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Ta-a-noog Enters Sixth Year

All-Day Program

Camping Activities With Jewish Content

Many new innovations will be incorporated in the program of Camp Ta-a-noog, now beginning its sixth season. The activities of the campers have been greatly extended in order to provide for the greater number of children who are expected to attend.

New Groups Formed

Two groups, begun last season on an experimental basis, will be included this year as permanent additions to the program. The Kindergarten group, which will consist of children between the ages of four and six, will carry out a program of activities suitable for their age group. A special room has been set aside for the exclusive use of this group and it is completely outfitted with toys, blocks, and craft materials.

The Junior Counselor's group will once again be on hand. This group is composed of boys and girls between the ages of fifteen and eighteen, who are in training for counselorship.

Overnight Stays

One of the features of Camp that is eagerly looked-forward-to is the overnight stay. The group making the stay remains in the building after the close of camp. They prepare their own supper and then enjoy an evening of entertainment around a mock campfire. Sleeping accommodations are provided for them. In the morning, after a bracing swim and a hearty breakfast, they resume their regular camp routine. This activity has been a favorite ever since the first year of Camp Ta-a-noog.

Annual Staff Dinner Held On May 31st

The Annual Staff Dinner of the Institutional Synagogue was held on Wednesday evening, May 31st, in the Gold Room at Lou G. Siegel's restaurant. This function was anxiously awaited by members of the staff as it presented an opportunity for evaluation of the work accomplished during the past season and marked the preparation for the coming summer's activities.

"Institutional" Closes Banner Year With No. 39; Invites Suggestions From Readers For Coming Year

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

Throughout the past year the "Institutional" has served as the barometer of activities carried on during the year. Deliberate efforts have been made to suggest the potential power of the "Institutional," as a means of correctly reporting the happenings within the building, as well as 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 of the Institutional Synagogue.

As the organ of the Institutional Synagogue the "Institutional" during the past

year has reflected to what extent our program has been successfully carried out. In addition, it has served to create interest both in the Institution and in the work being done.

At the close of the season, the editors of the "Institutional" invite comments as to the news, features, and articles published during the year. The response from the readers will greatly aid them in their work next season.

With the resumption of publication in September, the "Institutional" will carry a complete resume of the summer activities conducted at the I.S.

A happy vacation to all our readers.

Register Now

Applications Being Taken Rapidly

Registration for the sixth season of Camp Ta-a-Noog, the home camp of the Institutional Synagogue, is now being received at a rapid rate. As has been the policy of the camp, the first applications received are given first consideration.

Since the facilities of Camp Ta-a-noog are limited as to the number of campers it can accommodate, those planning on attending camp this summer are urged to make their applications immediately to Rabbi Philip Goodman.

A Jewish Atmosphere

Camp Ta-a-noog was organized to provide an organized program of educational and recreational activities in a Jewish atmosphere. Since its inception, five years ago, a total of approximately six hundred campers have attended. Among those who have already registered for this summer are many campers who have been with Camp Ta-a-noog since it was organized in 1934, and who have not missed a single summer.

Improved Program

The program executed at the camp is based upon approved pedagogical principles as well as the experience gained from previous seasons. The staff is composed of trained counselors, who supervise the campers throughout the entire time the camp is in session. The entire camp setup is designed to fulfill the aim of Camp Ta-a-noog, "A Jewish living, in a Jewish atmosphere."

Registration Blanks Available

Registration blanks may be secured by writing or phoning Rabbi Philip Goodman, Director of the Camp, at the Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116th Street.

Congratulations

Our sincerest congratulations are extended to four of our Talmud Torah students on the occasion of their reaching Bar Mitzvah. The Simonson twins, Manley and Abraham, became Bar Mitzvah on May 27th. The following week, June 3rd, witnesses Harold Silver's Bar Mitzvah, while on June 10th Louis Beraha will become thirteen.

Director Announces List of Counselors For Coming Summer

Rabbi Philip Goodman, Director of Camp Ta-a-noog has announced the personnel of the counselor staff for the season of 1939.

Mr. Leon Kronish will act as head counselor. Miss Ruth Finer will be in charge of the kindergarten group. Among the other girl's counselors will be the Misses Esther Zinstein and Florence Zivitz.

Counselors in charge of boys' groups include the Messrs. Morris Grumer, Marvin Rosenberg, and Max Kleinman. Mr. Elihu Kasten will supervise the work of the Junior Counselor group.

Camp Ta-a-noog's cook will be Mrs. Behme.

Henning Girls Hostesses To Habonoth Society Here

The Henning Girls of the Institutional Synagogue will act as hostesses on Sunday afternoon, June 4th, when the Habonoth Society holds its Annual Song Fest and Award of Prizes in the I. S. auditorium.

Habonoth is a society composed of girls' clubs organized on a national basis. Mrs. Abraham Burstein, Director of the organization, will supervise the current Song Fest in which the various Jewish girl's clubs will compete.

Typical Schedule Of Ta-a-noog Day Is Outlined Below

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

Rounded Health Program Featured By Ta-a-noog

Ta-a-noog's health program is far from a minimum one. In addition to the regulation thorough physical examination which is given to each camper the program has been augmented to include dental care and treatment. An arrangement has been made with the East Harlem Dental Clinic whereby free dental treatment is given to children recommended by the camp dentist.

The East Harlem Health Center also cooperates in presenting a series of educational talks and motion pictures on various health phases.

Refugee Children Happy At I.S. Summer Home Camp

Part of the extraordinary service to the community which is rendered by Camp Ta-a-noog involves the interesting question of adjustment to a new environment of the refugee children who are granted scholarships in the camp. Last year fifteen refugee children were acclimated with amazing rapidity. For the season which is about to open even a larger number of these young refugees will be made happy by the sympathetic and understanding atmosphere which Ta-a-noog offers to all.

Ta-a-noog Daily Services Instill Jewish Faith

In accordance with the objective of Camp Ta-a-noog, to instill Jewish practices in the lives of the campers, daily morning services are conducted for all boys over Bar Mitzvah age. The services, which start every morning at eight-thirty, are conducted solely by the campers, and are followed by a healthy and nourishing breakfast, served to the participants.

Camping Trips Provide Many Pleasant Recollections

Some of the finest memories cherished by Ta-a-noog campers are provided by the camping trips which are held every summer. These trips aid in overcoming the major drawback of homecamping, which is the difficulty of providing an outdoor program. In past years trips have been made to Huyler's House and Kane's Open. Similar camping trips are planned for the 1939 season.

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A Summer Program For The Talmud Torah

By Rabbi Philip Goodman

The summer problems of the Talmud Torah are too well known to need reiteration. However, I might mention some of the important questions facing Jewish education during a period of approximately three months each year, such as a heavy loss of attendance, encroachment of outside interests on the minds of the pupils, and extended vacations without salaries for the teachers. I believe that at least some of these problems will find their solution in the Home Camp project which is making rapid strides in Jewish community centers throughout the country under the influence of the Jewish Welfare Board.

It is a well known fact that unfor-

tunately only a small percentage of the children can afford to go away for the entire summer. Many others find it possible to spend usually two weeks at country camps. However, the great mass of children are unable to leave the city during the summer months.

Enticing Picture

Nevertheless we do not find them attending the Talmud Torah. The Home Camp, with the Talmud Torah as its hub, presents an enticing picture of an enjoyable vacation. The camp usually meets five days a week, during July and August, from nine o'clock in the morning to four or five o'clock in the afternoon.

The Home Camp can broaden the scope

of the Talmud Torah and, at the same time, provide a recreational program for the children of the local neighborhood, in the same spirit and ideology which predominates throughout the entire year, expanded to meet the opportunity afforded the teacher of having the child for thirty to forty hours a week instead of the usual five to ten hours a week.

Great Possibilities

The possibilities of utilizing the theory of Professor Groos, that play is a method of education, are great.

The program of the home camp impresses upon the minds of the children that traditional 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.

Recent Books Of Interest

Reviewed by Ben Tovim

FIGHTING YEARS. An autobiography. By Oswald Garrison Villard. Harcourt, Brace and Co., New York. 542 pp. \$3.75.

Oswald Garrison Villard's life has been, according to his own story and according to fact, one long struggle for liberalism in politics and journalism, and one long defense for a rapidly-disappearing civil liberty. As editor and owner of the old "New York Evening Post" and (until 1933) the "Nation" he has kept alive issues that others have refused to touch and given his nerve and courage towards the preservation of genuine democracy.

It is of particular interest that he should close his book with a tribute to the American Jew. In the penultimate paragraph in "Fighting Years" he has written: "My pen may have some skill, but I could not begin to measure the debt that this country owes to its Jews and to millions of its foreign-born citizens. First, for a jealous guarding of American rights and liberties to which the native-born have too often been indifferent; second, for preserving at all times a great reservoir of idealism and liberalism, and, thirdly, for keeping alive a passionate desire for knowledge in every field, which has steadily quickened American life and notably in its colleges."

SWASTIKA. By Oscar Schisgall. Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York. 238 pp. \$2.00.

"Swastika" is a novel of current Germany which concerns itself with the period culminating with the signing of the Munich Pact. Highly dramatic, and yet not sensational, it presents the domestic conflict between a husband and wife caused by a difference in political viewpoint. The book is fast-moving, shocking in its climaxes, and while it delineates personal struggle between Eric and Carol Traub it affords at the same time a vivid background of the Nazi state and philosophy and the struggle being waged against both by liberal-minded people everywhere.

EAST OF EDEN. By I. J. Singer. Alfred A. Knopf, New York. 403 pp. \$2.50.

Nachman Ritter was a failure. He was a failure at birth and a failure in life. The son of a poverty-stricken peddler, Nachman was born in the Street of Beggars in the village of Pyask. Yearning to go to the land east of Eden where he could live a true worker's life, Nachman had himself smuggled into Russia. The bitter disillusionment which he finds is the subject of this novel so movingly written by I. J. Singer.

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