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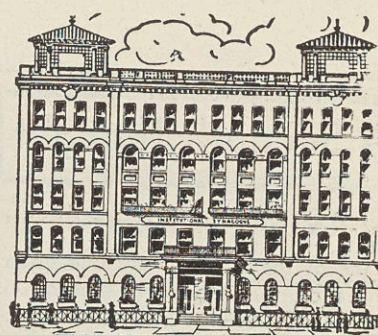
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Camp Extension To Mark Succoth Sunday Afternoon

Youngsters Plan Mammoth Holiday Party

More than fifty young men and women from the ages of eight to fifteen will celebrate the Festival of Succoth this coming Sunday afternoon when the Camp Ta-a-noog Extension Program holds a mammoth Succoth party.

Elaborate Preparations

The boys and girls of the group have been making elaborate preparations to insure the success of their party. According to present plans, as gleaned from reliable informants, a program of entertainment suitable to the holiday season will be presented by members of the Camp Extension group.

Refreshments to be Served

An "Institutional" ace reporter has it from Rabbi Goodman (on the record) that refreshments will be served.

T. T. Registration Open For New Term

Registration for the new semester of the Institutional Synagogue's Talmud Torah is now being accepted at the main floor office. Rabbi Goodman will interview parents in reference to the entrance of children into the I.S. religious school.

Comprehensive Curriculum

The Talmud Torah offers a well-rounded program of religious subjects, language, history, and extra-curricular activities.

Orders Being Taken For New Booklet

"Jewish Oddities" Ready

Orders are now being taken for the most recent issue of the I.S. publication department. The latest booklet, "Jewish Oddities" is a compilation of the popular feature-page articles of the "Institutional."

Group Discounts

To make this booklet available to club and study groups, special rates have been set for group buying. The attractive, thirty-two page booklet sells individually for \$.10. In lots of ten or more—\$.90; 25 copies—\$2.00; 50 copies—\$3.50; 100 copies—\$6.00.

I. S. Announces Third Series Of Popular Henning Programs

Please Pay Pledge

Members and seat-holders of the I.S. were deeply moved on the Holy Night of Kol Nidre when our forceful appeal, in behalf of the work and emergency which now exists in regard to the continuance of our Institution, was made.

We assure all those who responded to our appeal of our sincere appreciation for their recognition of the vital importance of the work we are doing. You are earnestly requested to send in your pledge as soon as possible.

Parents Decorate Verdant Succah

Fruits, Vegetables Strike Colorful Note

An I.S. Parent's Association tradition was once more carried out when that organization undertook the decoration of the Institution's succah last week. In the customary manner the fruits of the season were hung in a green background as the Succah, located on the roof off the third floor, took shape.

Further Donations Requested

Although donations of flowers, fruit, cake, and other dainties, were generous, the Parents' Association asks members for further cooperation so that the last two days of the holiday may be celebrated appropriately.

Starts October 21st

Features Scheduled For 8 Evenings

The Third Series of the Henning Programs, inaugurated at the Institutional Synagogue in the spring of 1938, will commence on the evening of October 21. The series, this year, will run for eight consecutive Saturday nights, and will embrace every phase of Jewish art.

Is An Endowed Activity

The series is made possible through the means made available to the institution by the Fanny Henning Memorial Fund. The Third Series, bearing the name of the late Mrs. Fanny Henning, as the former programs, is a diversified group of programs.

Song, Drama, and the Dance

Musical, dramatic, and dance programs have been scheduled. The lead-off performance will be that of the Hazomir Choral Society. The following week the Medoff Family will present "Everything" (Continued on Page 2)

Condolences

The Institutional Synagogue extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late Sol Simon. Mr. Simon, who was a well-known figure in real estate circles, celebrated his sixtieth wedding anniversary on January 18th, 1938. At that time President Roosevelt sent Mr. and Mrs. Simon his personal congratulations.

Ta-a-noog Gains Over Six Seasons Mapped In Report

Goodman Outlines Progress In Vivid Record

A thrilling story of six summers of service to boys and girls who were unable to leave the city and who nonetheless found a wholesome and joyous all day program in an atmosphere of Jewish living at Camp Ta-a-noog, has been outlined in a comprehensive report on the camp's activity recently completed by Rabbi Philip Goodman, director of the camp.

Started in Small Way

From little beginnings Camp Ta-a-noog, inaugurated six years ago, has grown until this year over 175 boys and girls came under the beneficial influence of its diversified program.

Message from President

Included in the report is a message from Judge Isaac Siegel, President of the I.S., stressing the twin ideals of patriotism and religious faith.

Photography Group Attracts Amateurs

A new group of enthusiastic hobbyists has been formed at the I.S. with a nucleus from the Extension program of Camp Ta-a-noog. Concerned with such cabalistic notions as exposure time, depth of focus, and contrast in negatives, the photography course is really an elementary one and invites anyone with an interest in the subject to join and putter around in the I.S.'s new darkroom.

Two Groups Begin Crafts Projects

Part Of Camp Extension

Two groups have made plans for elaborate arts and crafts projects to be constructed during Sunday afternoons as part of the Camp Extension program, it was made known last Sunday.

Diversified Interests

The junior girls group will concern itself primarily with sewing, knitting and crocheting. Miss Bella Bailey will be in charge of this work.

The junior boys intend to build a three dimensional model map of Palestine.

Ping-Pong Partisans Practice Perennial Plays As Mr. Grumer Announces Season's Tournaments

The elusive white spheres are speeding their way across the net and smack on to the green table these days as I.S. junior ping-pong enthusiasts get under way for one of the most hotly contested championships in the building.

Tournaments Announced

Mr. Morris T. Grumer, genial and popular gentleman in charge of the I.S. gameroom, has announced the customary tournaments which have been part of the I.S. scene for many a year.

Tough Fight Last Year

Last year's tournaments were not with-

out drama. The girl's championship was taken by Rika Podvoll, but not until a series of hard-fought contests had eliminated Selma Klein and Ida Finfang.

The boy's ping-pong tournament was also an exceptionally close one, which left Abe Matza, Ernest Kohn, and Murray Begun in the finals.

According to reports received from Mr. Grumer, and Mr. Grumer is an expert in the field, this year's crop looks even deadlier than last year's, so "a good close fight may be expected before the championship is won."

A Succoth Thought

by Rabbi Philip Goodman

One of the most picturesque observances on the holiday of Succoth is that of the taking of the lulav and esrog as commanded in the Book of Leviticus "And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days."

These four species have been accepted as the citron (esrog), the palm branch (lulav), three myrtle twigs (hadassim), and two willow branch (aravoth). The symbolism of these species are explained by the Rabbis in the Medrash as exemplifying the different types of Jews.

The esrog which is known for its fine taste and exquisite fragrance typifies the Jew who observes the precepts of his religion scrupulously and is known for the benevolence of his actions. The palm branch which possesses taste but no fragrance is compared to the Jew who adheres to ceremonial practices but is unethical. The myrtle twigs although possessing fragrance have no taste and are likened to those Jews who while ethical are lax in religious observance. The willow branches have neither the saving grace of taste nor fragrance. They are as the Jews who fulfill neither the laws between God and man, nor the laws between man and man.

Yet we see that we are commanded to combine all of these species into one unit. "The Holy One blessed be He, said: 'Let them all be bound together into one band and the good will atone for the evil.'"

Unity of all classes and all types is necessary to give vitality to the life of Judaism. At this time of severe international strife it is more important than ever that Jews of all factions drop their external barriers and unite in the preservation of our people and faith. The suffering of fellow Jews is felt by all Jews regardless of the varying shades of opinion.

All organizations and all individual Jews must unite if some measure of relief and succor is to be given to our suffering brethren abroad.

I. S. Cue

HERE AND THERE

Received a missive from Honolulu the other day from Private Mickey Silverstein . . . who finds the "Island Paradise" ideal to the extent that he has added twenty pounds to his frame. . . . Murray Katz whose Club Jeshurun was noted for its annual light fantastic graced our premises recently . . . and that cheery smile of his sure was welcome . . . don't be a stranger . . . Murray Rosenfeld is back at the I.S. after a hectic summer . . . and claims its a pleasure to get away from Suffern . . .

Is our old friend Julius Leicher on the matrimonial express . . .

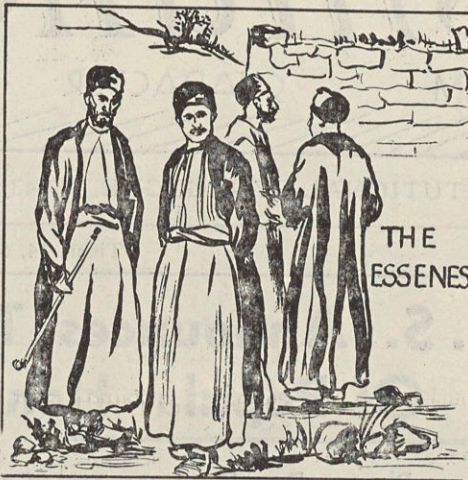
Who supplied the Synagogue with that delicious schnaps . . .

JEWISH ODDITIES

At the period of the destruction of the Second Temple, the Jewish people was divided into three major groups. The large majority of the people were Pharisees. The remainder belonged to either the sect of the Sadducees or Essenes. The latter, and probably the smallest, sect have left no great impression on modern Judaism. However, their ways of living made an indelible mark on Christianity.

The Essenes are known as the Jewish monks. They lived ascetic lives, depriving themselves of ordinary comforts and needs. Dwelling in separate communities, they refrained from the use of money in buying or selling. All property, food and clothing was mutually owned by the entire group. Their homes were in caves and huts, crude and uncomfortable.

They observed rigidly many rules for bodily cleanliness and therefore were called Essenes (bathers or baptists). To cover any refuse that might be found on the road, they carried about little shovels. They strongly opposed matrimony. The Essenes practiced their faith with an over-abundance of piety. They passed their days in preaching and praying, keeping themselves clean from sins and evil desires. Despising everything related to this world, they concentrated all thought and action to prepare for entrance into the world to come.



European Summer, '39

by Marc M. Siegel

The Fourteenth of July in Paris is about the most exciting combination of date and place that has yet been contrived by any national group. Because the "Quatorze" represents the desire, in fact the necessity, which the French people feel for the preservation of their triple ideal, "Liberty, Fraternity, Equality." And when the French feel anything, their emotional sway is such that they don't hide it . . .

Insofar as it may be said of any people, I think that one may say that the popular temperament in France is one which invites genuine democracy. When a train gets stuck on a track every man, woman, and child gets out of his compartment to help. And whether that aid is real or fancied, the intention is none the less present. I have never seen any people so ready to offer assistance to a foreigner. Nor have I seen a class feeling, a feeling of "fraternity" so highly developed within any other national group. The French class-consciousness is not distilled from a bitter brew. It is, rather, an awareness of similar problems shared by other members of the same economic and social group. And with this consciousness goes a willingness to help out in times of trouble.

This spirit of democracy reaches no higher point throughout the year than it does on Bastille Day. For Bastille Day is the concrete expression of the spirit of progressive democracy. And France, along with the rest of us, is still engaged in tearing down a different, modern-day Bastille . . .

On the night of the Fourteenth I was sitting in the Cafe Dome, situated in the heart of Montparnasse in Paris. At every street corner people were dancing to public dance bands. The war scare was temporarily dissolved, business was better than normal, people were gay as only people are gay in that gay city which is Paris.

At about four in the morning (for who would go to sleep on the Quatorze?) the patrons of the Dome started to sing. First, in one corner, it was the old Imperial Russian anthem; then came "God Save the King" from another spot. A group of Finns supplied a melodious counterpoint to this last. Some ten Americans responded with the "Star Spangled Banner." The impromptu concert seemed over when all joined in the "Marseillaise." But suddenly, out of nothing, from the inside of the cafe, a group started to sing "Hatikvah." I came out of a semi-sleep and walked over to sing the last chorus. From that minute things started to happen . . .

(Editor's Note:—Second of a series.)

Third Series Of Henning Programs Announced; Eight Jewish Cultural Performances Listed

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for a Mother." Other artists in the series, in order, will be:

The Pearl Winters Troupe in a presentation of "The Eternal Wanderer."

Corinne Chochem and her Dance Group in a recital of Modern Hebrew

dances.

Lillian Zahn in a song recital accomplished by guitar.

Morton Shanok, the Dramatic Baritone, in an evening of Jewish folk songs.

Subscription tickets for the entire series will be available within a few days.

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