between childhood and maturity.

We have made provision to care for the religious needs of the child through Hebrew Schools and Yeshivoh. The synagogue and its affiliated organizations satisfy the wants of the adult. We must realize, however, that the knowledge gained in childhood will not be sufficient to help the adolescent face a world of skepticism and disbelief. Youth needs a reevaluation of religious instruction in the light of his growing maturity so that he will not repudiate his earlier training as something childish. While the home should be the focal point for this reinterpretation of Judaism, the fact remains, whether due to economic or other factors, that this grave responsibility must be shared by the larger community. A means toward this end is the expanding club movement.

### Youth 'Gangs' Together

The growth of the supervised club movement came as a result of the recognition of the need to capitalize the tendencies of our youth to "gang" together. Whether or not there is a gregarious in-

stinct in man, adolescents do tend to gravitate towards one another and form close groups, cliques, gangs, teams and clubs. Such groups, if unsupervised, achieve only in rare instances any lasting stability that carries over into adult life. Through supervised club work valuable features of group life can be enhanced. Individual initiative and leadership can be developed while at the same time brought into harmonious relationship with group action and group cooperation. The individual is made to feel that he is part of a group, that his desires and wishes must necessarily be modified to harmonize with the wishes of other members and that he must share the group responsibilities. By means of the experiences afforded him through creative club activities, the development of the desirable traits of cooperation, loyalty, and the like, are fostered in the miniature society of the club group, with a view to preparing the individual for getting citizenship in the larger society.

The management of the Jewish club assumes these responsibilities and, in addition, the responsibility for developing in our youth an appreciation of Jewish values, motivating them for the observance of Jewish laws and customs, creating positive Jewish attitudes, enthusing them with the desire for Jewish knowledge and awakening within them a strong devotion to their fellow-Jews. This is essential for the development of wholesome personalities who will function adequately as good citizens and as loyal Jews.

### Holiday Observance

The observance of Jewish holidays, as an integrated part of the club program, is one of the most important ways of deepening the attachment of our youth to Judaism. Holidays serve not only to remind us of important events of the past but also are designed to impress upon us certain truths and duties which we might otherwise overlook. Because of the festivity associated with most holidays, the problem of the motivation of boys and girls is relatively simple.

Participation in these celebrations, when based on a logical as well as on an emotional basis, will have a lasting influence upon the life of the club members. The desirable effect that continued observance has on the life of the Jew and the relation of the holiday to modern life will be clarified by a discussion of the origin and significance of each particular holiday. Thus, celebration of holidays gives concrete expression to Jewish life. In this manner, the club functions as a supplement to the home, the school, and the synagogue. Indeed, in many cases, it is the only means of observance.

Jewish history, laws and customs, Jewish music, current Jewish problems and movements and the role of Palestine can be readily introduced into the informal atmosphere of the club situation by means of arts and crafts, dramatics, debating, discussions and other club techniques.

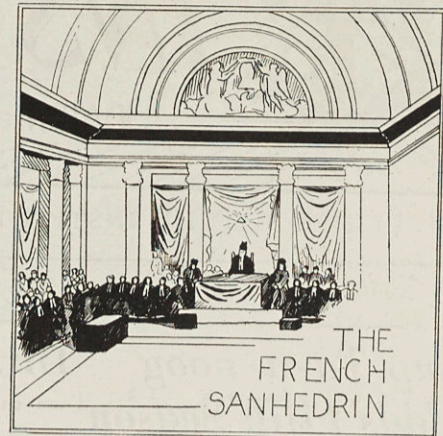
Vast possibilities for creating religious bonds of our adolescents to the Jewish fold are inherent in organized group work.

## JEWISH ODDITIES

The French Sanhedrin was convened in 1807 by Napoleon I. Its purpose was to give legal sanction to the principles expressed by the Assembly of Notables, in answer to twelve questions submitted to it by the government concerning the status of the Jew in France.

The Sanhedrin was composed of two-thirds Rabbis and one-third laymen, with David Hinzheim, Rabbi of Strasburg as president.

Delegates from congregations throughout Europe were present. They were disappointed when the President invited them to be silent listeners, instead of active debaters, as they had been led to believe they would be by the glowing proclamation of the Assembly of Notables. They passed, without discussion, the answers to the various questions presented to them, and adjourned



THE FRENCH SANHEDRIN  
Albert Wasserman

on March 9th, 1807. The resolutions resulting from these meetings of the Sanhedrin formed the basis of all subsequent laws and regulations of the French government in regard to the religious affairs of the Jews, although Napoleon, in spite of the declarations, issued a decree on March 17th, 1808, restricting the Jews' legal rights.

## Camp Ta-a-noog Ends 5th Successful Season

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The well-balanced camp program ranged from editing the weekly camp newspaper, "The Ta-a-noog Shofar," to overnight hikes and rowing. Among the activities were baseball, handball, basketball, volleyball, swimming, story telling, rallies, puppet shows, motion pictures, boatrides, overnight stays, arts and crafts, dramatics, photography, and weekly outings.

### Regular Outings

Wednesdays were devoted to all-day outings to places of interest. These outings were so arranged as to give the campers the most benefit from their day out-of-doors. Among the outings held this summer were trips to Tibbets Brook Park, Central Park, Van Cortlandt Park, a boatride on the Hudson River, Silver Lake Park in Staten Island, a boatride to Owl's Head Park, and Pelham Bay.

## DR. CYRUS ADLER

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has now obtained the highest mark ever received by any student in the subject of chemistry.

It has been said in the Talmud, "that he who saves one life, is as though he had saved the world."

By what measure, can we then reckon the powerful influence for continuous good which Dr. Adler has been. At all times and places, he has typified stability when others were mere mouthpieces seeking publicity. He exemplifies the real Jew, loyal and devoted to his faith, and at the same time commands the respect of all thinking Americans who have recognized in him a distinguished patriot. He ranks today in my judgment as a leading Jew of the United States.

All that I can add is, that Dr. Cyrus Adler has been one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon this world.

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