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Center Sponsors Masquerade Ball For L'elt Hometz

By EZRA LEVY

Masquerade! Masquerade! Masquerade? As what? Anything. They're giving prizes for the best costume.

This slightly glorious introduction is a preparation for the announcement of the big, gay masquerade dance that is scheduled to take place immediately after Passover ends, on Sunday, the 25th of April, at 9:00 p.m. in the Main Social Hall of the Cen-

The price of admission will be \$1.50 and it will include music provided by a dance band playing popular and Latin American

For Center's Benefit

Drinks will also be available to the thirsty patrons. The profits of the affair will go to the Cen-

the night to the boy and girl

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DRAMATIC **PRODUCTION**

The Center's Dramatic Group is now hard at work preparing this season's production for presentation to the community in the latter part of May.

Entitled "An Evening of Comedy," the performance promises to be an enjoyable one. The Group's chairman is Pearl Braha.

Bazaar Begins May 1; Merchandise Requested

By SOPHIE DWECK

The Center's third annual Spring Bazaar begins on Saturday evening. May 1st and will continue for eight days thereafter. There will be plenty for everybody in the way of fun and bargains and it promises to be the best bazaar yet in our community.

Planning for the Bazaar, Saul Sutton, chairman of the Bazaar Committee, has called upon members of the community to contribute merchandise for the affair to "assure its utmost success."

Children's Summer Day Camp **Registration Now In Progress**

By SAM D. COHEN

The Center has announced that after several months of intensive work, the Magen David Day Camp is open for registration. The enrollment will be limited to sixty boys and girls between the ages of seven and twelve and they will attend for eight weeks beginning Tuesday, July 6th and ending Friday, August 27th.

The program will run five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$100 per child. However, if a second child from the same family is admitted the cost for him will be \$75.

Prizes will be awarded during the children will travel by chart-Masks, balloons and other party interest. A varied and interesting program to be provided will

The Center building will be used as a home base from which

ered bus to nearby beaches, include swimming, picnics, athwith the most unique costume. pools, parks and other places of letics, arts and crafts, dancing, dramatics, singing, as well as other activities.

> Brochures have been mailed to all Center members and registration will be conducted by the Day Camp committee, chaired by Molly Diamond. Each parent and child will be interviewed by a committee member. To arrange for an interview call the Center office (BE 6-6587).

> No registration will be accepted without an interview. Since the enrollment is limited to sixty, parents are urged to register immediately

Because of attacks of dysentry which have closed down other day camps in Brooklyn, the Center will not serve meals to the children. Rather they will bring their own lunches and the Center will serve milk and cookies for desert. They will also serve an afternoon snack of ice cream. It is to be recalled that on the An optional pick-up service for

Ed Grupper, program director

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MERCHANDISE NEEDED

Everyone is being asked to solicit goods from his neighborhood stores, dealers, salesmen and others for the affair which is scheduled to begin on May 1. Businessmen are requested to send letters to their accounts asking for contributions of merchandise.

Many of the retailers and wholesalers in the community are also contributing to the bazaar. All members are asked to bring contributions to the Center now. Among the items requested are fountain pens, watches, vases, silverware, blankets, babywear, etc. Gifts, if new, will be gladly accepted.

The merchandise will be sold openly at cut rates, with the profits going to the Center. Other activities will include games in which prizes will be awarded to winners.

COUPON BOOKS

Also featured will be a drawing for prizes on the last day of the bazaar. Among the prizes offered will be a three-fourths ton Philco air-conditioner, a Riviera "400" Broiler De Luxe, a radio-

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Junior Group To See Play At Uptown 'Y' On April 21

By RACHEL P. FRANCO

A contingent from the Magen David junior group will travel to the city to see a performance of "Freddie and His Fiddle" at the 92nd Street "Y" on Wednesday, April 21st.

This event represents the fourth Children's Holiday Trip sponsored by the Center as a means of providing wholesome enter-ents who intend to send their tainment for children in our children are urged to submit the community.

The group will leave by char-9:30 a.m. All parents who expect are available at the Center office. tered bus from the Center at to have their children participate in this activity are warned that bus departure will be prompt.

Price Is \$1.00

required permission slip to the Center office, with the one dollar, by April 15th. These slips

According to Ed Grupper, Center program director, only fifty tickets have been allotted so it would be wise to act quickly and get tickets now.

As in the past the price for last trip many who waited until the children will be available. the combination admission and the last minute were disappointbus fare will be one dollar. Par-led when they were turned away.

Almanac

Date April 16	Candle Lighting Time
17	Erev Passover
18	lst Day Passover
19	2nd Day Passover
23	6:18
24	7th Day Passover
25	8th Day Passover
30	(D.S.T.) 7:26
May 7	

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Passover

It is common knowledge that the name of our current holiday, Passover, is derived from the fact that during the time the Egyptians were being punished for the cruel treatment meted out to the Israelites, G-d "passed over" the Israelite homes and only brought death to the firstborn in the oppressor's homes.

While this is so, the name does not tell the whole story. Actually, the holiday more fully commemorates a liberation in the truest sense of the word. As the Hagadah portion relates, "Slaves were we of the Pharoah in Egypt."

Forms Of Tyranny

Tyranny has been part of the living experience of the Jew in the past and exists during these times. The form of the tyranny has varied; at times is was physical enslavement, at times severe restrictions on their way of life. They have been subject to the manifestations of bestiality seldom experienced in world history.

Therefore, it is fitting in celebrating the occasion to be mindful of the fact that though throughout the ages the Jews have been oppressed, enslaved, and exiled-only to be liberated by their will to fight and their strong faith in the Almighty.

Whether the oppressors be Hamman, Hitler or any of the current variety, reaffirmation of this faith has and will continue to be a source of strength to see the Jews emerge victorious.

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CENTER SPORTS

Bowling

Hats off to the winners! In the intermediate league the Emjay Specials led by Moe Cabasso, Abe Levy, Jesse Salem and Dick Setton topped the league with an 8-2 record.

In the Adult Men's Duck Pin League the Hawks with Ezra Hamway, Joe Shalom and Moe Shamah topped with a 17 and 1 record.

In the Young Adult Men's Ten Pin League the Shams led by Eddie Shamash, Joe Franco and Harry Shweky won league honors with a 12 and 6 record.

Varsity Bowling Results

Tryouts for the Varsity team are now completed and the following men are members of the team: Martin (Tiny) Cohen with a 157 average, Eddie Beda with a 154 average, Abe Franco with a 152 average, Jack Beyda with a 148 average, Izzy Nakash with a 146 average and Lou Jerome with a 145 average.

Match games with the Kingsway and Flatbush J.C.C. are being arranged.

Basketball

The gumnasium will be closed this Tuesday, March 30, as the Athletic Council readies itself for Spring sports.

The Hawks, last year's defending champs, repeated as leaders in the Senior Men's Basketball League, topping the league with a 9 and 1 record.

Special Applause Department

To the Delphis who, having heard of the need to paint our bowling alleys, immediately volunteered the services of their club. It seems like the idea of the Center belonging to its members is beginning to catch on. When you see that eyesoothing green in the alleys, think of Carol Haddad, president, Prissy Hadded, vice-president, Helene Chera, secretary, Sara Dweck, treasurer, Shelly Cohen, assistant secretary, and Lorraine Benun, Helen Bibi, Carol Cohen, Shelly Diamond. Shirley Franco, Diana Grazi, Paula Haddad and Germaine Nesser.

Athletic Council

The Athletic Council had its first meeting since the board elections and under the guidance of its new chairman, Eli (Eel) Cohen, programmed the following activities to start the spring sports activities. Softball will be under the co-chairmanship of Dave Tawil and Moe Dweck, Handball will be sponsored by Jack Grazi and Ray (Jet) Shweky. Stickball is chaired by Irv Safdieh and those interested in punchball can contact the A.D.

Dance

The Teen-Age Boys Athletic Committee has made plans for a Spring Sports Square Dance on Thursday night, April 15, at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are a dollar per person, with the dance being cosponsored by the Silver Knights, the Celtics, the Martiniques and the Moroccos. Tickets can be procured from Eli Mizrachi, Dan Tawil, Moe terested should contact Mrs. Frieda Hamway.

Center Miscellanea

Spring Art Class

The Center's ever-active Art Group is planning a new Spring Art Class to begin on Tuesday, May 11th. It is expected that guest instructors will be on hand during the sessions every week during the course.

The Art Class has been one of the Center's more successful activities and it is urged that those who haven't tried their hand at painting come on the opening night; the opportunity is on the house.

A Letter

To the Community:

We have in our community between four and five hundred Masons, a mere handful belonging to many different lodges. They seldom attend meetings except perhaps once a year and sometimes not even that often. Sending their dues in by mail is usually the extent of their participation in lodge affairs.

But if we had a Lodge room near home which we could call our own, I am sure attendance at the meetings would increase, enabling all to get together once every two weeks or more often.

Fraternalism is the most wonderful thing in the world. It tends to teach men to be better men through working together for a noble purpose.

All Masons interested in organizing a Masonic Lodge of our own contact Raymond Zalta, 6309 23rd Avenue, Brooklyn 4, New York.

R. Z.

Which Are You?

"Are you an active member, The kind that would be missed? Or are you just contented That your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings And mingle with the flock? Or do you stay at home And criticize and knock? Do you ever go and visit A member who is sick? Or leave the work to just a few And talk about the clique? Come to the meetings often And help with hand and heart; Don't be just a member But take an active part. Think this over, member, You know right from wrong. Are you an active member Or do you just belong?"

Moe Dweck, Dennis Shamah. Sonny Setton, Dweck and Bill Mizrachi.

This is the beginning of the older intermediate's participation in an organized athletic and social program. Let's keep the ball rolling!

Tennis

A tennis program is heing planned for the Teen-Age girls for Monday afternoons. Those in-

Teenagers

By RENA HEDAYA ****

"Oh please Mr. B, let us have the downstairs." "We've just got to have the mike!" "No!" "What now!" If you're one who has contributed in the bustle of excitement, concerning the teenagers this month, you will recall Renee Cohen......Jack Shalom hearing these familiar phrases.

Yep, they were problems, but they all resulted in a terrific dance which was held at the Center a few weeks ago. This dance and other new activities have opened up a new phase for the Teenagers.

Getting down to copper tacks, here is what actually happened. The Teenage Council, realizing that none of the teenagers were participating in the lounge and other activities, knew that something had to be done. We got as many teenagers as we could to pitch in and help. Carol Hanon who is now chairman of the permanent Social Committee and beau David Safdeye took over the dance and practically lived at the Center for the past month, making it a success.

Lounge Night

The "What is the number Man?". David Cohen, who is now Chairman of the Lounge Committee with Sydele Mizrachi, Roberta Steiner, and Diane Grazi, had a very successful talent show last Lounge Night. It seems as if everyone was participating. To add to your fun, a very enjoyable program is being planned for each lounge night.

help and co-operation, the Council has appointed Carol Hanan, Billy Mizrachi, and the "What is the number man?", David Cohen, as new members of the Council.

More

Yes, it seems like we've finally opened up the hearts of the teenagers. Speaking for them I'm sure they will never forget the hustle and bustle of the last couple of months. We are planning to have many more dances and affairs.

Remember, America was disit is today. We had to do that. The same applies to us.

So Teenagers,-Let's Go!!

MILESTONES | Center's Scouts | Enrollment On

MARRIED

	Connie SerouyaDavid Goldfarb
	Lila Franco
	Ruth SuttonMark Gindi
	Mona DweckMoe Massry
	Ida ShamesIsaac Schwecky
	Esther KassinNathan Chira
Į	Sylvia ElphiehJoe Cohen
Ì	Renee PilossophIrving Esses
۱	ENGLOED

Connie Abadi.....Leon Chalom Jeanette Chalom......Ralph Gindi Alice Mathalon.....Joseph Heiney

Linda Sedaka......Walter Serure Nina Taboush..... Eddie Esses Esther Esses David Jemal Sheilah Dwcck......Marty Mishan Frieda Shrem Sonny Esses

BAR MITZVAH

Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sutton Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs.

BLESSED EVENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sutton.....Girl Mr. & Mrs. Morris Dabbah....Boy Mr, & Mrs. Harry Sutton......Boy

NOTICE

If you have any marriages, engagements, bar mitzvahs or births that you wish to have included in Milestones, write them on a post card and mail to Milestones c/o Magen David Community Center, 34 Avenue P, Brooklyn 4, N.Y. or telephone them in to the Center office at BEnsonhurst 6-6587.

Acquire Leaders For Day Camp

By ARNOLD GINDI

The Center's own Boy Scout Troop 810 has been reorganized and is now functioning with at the Center and if enough vigor. Two scoutmasters have names are registered, then a been engaged by the troop, Ben separate program will be devel-Neiderman and Abe Abraham.

On Thursday nights, at 8:30 in the upper social hall of the agers (ages 13 to 17) if enough Center, members of the troop have been getting instruction in various skills. An exciting hiking program has been devised.

The hard-working scout committee that has built up the Dweck troop is headed by Jack Husney. Other members are Moe Haber, Charles Harary, Al Hamway, Harry Chazanoff, Morris Gor-Maurice Silvera don, and Ken Husney.

Erratum and Addendum

In the story about Connie Serouya's trip to France to marry her soldier-fiance appearing in the last issue of the CENTER BULLETIN, there was a typographical error in stating the year when the couple will return. The time should have been May, 1955, not 1954. Incidentally, Connie's mother Mrs. Ray Serouya, has returned from France and informs us that the former C.B. associate is now setting-up house in La Rochelle on the west coast of France.

(Continued from Page 1) of the Center has requested that parents leave the names of children under seven years of age oped for this group.

He has announced that there will also be a program for teenso desire. If so, it will include swimming trips, picnics, etc. The plan is to be discussed with parents and children sometime after passover.

Masquerade Dance Set For April 25th

(Continued from Page 1) favors will also be distributed

Nina Harary and Jacqueline Abadi who have worked hard planning and arranging the event have predicted that a good time will be had by all who attend and have asked that everybody turn out for the affair for their own as well as the Center's benefit.

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Passover Guide

Regulations and precautions by Because of their wonderful Beth Din Magen David, for days preceding this Passover 1954

- 1. Sermon of Shabbath Hagodol in all synagogues on the preceding Sabbath, April 10, 1954.
- 2. Search of leavened Thursday night, April 15, 1954. After Arbit at 7:00 P.M. or later with blessing and annullment as usual.
- 3. Ending of Tractate for first born Friday morning, April 16 at 7:30 A.M.
- 4. Selling of Leavened by Beth Din, Friday, April 16 until 10:00 A.M.
- 5. Burning of Leavened Friday, April 16 until 10:00 A.M. as ordinary years.
- 6. Koshering of Utensils until Friday, April 16. 7. Meals of Sabbath April 16-17. All meals of Friday night and Saturday morning to be in covered not already built up as Kosher utensils and Kosher for Passover, for precaution sake.
 - 8. Eating of Leavened Friday night and Saturday morning eat at least one ounce of bread be-

fore eating the cooked food, but not during the meal.

- 9. Last hour for eating leavened SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 1954, 8:45 A.M. If leavened is left over, cover it in a hidden place until Monday night, April 19, and burn it.
- 10. First Minian Sabbath morning prayers at 6:00 A.M.
- 11. Regular Minian 8:00 A.M. Those who pray in second Minian are prohibited to eat regular Matzos, instead eat EGG MATZOS for which you bless Mezonoth and Al Hamihia. However, the best way is to eat eight ounces of Egg Matzos, cakes or cookies, for which washing hands, blessings of Hamossee, and Birkat Hamazon are re-
- 12. Annullment of Leavened Saturday, April 17 until 10:00 A.M. Those praying in second Minian should pronounce annullment while in synagogue not later than 10:00 A.M.

With Happy Passover Greetings. BETH DIN MAGEN CONG.

Bazaar Begins On May 1st; Merchandise Is Requested

(Continued from Page 1) clock, a fourteen karat gold pin, and fourteen karat gold cuff links.

Coupon books are being distributed by Victoria Altaras and Marcelle Bijou, co-chairmen of the Distribution Sub-committee, as well as Dave Sutton for the Young Adult Council and James Didia for the Adult Social Group. The next issue of the BULLET-IN will contain an Honor Roll of all members and friends who have sold five or more coupon books.

Anna Mansour, who at the time of this printing has already sold fifteen books says that it's easy. "All you have to do is carry the book around with you: and when you are at a party or among a group of friends pull; it out and offer the coupons. Show the people what wonderful prizes are being offered and say that it's a donation for the lis Safdeye, Mal Serure, Al Sha-Center,"

Heading the drive for the solicitation of merchandise for the bazaar are Saul Sutton, Jack

Recorder Class

A course of instruction in the playing of the recorder, a reed, flute-like instrument is being organized. All interested contact Ed Grupper or Leon Sutton.

Senior, Lou Diamond, Raymond Sultan, Raymond C. Sultan, Joe Bijou, Ellis Safdeye, Alice Shalom, Esther Abadi, Mary (Eli) Hedaya, Mary (Harry) Hedaya, Adele (Raymond) Sultan, Tunie Sutton, Frieda Anzaroot, Sophie Greenberg, Marilyn Chira and Pauline Grazi.

Assisting them is assuring the success of the drive have been Gitta Sultan, Lily Malca, Betty Koopman, Adele Sutton, Rita Setton and Renna Abadi.

The following businessmen addressed letters to their accounts asking for contributions of merchandise for the bazaar: Maurice Ades, Morris Beyda, Joseph Bigio, Sam Chira, Jack Blanco. David Cohen, Jay Doctor, Al Gindi, Moish J. Dweck, Lou Diamond, Jack Hanan, I. Kassin, Al Levy, Abe Matut, Fred Nesser, Jack Senior, J. S. Sutton and Sons, Moe Rahmey, Elbot, Irving Shabot, James Sitt, Abdo Sultan, Alfred Sutton, Raymond Sultan, Raymond C. Sultan, Jack Terzi and Jack Tobias.

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Young Folks

Young Adults Election

As a result of the elections held recently, the following now constitute the Young Adult Council: Lilly Ashkenazie, Al Azar, Pearl Braha, Morris A. Cohen, Morris (Slats) Cohen, Edmund (Chubby) Dweck, Gloria Esses, Hy Esses, Paula Franco, Ruth Gindi, Claire Grazi, Norman Greenberg. Margie Hanono, Lou Jeroine, Julia Mamiye, Violet Mishaan, Vic Rishty, David Salem, Joe Shalom, Eddie Shamosh, David Sutton and Joe Tawil. In addition, the following are members, ex officio, by virtue of their being members of the Center's Board of Directors: Harriet Cohen, Virginia Harary, Abe Shalo and Leon Sutton.

At the first meeting of the new Council, the following were elected to the respective offices: Harrit Cohen, president; Lou-Jerome, vice-president; Pearl Braha, recording secretary; Paula Franco, corresponding secretary; Gloria Esses, assistant secretary; and David Sutton, financial coordinator,

Young Intermediates

An Intermediate group consisting of boys between the ages of thirteen and fifteen and girls between twelve and fourteen, are now on their own and doing a good job despite their inexperience. Their first independent dance was held on Saturday night, April 10th, at 8:30 in the Main Social Hall. Things are getting organized and more dances, parties and trips are being planned.

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