

KODIMOH YOUTH BULLETIN

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This is important! Read every word!!

TEENERS: TEEM IN TEAMS!!

MERRY MEETING AT MALDEN NEXT MONTH

Now that our younger groups are fairly well established, we are turning our beady organizational eyes on our Jr. and Sr. High School groups. We want to see Kodimoh-and excuse the puns-beeming with teams of teeners.

BNEI MITZVAH is, of course, our starting point. We hope that the new administration with Ronald Burke as president, will provide the "oomph" we need, what with the big dance on Jan. 15.

GIRLS!-don't turn the page yet. WE're planning to incorporate you too in a teen-age group. We will soon announce our plans for you. Meanwhile, you are invited to Sr. Cong at 9.30 A. M. on Saturdays.

AND NOW FOR THE BIG NEWS (for both BOYS AND GIRLS): a regional conference of Traditional Youth of New England takes place in Malden, Mass., from Friday through Saturday, the week-end of Feb. 27th. A terrific program is being planned including a Dance and a Ping-Pong Tournament for the 14 to 17 year old participants. The number of delegates is limited and the price is ridiculously small. Even then, a number of delegates will be sent at our expense.

BOYS INTERESTED. CONTACT BNEI MITZVAH...GIRLS, SEE RABBI LAMM.

JUNIOR CONG. TRIP TO NEWPORT

DATE: SUNDAY, FEB. 20th

TIME: 9.00 A. M.

PLACE: KODIMOH SYNAGOGUE

DESTINATION: THE TUORO SYNAGOGUE
OF NEWPORT, R. I.

An All Day Trip to visit this
National Historic Site.

COST: \$1.50 round trip.

PRIZE: FOR ALL THOSE HAVING
PERFECT ATTENDANCE AT JR. CONG
(FROM JAN. 22 through FEB. 19)

WILL GET THIS TRIP FREE!

GUIDE: Mr. Moshe Schwartz.
NOTE! YOU MUST BRING A NOTE OF
PERMISSION FROM YOUR
PARENTS, AT LEAST ONE
WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP.

THE PING-PONG TOURNAMENT
HAS BEGUN! GET INTO THE
THICK OF THINGS!
SIGN UP NOW!!!

PLEASE NOTE!

FOR A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS
DON'T MISS THE ONEG SHABBAT
WITH MRS. B. SCHWARTZ.....
EVERY SATURDAY AT 2. P. M.
ALSO: GAME ROOM ON SUNDAY
AT 2.30 P. M.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS 13 AND UP.

A FREE WEEK-END IN MALDEN, MASS.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BECOME
A REGULAR PARTICIPANT IN OUR
ACTIVITIES.

BASED ON OUR POINT SYSTEM YOU
NEED ONLY 75 POINTS BY SUNDAY
FEB. 20th.

You get 5 points for attending
Saturday morning or Sunday morn-
ing services, 4 points for a
friend, 3 points for participa-
tion in other social and athle-
tic activities. 2 points for
bringing a friend to one of our
social or athletic activities.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION ELECTION

Junior Cong. just had its
second election. Although no
campaign was held, the election
was successful and the officers
are all regular Shabbos attend-
ants.

The following are the newly
elected officers. Barbara Izen-
stein, President. Barbara is in
the graduating class at the
United Hebrew School, and in the
7th grade in our Sunday School.
We are planning to vote for our
vice-president this Shabbos.
Patricia White and Gil Abramson
are co-secretaries. Patricia is
in the pre-graduating class in
the United Hebrew School and in
the 7th grade at Public School.
She has a great sense of humor.
Gil Abramson attends the 5th
grade at the Springfield Hebrew
Day School. I am sure they will
both make fine secretaries. If
you come to our services you
might be elected an officer.
Do come!

Barbara Izenstein.

THE MEANING OF PRAYER

BY

PATRICIA WHITE

The word "prayer" is just a six lettered word. Behind it, like in all other words, there stands a meaning. The meaning stands, as it always has, as the act of praying, or as addressing yourself to God.

This is the deeper, truer, and more understanding meaning. It is a great honor to be able to associate yourself with God; to be able to ask for things, to thank Him for His doings, and His glorious ways.

But to pray, is not just to walk into a synagogue and say words with no meaning. It is to enter your place of worship and respect God, by acting righteous to Him, and by entering with a clean mind, only thinking and praying to God.

In Jewish synagogues, before praying to God, you are supposed to wash your hands, by taking a cup with water, and first pouring it over your right hand and then your left. This is what gives you the feeling of cleanliness and Godliness.

Upon leaving a place of worship, you should feel reliable, and dependable.

Patty White,

Age: 12

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Dear Friend:

Now that a number of weeks have passed since our Winter Torah Seminar, I want to tell you how wonderful and lasting an impression it made upon me. When I say "it" I mean all who participated, for it was you who made the Seminar the success it was.

I particularly enjoyed spending the week with the "geza" group of which you were a member. I was happy though not surprised, at your enthusiasm and interest in the Jewish studies sessions.

However, as I indicated to you then, the intensive program we enjoyed together was not meant to substitute for a Jewish education. It was meant to stimulate a greater desire on your part to intensify your Jewish education.

There are many ways that can be done. One of them is through attending a Jewish school. (We hope that some of you eventually will be able to attend either Yeshiva University or Stern College). Another way is through private instruction. But there is also a third way which every mature and intelligent teen-ager should take advantage of, reading.

As a "follow-up" to our nine Jewish studies sessions, I recommend the following books. They are all easy to read, interesting, reliable and informative. You will enjoy them, and they will benefit you greatly. You may order them at the stated price, by sending the money and order to Bloch Publishers, 31 West 31st Street, New York, New York.

1) The Siddur and Prayer

- a) The Hertz Siddur - Prepared by the late Dr. Hertz, chief Rabbi of the British Empire; contains the Hebrew prayers, translation and an excellent running commentary. No Jewish home should be without this Prayerbook!

Price \$5

- b) The World of Prayer - by Dr. Elie Munk of Paris. This is an excellent commentary on the daily prayers. It is especially good for those who can read some Hebrew.

Price \$3.75

2) Chumash

- a) The Hertz Bible - A standard work, corresponding to the Hertz Siddur.

Price \$6

- b) The Soncino Bible - While the Hertz culls from ancient and modern commentaries, this commentary offers only the interpretations of the classical commentators such as Rashi, Ibn Ezra, etc.

Price \$5

3) Halacha

- a) The Jew and His Duties by Hyman E. Goldin A simple abridgement of the Shulchan Aruch, or Code of Jewish Laws.

Price \$3

- b) The Sabbath by Dayan Dr. I. Grunfeld. A clear, short and systematic presentation of the Halacha on the Shabbos. I strongly recommend this book!

Price approximately \$1.50

- c) Kashruth published by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and The Rabbinical Council of America. An illustrated manual on how to keep a truly Kosher home.

Price \$.40

I certainly hope you will take advantage of the above books - you will never regret purchasing and studying them, and the seminar will have thus proved worthwhile.

If you have any questions, I am sure your Rabbi will be delighted to discuss them with you. Personally, I would love to hear from you too, and help you in any way I can.

Good luck in all your work, particularly in your efforts to be intelligent and practicing Orthodox Jews. I sincerely hope we can some day renew our friendship.

Cordially yours,

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