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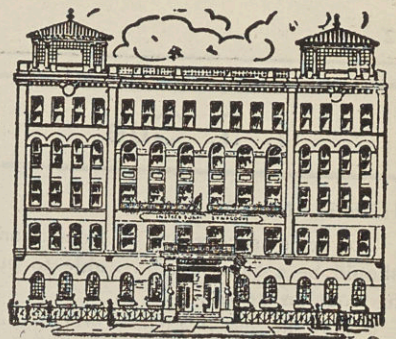
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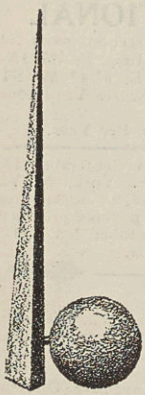
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... At the Fair



Fluttering among the flags of scores of nations at the opening ceremonies of the New York World's Fair on April 30th was the blue - and - white banner of Jewish Palestine, making its debut at an international exposition in the United States as one of the foreign

countries represented in Flushing Meadows.

Not only did the Magen David standard fly in the Jewish Palestine Pavilion grounds at the Fair, but it took its proper place in the March of Nations that formed part of the official opening exercises. A guard of honor of young Jews wearing typical Chalutz uniforms—khaki trousers, blue shirts marked with the Star of David, and tropical helmets—accompanied the Jewish Palestine flag, forming part of the parade. When the official announcer informed the crowd of several hundred thousand spectators that the Jewish banner was reaching the reviewing stand, where President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia were among the dignitaries watching the parade, the entire assemblage cheered vociferously.

While the Jewish Palestine Pavilion is not yet open to the public, its official opening being scheduled for the middle of this month, tens of thousands of visitors at the Fair opening crowded around the white concrete structure whose portal bears the symbols of the twelve Tribes of ancient Israel under the Hebrew words Eretz Israel.

Registration Opens For 6th Year Of I. S. Home Camp Ta-a-noog

Camp Offers Complete Program Under Expert Counselor Supervision

Camp Ta-a-noog, the Institutional Synagogue's Home Camp, offering a complete program of educational and recreational activities, is now accepting registration for its sixth season, according to a statement by Rabbi Philip Goodman, Director of the camp and Executive Director of the I.S.

Camp Serves Important Purpose

Ta-a-noog serves an important and needful community purpose. The camp provides a solution for children unable to leave the city for the summer, but much in need of recreational facilities and expert supervision.

Register Now

Registration for the I.S. Home Camp is necessarily limited because of physical conditions. Early registration is urged. Those applying first will be accepted until the maximum number has been reached.

An Extensive Program

The program of Ta-a-noog includes practically every branch of the usual fun and learning of the average summer camp.

Attention Directors

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday evening, May 17th, promptly at 8:30 o'clock, at 37-43 West 116th Street.

As matters of importance will be discussed, all directors are urged to be present.

Isaac Siegel,
President

Camp meets daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon. Older boys start the camp day at 8:30 with services and a breakfast which follows on this religious activity.

Further Notes on Program

Ta-a-noog campers spend days full of fun and educational activity. The entire day is spent under counselor supervision, and the mid-day meal is eaten in the building.

Swimming in the large I.S. pool is one of the major sports at camp and is appreciated in the midst of city summer heat.

Athletics of all sorts find expression in the gym and in neighboring parks. Among the other important activities are arts and crafts, dramatics, singing, story-telling, editing the camp paper, outdoor trips, and overnight hikes.

Applications Being Taken

Applications for registration and scholarships may be obtained from Rabbi Goodman in the office.

Rika Podvoll Wins Girls Ping-Pong Tourney

The second annual girls' ping-pong tournament was completed last week when Rika Podvoll won the final round and therewith the championship.

This title was gained only after a series of hard fought contests with Selma Klein and Ida Finfang.

The boys' ping-pong tournament is already reaching its concluding stages. This year's contest has been an exceptionally close one, according to Mr. Morris Grumer who is in charge of the game-room, and at the present time Abe Matza, Ernest Kohn, Johnny Haughton and Murray Begun are fighting hard to break the deadlock in order to gain the coveted championship.

Congratulations

Our sincerest congratulations are extended to Reverend and Mrs. Samuel Taitz upon the birth of a baby girl to their daughter Sara.

Annual Field Day Draws Large Group

Over sixty Talmud Torah children and club members attended the annual field day outing which was held on Sunday, May 7th, in keeping with the traditional observance of Lag B'Omer. The outing, held in Pelham Bay Park, brought out youngsters from the ages of four to thirty, who competed in field events on a perfect spring day.

Play Baseball

The group started from the Institutional building early in the morning, and was not disbanded until 5:30 in the afternoon. First athletic event on the program was an indoor baseball game.

Participants in the field day ate lunch, and enjoyed free milk distributed through the courtesy of the I.S. Field events followed.

Resume of Events

A resume of winners of field events follows:

Potato Race

For Girls. Semi-finals: Rika Podvoll, 19 4/5 seconds. Libby Begun, 21 sec. Ida Finfang, 21 sec. Finals: Rika Podvoll, 17 seconds.

For Boys. Semi-finals: Lou Beraha, 21 seconds. Milt Fine, 18 sec. Finals: Milt Fine, 15 2/5 seconds.

Fifty Yard Dash

For Girls. Semi-finals: Stella Matza, 8 4/5 sec. Sylvia Haberman, 7 1/2 sec. Ida Finfang, 7 1/2 sec. Finals: Ida Finfang, 6 1/5 sec.

For Boys. Semi-finals: Ernest Kohn, 6 1/5 sec. Joe Gattegno, 6 sec. Martin Haberman, 8 1/2 sec. Lou Beraha, 6 1/2 sec. Finals: Ernest Kohn, 5 1/2 sec.

Backward Run

For Boys. Semi-finals: Moses Finfang, 7 1/4 sec. Ernest Kohn, 7 sec. Hyman Gattegno, 7 sec. Lou Beraha, 7 sec. Finals: Ernest Kohn, 7 sec.

Bow and Arrow Contest

Girls—First, Selma Schlefstein; second, Phyllis Begun.

Boys—First, Stanley Samuels; Second, Moses Finfang; third, Harold Silver; fourth, Murray Begun.

Bazaar Goods Asked By I. S. Parents Group

Merchandise of a saleable nature is needed at this time, according to a statement of the Rummage Sale Committee of the Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue, so that a stock may be built for the Bazaar which is shortly to be held.

Sale in Neighborhood

Anticipating an even more successful record in the coming Rummage Sale than that established by the same organization in a similar sale this year, the committee pointed out that the outcome depends on material contributions and donations on the part of friends and members.

Special Three-Month Membership Offers Succour From Summer Heat

As the thermometer goes up and the sultry summer weather comes on, the I.S. fifty-foot pool becomes increasingly attractive to city-dwellers desirous of cooling off.

To make these facilities more available the Institutional Synagogue has announced a special three-month membership which entitles the holder to general membership as well as membership use of the

gymnasium and pool.

For this membership the nominal fee of three dollars has been set. The special summer membership is good for the months of June, July and August.

Gym membership allows four nights a week in the pool and gym under the expert supervision of I.S. gymnasium instructors. Life saving courses and swimming for beginners are also featured.

I. S. Cue

HERE AND THERE

To be a successful columnist one should be a centipede . . . able to put his foot on news . . .

Congratulations to Louis Maron . . . he is now an uncle . . . thanks to sister Jessie . . .

Sam Roth, Irving Heller and Frank Den remind me of three mosquitoes . . . they are always buzzing around together . . .

If you wish to be a playmate, a good samaritan and pass a pleasant summer . . . contact Sam Horowitz . . .

Happy to hear that our popular club leader, Bernard Defrin, has recovered from his recent illness and is around and about once again . . .

(P.S. . . . we don't feel so well these days . . . wedding bells are breaking up the old gang (staff) . . .

We owe a debt of thanks to Henry Gezunterman of the Williamsburg Y . . . for entertaining that certain party while I.S. officials prepared a surprise party for the latter . . .

Who went recently from Harlem to Pelham Bay Park to the West Bronx and back again to the Park and still found time to do a good day's work . . .

Received a thrill listening to E. G. reminiscent with a local gendarme about her scooter days . . . but oh was she downcast upon learning he was attached . . .

Mother's Day Program Planned By Jewish Centers

Mother's Day will be observed by Jewish Community Centers, Y.M.H.A.'s and Y.W.H.A.'s on Sunday, May 14. Reports received by the Jewish Welfare Board, parent organization of Jewish Centers, indicate that there is a growing tendency among its constituent organizations to broaden the scope of their celebrations, so as to include both parents. Joint programs are arranged in the form of Parents' Day or Parents' Night, as well as "Mothers and Daughters" and "Fathers and Sons" gatherings. Such occasions are utilized by Jewish Centers for the purpose of familiarizing parents with the activities of the association in general and the clubs and special activity groups of which their children are members in particular. An opportunity is also afforded the parents to meet and learn to know each other better.

Home Camps To Have Day At N. Y. World's Fair

Plans for the celebration of a Jewish Center Home Camp Day at the World's Fair to be held during the first week in August have been formulated, and are now in the process of being realized.

The celebration, sponsored by the Metropolitan Section of Jewish Center Workers, will feature a program presented by the children of the various home camps in the metropolitan area.

Mothers' Day

by Hon. Isaac Siegel

During the time that I was a member of the House of Representatives, Congress enacted a law providing that on the second Sunday of the month of May, Mothers' Day should be observed throughout our country.

The originator of this most splendid thought is Professor Frank E. Hering of South Bend, Indiana.

The love of a mother touches every individual, and leaves with us something we should remember each day and treasure as long as there is breath in us.

How can we celebrate the day? By giving a daily thought to what our mother has sacrificed for us and what we owe to her. As I have often said, the display of love and affection on one day of the year does not carry out the commandment which reads, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

If we will give some thought to the influence that our mother has been to us, we will endeavor in our own way to help make this world better than what it is.

A year ago I told this story which had been repeated for a number of years. I believe it is worthwhile repeating again this year. A little boy named Sidney who has now grown to manhood, when young in years presented a bill to his mother one morning. It was worded something like this:

"Mother owes Sidney for running errands—25c,
for being good—25c."

A number of other items brought the amount to the large sum of \$1.18. The mother quietly took the bill, and on the following morning she placed the bill with an envelope containing \$1.18, on Sidney's plate. In the envelope with the money was another bill:

"Sidney owes Mother, for the years of happiness—
nothing; for nursing him through his last long
illness—nothing; for being good to him—nothing."

Other little notes were added to the bill, and at the bottom the grand account was marked, "nothing." Sidney read the bill. Tears filled his eyes; he rushed to his Mother and flung himself into her arms, crying, "Oh, Mother, let me love you, and do things for you for nothing."

Let me add that Sidney is now a physician helping humanity. He is an idealist who lives with the thought that he is practicing medicine, not for the amount of money which he can make, but he gives his heart and soul in the service which he renders. He is very much beloved by his parents. He knows that his hand is guided by the One above, when he is serving them.

Again I say, God bless the Mothers of America.

Recent Books Of Interest

By Ben Tovim

THE NEW INQUISITION. By Konrad Heiden. Modern Age Books, Inc., New York. 188 pp. Fifty cents.

"The New Inquisition" by Konrad Heiden discloses the horrible and grim story of the Jewish persecutions in Germany, and of the November pogroms which met with the unanimous disapproval of mankind in the civilized countries.

Intimate details of the gruesome horrors of life (so-called) in concentration camps is revealed. The startling information which the author has gathered is well documented as he was able to draw from his wide contacts in his native Germany.

Heiden expresses deep concern not only for the victims of Nazi oppression but for the oppressors who have become slaves to brute force and barbarism.

An introduction by Hendrik Willem Van Loon enhances the character of the book.

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A PLAN FOR GROWING UP. By Marion Quinlan Davis. J. A. Richards, Inc., Kingsport, Tenn. 352 pp.

"If we paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds," is the quotation by Luther Burbank which prefaces the volume of this review. The truth of this statement is made apparent in this excellent treatment of child study by Marion Q. Davis. She

presents much valuable information in usable form. The need for practical advice and guidance is being felt more and more. Parents are being most anxious to learn of the new theories and doctrines that are being propounded by such specialists in the fields as the author of "A Plan for Growing Up."

Miss Davis presents a beautiful chapter on "The Faith of a Child." She affirms the right of every child to a religious education and places the complete responsibility for its fulfillment upon the shoulders of the parents, where it rightfully belongs.

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CLINICAL TREATMENT OF THE PROBLEM CHILD. By Carl R. Rogers. Houghton, Mifflin, New York. 393 pp. \$3.00.

A book dealing with the treatment of problem children is usually quite a bold undertaking, which meets with not too great a degree of success. Dr. Rogers, however, has done an exceptionally fine piece of work in his present volume.

The book is divided into three major sections—each dealing with an important aspect of the treatment of maladjusted children. One section discusses the diagnosis of behavior problems. The second deals with the modification of environment as a method of treatment. The last section concerns itself with therapeutic techniques.

New Classes In Photography And Life-Saving Formed

Two new, timely activities have been announced by the Department of Center Activities, and are scheduled to commence with the coming week.

The first of these is a Life-Saving Class for girls which will meet on Sunday afternoons. This class will be formed if a sufficient demand is felt, and will teach, test, and award Junior and Senior Red Cross Life-Saving badges.

The second class, in photography, will meet on Wednesday evenings from six to eleven, and will touch on all phases of picture-taking and photo-finishing.

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Saturday Afternoon 7:30
Sunday Morning 7:30 & 9:00
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