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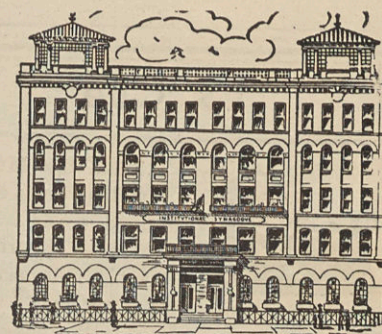
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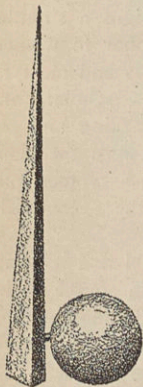
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... At The Fair



In view of the disastrous situation of millions of Jews in Central Europe today the message of the Palestine Pavilion is of vital importance, indicating as it does a possible solution of the acute refugee problem that confronts the civilized world.

This year every section of the Pavilion is open to the public free of charge, Meyer W. Weisgal, Director General, announces, the rule admitting only holders of Pavilion Membership Certificates to the "Holy Land of Yesterday and Tomorrow" exhibit having been abolished for 1940. The change of policy makes accessible to every World's Fair visitor the inspiring dioramas, acclaimed as the most artistic of the entire exposition, which the famed stage designer Lee Simonson built to show the transformation of the Holy Land from wilderness to thriving homeland. The reclamation of the Emek, the rise of Tel Aviv and the development of Haifa are shown in the changing dioramas which reproduce before the visitor's eyes the results of three decades of Jewish labor.

Young Israel Presents First Symphony Concert On Sunday, May 26th

The first concert to be presented by the National Council of Young Israel Symphony Orchestra will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 26th, at 3 p.m. in Town Hall.

The Young Israel Symphony Orchestra is under the direction of Miss Phoebe Hanson. According to Israel Upbin, Executive Director, the orchestra "represents an earnest endeavor on the part of Young Israel to expand its cultural activities to include this important phase of music."

Tickets are on sale at the Young Israel Office, 220 West 40th Street, and at Town Hall.

Condolences . . .

are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailynson upon the double loss sustained by them during the past week. May they and their family know of no more sorrow.

I.S. Holds Field Day Sunday In Annual Lag B'Omer Outing

Special Gym Rate Goes Into Effect

The special three-month summer gymnasium membership rate goes into effect at the end of this week. These special memberships, making the gym and pool available during summer weather are available at \$2 for three months.

Donations Requested For June Bazaar By Parents Group

Tickets Now On Sale For Strawberry Fete

All kinds of saleable goods for use at the bazaar to be held on June 16th are needed by the Parents Association it was recently announced. Anticipating an even more successful bazaar than that run last year by the same organization, the committee in charge of the bazaar has requested that friends of the institution contribute merchandise of any nature to help in stocking the sale.

At the same time it was stressed that tickets for the annual Strawberry Festival are now available at the price of fifty cents. This event has always been a favorite one among friends and members of the Association. The affair will be held at the Institutional Synagogue building on Sunday evening, June 16th.

Groups To Compete At Pelham Bay

In accordance with the traditional observance of Lag B'Omer, Sunday, May 26th, will be spent out of doors. It is planned to hold an all day outing to Pelham Bay Park, where an ample field has been reserved for the I.S. for the day.

Events Listed

The events to be run off are as follows: Junior and Intermediate Boys: 50 yard dash, hopping race, duck waddle race, 3 legged race, potato race, hammer throw, rubber leg race, and sack race. Junior and Intermediate Girls: 50 yard dash, baseball throw for distance, 25 yard backward run, skipping race, standing broadjump, skipping rope relay, spoon pea relay, duck waddle race.

Senior and Club Division Boys: 100 yard dash, 8 pound shot put, hop-skip-jump, 3 legged race, piggy back relay, rubber leg race, potato sack race, Tug-O-War. Senior and Club Division Girls: 60 yard dash, basketball throw for distance, over and under relay, skipping rope relay, hopping race, 3 legged race, skipping race and duck waddle race.

To Start At 9:30

The day is scheduled to start from the I.S. building at 9.30. Jack Jacobs will be in charge of the contests to be conducted.

Speedy Convalescence . . .

is wished to Mrs. J. Wallach who has been ill, and is now recovering at the Mount Sinai Hospital, and to Mrs. Rose Levit, convalescing at home. May both be back with us soon to resume their active memberships in the I.S. Parents Association.

Career Discussion For Youth Forum Set For June 5th

First Of Series On Vocational Guidance

"How To Choose Your Career" will be the topic of discussion on June 5th when the Jewish Youth Forum is scheduled to meet in the first of a series of programs dealing with the field of vocational guidance. Mr. Richard Plaut, of the Federation Employment Service, an authority in the field will address the group.

Beginning of Long-Range Program

"The evening will mark the beginning of a long-range program which is to be conducted throughout the year," it has been announced by Rabbi Philip Goodman.

The informal discussion is designed to help young people of high school and collegiate age with problems of vocational guidance.

Pleasant Evening Planned

In addition to the discussion and the talk by Mr. Plaut a comprehensive exhibition is being planned for the meeting of the group. Dancing will round out the evening.

Registration Open For Camp Ta-a-noog

Applications Now Being Considered

Applications for attendance at Camp Ta-a-noog's seventh season are now being considered by Rabbi Philip Goodman. Parents may consult with Rabbi Goodman during the coming week concerning registration in the Home Camp which caters to children from the ages of five to seventeen.

Camp Starts July 1st

Camp Ta-a-noog will start on July 1st and continue in its five day week program for the ensuing eight weeks. The camp runs from nine to five daily except Saturdays and Sundays. The program offers a wholesome summer of fun and play in an atmosphere of Jewish living.

Tutoring Available . . .

to members who are preparing for school examinations, has been announced by Rabbi Goodman. Interested members may see Rabbi Goodman this week to make appointments for work with staff members.

In Memory of

The Brave Boys

of the INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

who made The Supreme Sacrifice During the World War

HARRY STEINBERG - SAMUEL L. BRODY - HERMAN KANOWITZ

Memorial Prayer for Those Fallen in Battle

O, God, who art full of compassion, who dwelleth on high, grant perfect rest beneath the shelter of Thy divine presence, in the exalted places among the holy and pure who shine as of the brightness of the firmament, to all who have bravely laid down their lives for their country. We beseech Thee, Lord of Compassion, shelter them for evermore under the cover of Thy wings, and let their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life, with the souls of the righteous who are with Thee.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence forever. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. Amen.

I.S. Cue



Since the Murray Rosenfelds obtained a car ... their offspring can't decide whether pa or ma

is the driver ...

Why is Ben Rubin called Barney Oldfield ... to the great dismay of his many friends ...

Bob Bruce mentioned here several issues back ... is sporting a gay sombrero ... and ... inquires regularly at the office for his fan mail ... such is the power of the press ...

In reply to those many requests as to what's become of Harry Suskauer ... he is recovering from a streptococcus infection ...

Dave Bass ... the well known basketball player ... is getting in condition for those hectic games at the Flagler this coming summer ... while Chester Susskind ... is already hard at work at Totem Lodge ...

Why are the folks felicitating Harry Hankin and Arthur Winters ...

Pay Mrs. J. Wallach ... who is one of our most ardent workers ... a visit at Mount Sinai Hospital ... where she is recuperating from a recent illness ... and ... we are happy to learn of the recovery of Mrs. Rose Levit from her operation.

Congratulate Les Seifer upon his marriage ... which cost Ben Stark a pretty penny ... and felicitate Sam Pincus upon his engagement ...

I.S. Susie says ... The Constitution of the United States guarantees to you the pursuit of happiness ... but it's up to you to catch it yourself ...

Answers To Name Quiz

1. The patron of the arts is Simon Guggenheim.
2. The author of the recent "Brave and the Blind" is Michael Blankfort.
3. The fruitgrowing office-holder is Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

JEWISH ODDITIES

Midway up Steep Hill, a narrow street that has every right to its name, in the town of Lincoln, England, stands the house of Aaron the Jew, a memorial to the once-flourishing life of an active Jewish community during the twelfth century. The house of Aaron is the oldest existing stone house in England. Although it has been restored in part, a good portion of the original stands as one of Lincoln's earliest antiquities.

Aaron of Lincoln was one of the wealthiest and most influential Jews in England during his lifetime. He was born about 1125 and died about 1186. He was the largest English banker of the day, and was represented by his agents in all parts of the country.

Aaron lent large sums of money for the building of religious edifices, and it was with his assistance that at least sixteen abbeys and cathedrals, including the magnificent Cathedrals of Lincoln and Peterborough, were erected.

Aaron's activity was not confined to financial transactions of this description. In commerce also his mastermind attained a position of eminence, and, among the records of the period are to be found references to his dealings on a considerable scale in articles of general consumption.



THE HOUSE OF AARON THE JEW

What's In A Name?

A column devoted to Jewish personalities who have made outstanding contributions to the American scene. Can you guess who each of the following is? The answers appear on this page.



1. He bears the same initials as an I.S. secretary ... but was born in Philadelphia ... and was republican nominee for lieutenant-governor of Colorado. Jointly with his wife established a Foundation to offer opportunity for study abroad in all fields. What is his name???

2. He was educated in the I. S. building, and attended services regularly ...

graduated from the University of Pennsylvania ... has taught at N.Y.U. ... Directed movies, and is the author of a recent novel of the same name as his play published some years ago. Do you know the name?

3. Many a counterfeiting job has been discovered through the misspelling of this man's name ... for a long time engaged in fruit-growing and dairying ... but he found the nation's capital more to his liking. What is his name?

A Pilgrimage To Meron

A traveler who visited Palestine describes the pilgrimage on Lag B'Omer to the tomb of Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai as follows: "On the thirty-second day of Omer, I happened to be in the town of Safed, in northern Galilee. There I heard of the pilgrimage which was to take place that very same day to the tomb of ben Yochai. I resolved to set out immediately for the village of Meron.

"When I approached the village I saw the roads crowded with people who were heading the procession with a Sefer-Torah carried under a canopy. There were also many Ashkenazi Jews, Bedouins, Arabs and Christians who were going out of sheer curiosity.

"Finally we reached a large courtyard outside the village proper. Near this courtyard, hewn out of bed rock, are a number of chambers, or rather caves, so large and spacious are they. One of these

the people of the place call the tomb of Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai. A quaint little synagogue has been built alongside this cave.

"At night all the pilgrims assembled in the courtyard of the little synagogue. There they lit a huge bonfire and then began to dance around it, to the accompaniment of flutes and drums and strange oriental instruments. Every now and then some youngster would set off a rocket or set fire to some torches which gave off colored light. In a moment, a little crowd would gather around him and begin to dance and sing.

"One group of dancers particularly attracted my attention. It was composed of elderly Jews, and by their faces and clothes I could tell that there were among them Jews from about twenty different countries. As I approached I could make out the words of the peculiar hymn

they were chanting. It ran something like this: 'I did hide within this cave in order to escape death and torture, there he learned heavenly secrets—our master, ben Yochai.'

"Then the onlookers who had gathered in the meantime would answer in chorus: 'Ben Yochai! Ben Yochai! Thou art enthroned; how fortunate thou art!'

"For hours at a time they would thus dance and sing around the fires which were being tended by youngsters, who had been well supplied with all kinds of fuel, from cans of oil and powders which gave off colored light to pieces of wood, dry twigs and cast-off clothing and rags.

"The celebration lasted until midnight, after which the older people entered the little synagogue to pray and study the Talmud, while the youngsters pitched improvised tents in the field and encamped for the night."

Book Reviews

JEWISH WOMEN THROUGH THE AGES. By Dr. Trude Weiss Rosmarin. Jewish Book Club, New York, 96 pages. 50 Cents:

"Jewish Women Through the Ages" recounts the fascinating and inspiring story of Jewish womanhood from Biblical times to the present. It also disproves the often-heard assertion that women hold an inferior position in Jewish life by describing the multifarious achievements of Jewish women and their contributions to the advancement of all phases of Judaism. Likewise, there is ample evidence cited showing that Judaism assigns a singular role of importance and honor to women. Queens and heroines, saints and martyrs, prophetesses and poetesses, scholars and writers, patronesses of learning and political leaders are but a few of the many interesting types of Jewish women pictured in this survey of the accomplishments of Jewish women.

This short volume should find its place in every Jewish home as a source of inspiration to Jewish mothers and daughters. It will be found most useful for lecture and discussion purpose by women's organizations.

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