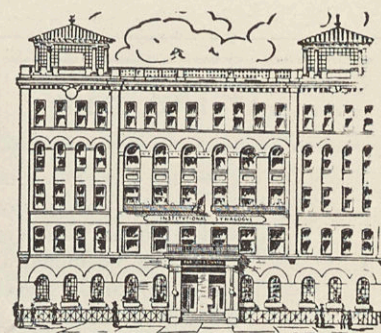


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## 50 Children Start Winter Camp Program

### To Meet Sundays Through the Year

With a roster of fifty enthusiastic members, the Camp Ta-a-noog Extension Program was inaugurated last Sunday afternoon, September 17. A reunion rally, featuring several entertaining contests, brought back the atmosphere of Camp Ta-a-noog to the members. Following the rally, a regular program of gymnasium, swimming, arts and crafts, and dramatics was conducted for the campers. Milk and crackers were served at the end of the day.

The extension program is designed to supplement the activities carried on in Camp Ta-a-noog during the past six summers. It is planned to conduct these sessions every Sunday afternoon until next June.

The experienced staff that has been secured to execute the program consists of Miss Adina Gerstel, Miss Bella Bailey, Morris Grumer, Marc M. Siegel, and Morris A. Urieff.

In addition to the regular activities carried out at Camp Ta-a-noog, a new feature has been added to the extension program. This is the formation of permanent clubs.

## Gym in Full Swing As New Year Starts Teams Start Practice

The Physical Education department of the Institutional Synagogue has made announcement of its projected activities for the season. As in former years tournaments in every phase of athletic endeavor have been planned. Schedules of these events will shortly be posted.

### Renovations Effected

During the summer season various renovations have been made in the gymnasium. Old equipment has been brought up to standard, and new acquisitions supplement the list of activities in which I.S. members may engage.

The swimming pool, having received vigorous use during the summer months, remains inviting for those who would learn either swimming or life-saving techniques under expert direction.

## Succah Donations Sought By Parents' Association

The Institutional Synagogue's spacious Succah will be decorated, as in former years, by the Parents' Association of the I.S.

Donations of food and appropriate decorative objects will facilitate the association's work and aid in the beautification of the Succah. The Succah, which is located on the roof of the third floor of the building has been laid out and is already under construction. The symbolism of the Festival of Succoth reaches its highest point in the mitzvah of "I'shev ba-succah."

## J. W. B. Coordinates 325 Member Centers For Festival Rites

The 325 constituent societies of the Jewish Welfare Board, —YMHAs, YW-HAs and Jewish Community Centers—will join in celebrating Sukkot, the Festival of Tabernacles, from Thursday, September 28 through Friday, October 6. The central feature of this celebration in a number of Centers will be the erection, decoration and utilization of community Sukkahs or temporary huts, an ancient Jewish custom designed to recall the wanderings of the Israelites in the Wilderness of Sinai, following their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, and the hardships which they endured during that crucial period.

Detailed explanations of the meaning of this major festival and suggestive material for group and mass programs to be arranged in its celebration, are included in the following publications issued by the Jewish Welfare Board, national organization for Jewish Centers: Bulletin on the Observance of Sukkot; The Jewish Holidays—Two Hundred and Fifty Questions and Answers on Their Origin, Significance and Observance.

## Congratulations

The Members, Officers, and Staff of the Institutional Synagogue join in extending congratulations to Mr. Max Stavish and his son, Mr. E. Stavish, on the occasion of the latter's engagement to be married.

Our heartiest congratulations are also directed to Mr. Isidore Lauer, member of the I.S. Board of Directors, on his recovery from his recent illness.

## Many Expected To Attend Day Of Atonement Services

### In Memoriam



We cherish the everlasting memory of our esteemed benefactress **MRS. FANNY HENNING** whose Yahrzeit occurs on the Day of Atonement.

## "Jewish Oddities" Published by I. S.

The most recent publication prepared and issued by the Institutional Synagogue is a thirty-two page booklet entitled "Jewish Oddities." Readers of the "Institutional" will be pleased to know that this collection has been based on the illustrated articles which have appeared as a regular back-page feature.

### Booklets Now On Sale

"Jewish Oddities," attractively bound in blue paper, is now available, and may be purchased at the main floor desk. The booklet sells for \$.10 and is also available for club groups at the following reduced prices: 10 or more—\$.90; 25 copies—\$2.00; 50 copies—\$3.50; 100 copies—\$6.00.

### Covers Interesting Topics

This illustrated collection of little-known and interesting facts culled from Jewish history is designed to arouse an interest in the further study and appreciation of Jewish history, literature, and religion. Special suggestions for club use are also included.

## Talmud Torah Registration

The Talmud Torah of the Institutional Synagogue is now accepting registration of children for the new semester.

Registration is accepted daily at the offices of the I.S., 37-43 West 116th Street. Rabbi Philip Goodman will be pleased to speak with parents concerning the religious education of their children.

### Tonight At 6:45

## To Honor Memories Of I.S. Departed

More than three hundred people who participated in the traditional observance of Rosh Hashonah by attending services in the Institutional Synagogue are expected to convene once again this evening for the solemn services of Kol Nidre.

Cantor Irving Ebbin will conduct the services beginning at 6:45 p.m.

With sincere affection the Institutional Synagogue will honor the memories of Abraham Bernstein, William Friedman, Hon. Samson F. Friedlander, Hon. Jacob Goldstein, Jacob Jacobson, Hon. S. Levine, Hon. Samuel Marx, Hon. Samuel R. Morris, Mayer Mirken, Herman Sacks and Max Slomka, our late Directors and Members.

With deep appreciation we will revere the memory of those superb personalities, Mrs. Fanny Henning, Mr. Max Udell and other benefactors. Prayers will be offered in memory of the brave boys of the Institutional Synagogue who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War, Harry Steinberg, Samuel L. Brody, and Herman Kanowitz.

## Jewish Education Campaign Begins

### Parents To Be Active

On Sunday, September 17, 1939, there will begin in Greater New York the observance of "Jewish Education Week and Month."

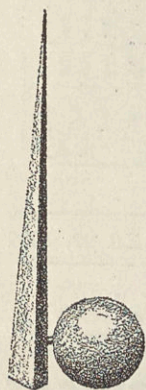
The purpose of "Jewish Education Week and Month" is to bring home to the community at large, and to Jewish parents in particular, the importance of giving their children Jewish education in addition to the general education they are getting in our public school system.

During the "Month" (September 17-October 15) parents will enroll their children in the Hebrew Schools of their neighborhoods.

The committee in charge of "Jewish Education Week and Month" has available a number of competent speakers to address Jewish organizations on this subject.



## ... At The Fair



While the Palestine Pavilion is of major Jewish interest as a very impressive demonstration of amazing achievement in the rebuilding of our national home, there is evidence in the pavilions of other nations of the impress Jewry has made in several lands of the diaspora.

## The Belgian Pavilion

Very few of the people who gaze admirably on the \$20,000,000 display of sparkling gems know of the Jewish contribution to Belgian prosperity. That country once extended a cordial invitation to Jewish diamond merchants to settle there, and the latter reciprocated by making Antwerp the center of the world's diamond industry and creating employment and wealth for thousands of Belgians.

One of these Belgian-Jewish firms is now exhibiting at the Fair a diamond which once graced the crown of Czar Nicholas II. (It was sold to a Jewish firm by the Soviet government when the Bolsheviks were in need of funds). Incidentally, what a reminder it is to both Jews and their oppressors of how transitory is the power of tyrants!

## In the Netherlands Pavilion

One of the Dutch exhibits is a display of rare Jewish books. Most striking to Jewish eyes, however, is the sight of a "Sefer Torah," encased in a beautiful red velvet mantle and adorned by a silver crown. On inquiry, one is informed that there is no real Torah on a parchment scroll underneath but only the outer paraphernalia, the velvet mantle over the two wooden rollers capped by the crown. These were brought here as exemplary specimens of some of Holland's industrial products.

## In the New England Pavilion

Of the six New England states which have established a joint exhibit, Rhode Island is the smallest and the proudest. It is now celebrating the 300th anniversary of its founding by Roger Williams as a haven for religious freedom. While the other five New England states call attention to their desirability as vacation resorts, Rhode Island proudly points to its noteworthy places of historic interest. On its "must" list is the oldest Jewish synagogue in America located in Newport. (It was built in 1762 during the ministry of Rabbi Isaac Toure, by a congregation of the descendants of Portuguese-Jewish refugees.)

(From an article appearing in the "Jewish Examiner" for September 1, 1939, written by Rabbi Philip R. Alstat.)

## Gameroom Open

Mr. Morris T. Grumer, in charge of the I.S. Gameroom, located on the first floor of the building, has announced that gameroom activities are now in full swing. The gameroom is designed for such leisure time activity as ping-pong, checkers, chess, and other quiet games.

## JEWISH ODDITIES

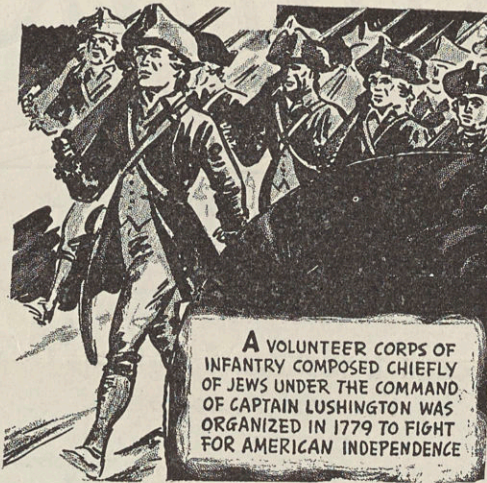
In 1779 a corps of volunteer infantry was raised in Charleston, South Carolina, composed chiefly of Jews, under the command of Captain Lushington. This corps afterwards fought with great distinction and bravery under General Moultrie at the Battle of Beaufort.

Cyrus Adler recently called attention to another incident of the same historical period. His information was based on an unpublished letter of Jared Sparks, which reads, in part, as follows:

"At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War a Mr. Gomez of New York proposed to a member of the Continental Congress that he form a company of soldiers for service. The member of Congress remonstrated with Mr. Gomez on the score of age, he then being sixty-eight, to which Mr. Gomez replied that he 'could stop a bullet as well as a younger man'."

Another Jew, Philip Minis, advanced seven thousand dollars toward paying the troops of Virginia and North Carolina in the State of Georgia.

The services of the Jews at this criti-



cal time, when the total Jewish population was not quite three thousand, were referred to by Col. J. W. D. Worthington in 1824 in a speech before the Maryland Legislature in these words, "There were many valuable Jewish members, officers principally, in the Revolution, from the South chiefly, and these were ever at their posts and always foremost in hazardous enterprises."

## European Summer, '39

by Marc M. Siegel

You are lying in bed at about three o'clock in the morning late in August in a black city wondering to what strange end a continent dominated by an Austrian madman can come when, without warning, the air raid sirens go off. When the air raid sirens go off in Paris there is no time for conjecture. There are only some few moments for action. And so you throw some clothes on and go running for the nearest air raid shelter...

When that happens, and you are in Paris on vacation, you decide that perhaps it is time to go home to the U.S.A. You are fortunate enough to get a booking on a transatlantic liner and you sail for a country in which the street lights go on at night, and you feel a profound gratitude for being a citizen of a country in which reason is still supreme over force. But the profundity of that gratitude cannot obliterate what you have seen, nor can it lessen or weaken the impressions that have been made on you. You have seen a nation tremble, and you have seen abject, physical terror take hold of a people. You have seen organized stupidity at its height...

There were other things to observe on the continent during the summer of 1939, many things of specific importance to the Jewish people as a people. Some

of these will be dealt with in succeeding columns in this space. Some of the amusing episodes which an American tourist experiences will be related. Something of the amazing brotherhood of continental men and women may be indicated.

But the end of summer 1939 brought to this observer, along with the blackouts, along with the mobilizations, along with the sight of children toting gas masks as they played in Parisian parks, the realization that wrong does not put an end to wrong, that force cannot put an end to force, that before the problems of a jittery world can be adjusted the problems of the individual, the problems of the spirit, the problems of the relation of man to his Maker, must be brought to a perfect harmony.

(Editor's Note:—First of a series.)

## I.S. Cue

## HERE AND THERE

Camp Ta-a-noog's "Uncle" Morris is proclaiming these days that he spent his vacation in Rip Van Winkle land and was awakened every morning by a "Siren"...

Wuxtrah... send congratulations to Rabbi and Rebetzin Philip Goodman upon the birth of a baby daughter...

It certainly did our heart good to see all those little tots return in gay spirits

for the Camp Ta-a-noog extension program this past Sunday... We gladly and happily participated... and boy oh boy did those crackers go swell with milk...

Our good colleague m. m. who has just returned from our eastern neighbors across the sea tells us he feels like a thespian after participating in so many blackouts...

## Book Reviews

**HITLER IS NO FOOL** by Karl Billinger. Modern Age Books, Inc., New York. 198 pages. Fifty cents.

For one who is not anxious to wade through the muddy and muddled pages of Mein Kampf, "Hitler Is No Fool" will be an excellent substitute. Written by Karl Billinger, a young German who fled the Nazi concentration camps and sought refuge on our shores, this book presents in concise, pointed language an accurate description of the entire world program of Adolph Hitler. Herein is contained in an orderly fashion the Nazi viewpoints on war and peace, democracy and fascism, Jews and racial theories.

As the course of world events is so rapidly changing day by day, especially in relation to Nazi Germany, one feels a certain disillusionment in reading entire theories that exploded since the book went to press.

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