

Tickets Available For New Year's At Center Affair

By SOPHIE DWECK

The Center's second grand New Year's Eve Affair is rapidly selling out. However, some reservations are still available for both groups at \$20.00 for the young couples and \$15.00 per person for the married folk.

The admission price for both affairs includes "all the food you can eat and all the liquor you can drink" as well as the entertainment, noise makers and hats.

Hy Krauss and his famous orchestra will provide the dance music for the evening. There'll be plenty of rumba, mambo and fox trot music for the New Year's celebrants until 3:00 A.M.

Sana and Amer, the well-known entertainers, will perform for the married couples until the crowd goes home.

Attention Veterans!

A veterans group is being organized for ex-G.I.'s in our community. An organizational meeting of the group will be held on Monday, January 5th, at 8:30 P.M. in the Center for the purpose of formulating objectives for such an organization. All those interested in participating in this activity are welcome to attend.

Center Campaign Plans To Double Membership

By CONNIE SEROUYA

"More families to keep the Center going" is the slogan of the drive expected to double the membership of the Center. A committee headed by Abe Hiday plans to start the campaign on Sunday, January 11, with the main emphasis on door-to-door canvassing.

The group to be concentrated on in the drive is the married couples, all other groups join without coercion. According to Mr. Hiday they are the mainstay of financial support. Forty percent

of all the Center's operating funds come from membership and "it is the duty of every married couple to join the Center whether or not they intend to use its facilities."

As a further temptation for membership the Center is introducing its "new baby"—the Health Club. For members only, the club will offer reducing machines, bicycling machines, punching bags, steam rooms and all else that belongs. All the equipment has already been ordered. Health Director for the club is Marty Wolfson and the Committee Chairman is Jack Senior.

Now 1500 Members

The present membership of the Center is approximately fifteen-hundred, of which twenty percent represents married couples, twenty-five percent teen agers, a third unmarried young adults and the rest juniors. Membership for the married is \$30 per couple.

Those married couples without families who have put off joining the Center are censured by Mr. Hiday who says: "We must keep the Center going now for the future. It is the duty of all of us."

Also on the membership committee are Mrs. Pauline Grazi, Freida Hamway, Joyce Betesh and Mr. Leo Shamah.

New Enlarged Ladies Auxiliary Plans First Fund-Raising Affair

By PAULETTE BEYDA

The first fund-raising affair of the newly enlarged Ladies Auxiliary will be a luncheon on January 13th at the Center. The cost is \$3.50 per person.

The group has been enlarged for the purpose of developing programs intended for the women of the Women's Division of the Center. Temporary elections were held last week with the following results: Mabel Chabbott, Chairman; Pauline Grazi, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Abe Shamah and Mrs. Charles Antoky, Treasurers; Mrs. Sam Catton and Mrs. Nat Franco, Secretaries.

The first permanent elections of this organization will be held this spring. In the meantime a steering committee has been set up and consists of approximately fifty women. In addition there is an executive committee consisting of the officers of the organization and the co-chairmen of each sub-committee.

For Fund Raising

Mrs. Isaac Hedaya and Mrs. Leo Shamah are co-chairmen of the Entertainment Fund-Raising Committee. Between now and June this committee is expected to hold four or five affairs. Mrs. Abe Sultan and Mrs. Harry Hedaya are heading the committee responsible for the January luncheon.

The program committee which is headed by Marly Dweck and Ray Zonana, has already organized a "fancy party-dishes" class which will be taught by Elizabeth Distler of Brooklyn College. The course consists of four sessions and is held on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. It has a present enrollment of 38 women. The fee for the course is \$3.00.

Spectacular Couples Sighted At Center Masquerade Ball

Ever wonder what certain individuals would be like once they stepped out of the customary suits and skirts? Well, those attending the Masquerade Ball at the Center last Thanksgiving Eve certainly had an eye-ful. Harem beauties, Shieks, Ballerinas, Prisoners, Angels, Chorines, Animals, Baseball players, and even Frankenstein, were seen roaming about and strutting their stuff to the amusement of less enterprising plain-clothes spectators. With the hair let down and the mask put on, hilarity followed.

Where could you witness such sights as an "Indian" doing a waltz? "Madame Butterfly" doing a Charleston with "Little Red Riding Hood"? "Cleopatra" sipping a coke? Arab "Shieks" wailing while "Chorines" wiggled? "Captain Kidd" dueling with "Joe Dimaggio"? And "Frankenstein" scaring a "Rabbit"?

Such was the effect when centuries and cultures met.

Highlight of the evening was the award of prizes to the most original male and female. "Madame Butterfly" received the most applause in the girl's con-

test but was found out to be none other than Dave Tawil. Since it would have been unfair to award the female prize to him, the prize was given to Nina Harary, dressed as a Harem dancer.

The wailing shiek, played well by Lou Shamie, and applauded by members of his vast tribe, was awarded the men's prize. Dave Attie, in artist's cap and smock, took photographs of same for posterity. The pictures were on display in the Center's lobby so that those who "couldn't make it" could see what they missed.

Special thanks go to Lorraine Betesh and her Fund-Raising Committee for the planning and execution of a rare and wonderful evening. Some of those who helped were: Pat Doueck, Claire

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Jan. 2	4:19
Jan. 9	4:26
Jan. 16	4:33
Jan. 23	4:41
Jan. 30	4:49
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All Out For '53!

In about two weeks the Center volunteers—we hope there will be many—will be canvassing the community in the second annual membership drive. This time, the Center salesmen will have more selling points to stress.

While not all of the Center's objectives have been realized, there has been much done to be proud of. All divisions have been provided with some Center benefit.

Socially, the Center has provided the affairs, dances, and the place to meet for the enjoyment of our youth. Recreationally, athletic facilities have been made available to Center members. Educationally and culturally, classes have been held on a variety of interesting and enjoyable subjects. Spiritually, the Center has provided a beautiful place for the conduct of religious services.

Space limitations do not permit the setting out at length all the Center's benefits. Most of us are familiar with these benefits first hand.

So when January 11th rolls around and there comes a knocking at the door, remember how important the Center is to you and join.

HELP

The membership committee is urgently in need of volunteers for canvassing. All that will be required is a few hours on a Sunday morning. All interested please call Mr. Abe Boxerman at the Center, BE 6-6588.

A Problem

By ABE SHALO

When a person in the community works around the Center, he invariably becomes familiar with the problems which beset the various groups that make use of the building. The young adult, for example, soon learns that the married couples, juniors and teen-agers also have their difficulties.

One of the problems I became familiar with pertained primarily to the teen-age group but had community-wide ramifications. No, it isn't the use of narcotics or the existence of teen-age gang wars; on the contrary, our young folk do not present any problem in these respects.

What I have in mind is the situation which finds the sixteen, seventeen or eighteen-year-old Syrian boy unable to associate with the Syrian girls of his age. After attaining the age of fifteen the girls suddenly discard their friendship with the boys and somehow "graduate" to the point of getting the attention of the mature and established young adult. Thus, as a result of being regarded as undesirable, the teen-age boys—not without some bitterness — look elsewhere for company.

Suffer Corresponding Loss

Needless to say, that with the increase emphasis put on the teen-age girls, the young adult girls—particularly these over twenty—suffer a corresponding loss of attention. Here, also arises the feeling of rejection and in the place of one problem, two now exist.

Some people might say, so what? Well, the answer is this: while there may be differences of opinion on the desirability of having thirty-year-old males taking teen-agers for their wives, there can be no disagreement on the observation that at the present time, so far as this community is concerned, this situation is by no means a wholesome one. As our spiritual leaders know only too well, the implications arising from this situation can be—and many times are—far from pleasant.

Can't Discourage The Boys

Of course, in the nature of things, nothing much can be done to discourage the older boys from seeking out the sixteen or seventeen year old girl. There cannot be—nor should there be—any dictation as to what one shall like or dislike. But while it would be foolish to say a practical solution exists, certainly something can be done. Perhaps the mothers concerned may be persuaded to take the position that it is not desirable to have their daughters keep company with young adult boys more than ten years their senior or, on the other hand, perhaps the suggestion may be made to some mothers to refrain from encouraging their daughters to date these young adults.

But in any event, if there is no complete solution, at least recognition should be given to this problem. Failure in this regard may allow the problem to get out of hand and the consequences may be serious indeed.

Yeshiva Mothers

Although the Magen David Yeshiva is still in the infant stages of its development, the entire community is proud of the progress it is making. Operating behind the scenes, is the Mother's League, without whose effort the Yeshiva could not have taken such rapid strides.

The League was organized only a year and a half ago but in the short span of its existence it has instituted many advantages for the Yeshiva children. Through its committee, with Mrs. Julia Dweck as its president, the Mothers' League initiated a banking system such as is found today in the majority of schools. Through the generosity of several members of the League, a phonograph, an electric clock and a motion picture projector were donated.

At a cocktail party, the highlight of which was the raffling of a car, this group of mothers lent its assistance with the chores. At a Fathers' Day luncheon they drew the winner of the raffle, the entire proceeds of which went for purchasing much needed textbooks.

On December 3, the Mothers' League sponsored a luncheon which was completely successful both financially and socially. The League wishes to extend its thanks to all the women who helped in making this affair one of the outstanding of the year.

Lunchroom Is Pet Project

The pet project of this organization is to provide assistance in the lunchroom where the shortage of help is most acute. The mothers who so thoughtfully give their time to come and help, expend every effort to see that the needs and hunger of each child are properly attended to. Regretfully, however, this feeding problem is growing ever more critical with the appreciable decrease in the number of mothers in attendance lately. It is for this reason therefore, that the Mothers' League takes this opportunity to make an urgent plea to each and every mother to fulfill her obligations in this most important function of this group.

Servicemen's Letters . . .

Dear Editor:

Just a little note to thank you for sending me the COMMUNITY BULLETIN. I have been receiving it now for about a year so I would say that this letter is a little overdue. I have enjoyed reading about the news and growth of the community very much.

Although I have not lived in New York for a number of years now, I feel as though I am still part of the community. Right now I am stationed at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, but expect to be returning to sunny California soon for discharge.

CHARLES SUTTON

Dear Editor:

I'm an S.Y. soldier serving in Korea—lucky me! I have some time on my hands and can use some pen pals. I wonder if you could put this letter in your paper, so that I may receive some mail from the girls in Brooklyn.

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Teenagers

By ANNETTE SULTAN

"Mother, where's my bathing suit?" . . . "Oh, I can't find that old cap with the two holes from last summer!" . . . "But I forgot how to swim!"—Cries such as these were probably heard before the first annual Swimming Party was on its way.

This special event for the teenagers, marked a tremendously successful opening of the new season. A chartered bus carried about fifty happy and expectant water-lovers to the St. George on the night of Thanksgiving. Upon arriving, there was a quick change, and a dash to the gym.

Some of the boys demonstrated their terrific diving feats, namely Eddie Dweck, who accomplished the high dive with amazing skill. We mustn't forget the girls either—Adele Esses and Harriet Adjmi are no amateurs when it comes to diving.

After the swim, when we had all gotten dressed, we just began discovering how hungry we were. Just then, H.A. came out with a big, bulging turkey sandwich, accompanied by a sweet potato. We all laughed, but just the same, helped her eat it.

Tired But Happy

Coming home on the bus, tired and happy, but still able to sing, we agreed that for the very small sum paid, it provided a terrific time. Credit is due to Mr. Gene Perkins, who mustn't be forgotten for arranging this outstanding event.

The Teenagers didn't stop after the Swimming Party. Immediately following, a Mass Rally was held at the Center, on Wednesday night, December 3rd. On that night, the Center was virtually flooded with boys and girls, who came and enjoyed the music of Lew Stern and his band, and the wonderful layout of food arranged by Mrs. M. Hanon and the Mothers' Council. The admission to all this was free. During the night, we had a talent show, where teenagers of our own community showed off their wonderful talents. Dancing followed, which included a balloon dance, and the group joined in to do the hora. This great affair linked the interests of the SY boys and girls.

Ahi Ezer Schedules Big New Year's Affair

The Ahi Ezer Congregation will have a grand affair New Year's Eve, featuring Prof. Djmal Aslan, singer, accompanied by a complete Oriental orchestra.

For young and old, Artie Brown and his Society Orchestra, an authentic rumba specialist, and Susan Marmer will entertain. Oriental and American food will be served at tables by individual waitresses. The price is \$10 per person, with choice tables \$2.50 additional. Reservations are limited, so call CI 9-0100.

Increase Activities Of Ladies Group

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for members and \$6.00 for non-members of the Center.

Mrs. Morris Benun is heading a sub-committee which is organizing a conversational Spanish class to begin sometime in January. A Civic Relations Committee has been set up with the purpose of organizing activities in behalf of the Armed Forces and local community needs. This committee is co-chaired by Flora Arking and Violet Tawil.

Membership, Publicity, Social Activities, Constitution, and Finance and Budget Committees are also contemplated. The group hopes to enroll three to five hundred women for its programs and all are welcome to serve on committees. All interested may call Mabel Chabbott at Cloverdale 6-1228.

Spy Zany Disguises At Center's Affair

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Grazi, June Haddad, Fudge Harary, Nina Harary, Gaston Dweck, Joe Tawil, Edmond Tawil, and of course, Gene Perkin. To Mrs. M. Hanan and Mrs. Frieda Hamway go many thanks for helping to prepare the food tables, etc.

The committee was very fortunate in obtaining fifty pounds of meat free, from Harry Geier and Son, the famous Avenue J meat market. Jack's Toy Shop supplied them with a few knick-knacks for atmosphere. S.K.

So What's New?

By DAVID I. COHEN

Well, according to the moon charts in Madame Zoro's Palmistry Handbook for the Layman, (revised), it won't be long now before the beginning of the New Year.

Ordinarily I can't see this as a basis for any sort of commotion—except maybe to some kids in Yeshiva who'll keep marking the old date on their composition headings by mistake. But every year about this time there begins a big tumult with all sorts of gala dates and lavish affairs being planned for New Year's Eve. People have been known to march into Shapiro's delicatessen, en masse, and hauling off every smoked tongue and chicken salami they can lay their hands on for that big affair. It's been rumored about that even Shapiro's own tongue quiviers with apprehension when this time of year rolls around.

It's best, if you're planning on doing nothing in particular that evening, to remain out of sight completely. Otherwise people will decide you're some sort of an eccentric and everywhere you go after that someone will point a finger at you and maybe even peck you with orange peels.

The Marboro Cooperates

The Marboro management, therefore, in complete cooperation, sets aside a special section of the balcony for that night where the house lights are dimmed entirely. This section is soon filled up by these people who, as soon as the evening approaches, all don long black beards and file in rapidly.

For those who waited around 'til the last minute there'll be nothing for them but to dash about frantically looking for an appropriate hiding place and maybe ending curled up in a clothes hamper somewhere.

One such girl, in the fever of excitement, went ahead and signed up with a whaling expedition and was never heard from again.

This, of course, should point to some sort of lesson but rumor has it she became very adept at this sort of thing and now makes a lot of money touring the country as the only lady harpoonist in existence.

I should like to add though that the guy who claimed a small intimate party was the best and safest way to spend the New Year's evidently didn't have this community in mind.

We All Wound Up In Jail

We planned such an affair once and we all wound up in jail for it. First off, the few select couples who were invited couldn't make it because somehow there were too many people inside the house already.

And what with all the noise and commotion all the neighbors came up to complain. They soon forgot what they came up for when they commenced nibbling on the turkey and pretty soon they were toasting one another and singing and talking louder than anybody else. The hostess finally attempted to gain some semblance of order by suggesting playing party games. But this even started a bigger commotion and everybody went around saying she was breaking up a good time. There was even some talk of throwing her out of the party altogether.

It finally broke up when we were all locked up for disturbing the peace. We found out later the complaint was lodged by the neighbors who became very disgruntled when they found that no matter how loud they sang they couldn't hear themselves above the din. The hostess, however, didn't feel the party was a total loss because there was so much good food left over.

In fact up to this day she doesn't know but when a half eaten pastrami sandwich will turn up about the house somewheres. But what ever you do here's wishing you a Happy New Year.

Free Summer Boy's Camp Helps Young Syrian Needy

By RUTH GINDI

The Steve Cohen Camp, a summer camp for underprivileged children, has provided three-week summer vacations in the open country air for more than one hundred young Jewish boys, half of whom have been members of our community.

Established ten years ago, the camp admits needy Syrian boys upon the recommendation of

Rabbi Kassin and Mr. Abe Sultan. It is located on 175 acres of country land at Hopwel Junction, near Peekskill, New York.

According to Mr. Abe Marcus, an active member of the organization which operates the camp, its summer season is nine weeks long, opening July 3rd. A new group of boys is admitted every three weeks.

After the boys are greeted by a reception committee, they are thoroughly examined to see that they are in good health, and thereupon completely equipped with camping outfits.

Strictly Kosher

It is a strictly kosher camp and the boys say Ber-rahah before every meal. Religious services are held every Friday night and Saturday morning.

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Anna Marcus.....Bob Mizrahi

BLESSED EVENTS

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Mr. & Mrs. Joe Zilka.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Dweck.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Goldman...Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cohen...Boy

completely equipped with all athletic and recreational facilities.

Funds are needed to help this camp do the work it has been doing for the past decade. Every cent contributed goes for the benefit of the underprivileged.

Checks may be made payable to "The Steve Cohen Camp" and mailed to the Steve Cohen Camp, c/o Mr. Abe Marcus, Paris Decorators, 417 5th Avenue, New York City.

THIS AND THAT

By EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE and MOE

Warmed Over Stuff (what, again?): What the printer couldn't fit in last month's C.B. we carried over for now, so here goes: FLASH—some people were at the Copa some time ago, one of them was M.H., satisfied M.H.?

The Wayward Press: Our star (?) reporter attended an Iraqi affair at the Hotel Ansonia a few weeks ago and was very surprised to find that the S.Y. girls were already familiar with the activities of this group. Not only that, it turned out that he was the only S.Y. boy there—but he's still single now. According to his report this represents a new field to explore, what do you think, girls? . . . One of our spies informs us that the Country Club boys have turned over a new leaf and have individually invited girls to their New Year's affair. Congratulations, boys, your doing all right.

Center Socials: Our Sunday afternoons are enlivened, thanks to the combined efforts of Julie Mamiye and her Social Affairs Committee. We particularly single out for sheer enjoyment the Square Dance held a couple of weeks ago with Piute Pete as the caller. Let's have more of those . . . Only four more days and the great night would have come and gone—great discussions and romantic implications commence on the first day of '53—"how late did he keep you out on the last night of '52—early morning arrivals go to the head of the class—those who got in before three o'clock ought to be ashamed of themselves for being so smart.

Oh, Just Some Assorted Stuff: I guess the girls who used to compete with Linda Betesh in basketball are now breathing a sigh of relief. The active girls' athletic workers has been given the role of referee . . . We have a couple of sweeties who turned "Sweet Sixteen." Renee Sitt, Tootsie Serouya and Marilyn Cabasso. Happy Birthday, girls . . . And, oh yes, we almost forgot, Joe Cohen wishes to thank his Barricini Babies for the sweets. Okay, you contented fathers, move over and make room for Bert; his wife just gave birth to a baby boy. Congrats.

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