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Groups Active In Community Social Affairs

Ahi Ezer Congregation honors Mr. David Bibi, its President, with a dinner upon his return from Europe on December 10th. Various activities are programmed by other Syrian congregations in our community.

Tuesday nights the Ahi Ezer recreation hall is open to all those interested in card playing. Their social director, Hy Cohen, urges you to meet friends and make new ones at Wednesday evening's socials. Talks are given on Religion, Child Education, Jewish History, etc. on Friday nights by guest speakers.

Chanukah Festival

Walter Serure says, "get ready for the post-Chanukah festival." Remember December 3rd the Woman's Auxiliary will conduct the "Chanukah Concert" followed by card party," he said.

In the past few months Rabbi Hecht declared, "forty crates of
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Center Now 80% Completed; Finish In March A Possibility



—Courtesy Marboro Photo Studio
This is the Center building as it was last week. It is a far cry from that skeleton we saw on Avenue P this past year.

Committee Maps Five-Point Plan To Raise \$85,000

By ED LABATON

The Community Center will be completed by early March if \$85,000 can be collected before then. At present the Center Committee has \$40,000 in outstanding pledges.

The building is now about 80 percent completed with about thirty men working on partitions, ventilation, plumbing and windows.

The Center, when completed, will have in the basement, four bowling alleys, steamrooms, recreation rooms with billiards and ping-pong tables and a canteen. On the first floor there will be a social hall which will be able to accommodate about 350 people, kindergarten rooms, classrooms and club and meeting rooms.

Classes On Second Floor

Most of the classrooms will be located on the second floor. In addition there will be a school lunchroom and a large social hall on the floor. Most of the classrooms can, of course, be used for meeting rooms in the evening.

In describing the situation Rabbi Abraham Hecht, Executive Director, pointed out that "the major problem confronting the Center project is mainly money."

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Chanukah—Year 5711

By IKE COHEN

More than 2,000 years ago Israel was occupied by Assyrian Empire builders and the Temple in Jerusalem was in the hands of rich and traitorous high-priests. The people longed for their freedom.

Hearing that the Assyrian militarists were busy fighting the Romans, the Jewish people rebelled. They took back the Temple and threw out the quivering priests. In punishment, the Assyrians returned, killed thousands of Jews and outlawed the Jewish religious practices. Town after town was pillaged; patriachs were killed for refusing to eat pork.

Unable to bear these outrages, Mattathias and his seven sons called to the people of Israel to fight back, to defend their homeland.

To Continue Fight

Before he died, Mattathias urged his sons to continue this fight for liberation. Thus, the Maccabees, under the leadership of Judah the Strong, were born.

Determined and cunning, resorting to guerilla tactics, the Maccabees defeated the better equipped Assyrian Army consist-

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Magen David Federation Serves Several Important Institutions

One of the outstanding achievements in our community is the founding of the Magen David Federation, the concept of which is the spirit of the tradition of community responsibility.

The establishment of this Federation in 1944 as one Central Agency was heartily endorsed and welcomed by all the heads of families who could no longer endure the numerous appeals and individual solicitations.

The institutions that the Magen David Federation serves are: Maoz La Ebijon (Syrian Hebrew Aid Society), Magen David Talmud Torah and Yeshivah, the Near East Aid Society and the Magen David Community Center when construction is completed (incidentally, the Federation has given in 1949, from its reserve, \$40,000 to the Community Center Building Fund).

Solidify Our Community

To further solidify and unify our community a merger of all Synagogues as affiliates of the Federation will go into effect as of January 1, 1951. Our Federa-

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Announcement

A fully catered affair, featuring Hy Kraus and his orchestra, formerly at the Hollywood Hotel, will be held Sunday, 7:30 p.m. December 24th, at the East Midwood Jewish Center.

Tickets will be \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance.

Almanac

Date	Lighting of Candles
Dec. 8	4.04
15	4.05
22	4.08
29	4.12
Jan. 5	4.17

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It's Back

After an extended, involuntary respite, the C.B. is finally back for what we hope will be a long stay. There were too many inquiries about "what happened to C.B." for us to shrug our shoulders and say "no money."

A determined effort was made to see that publication resumed and this effort being successful, we are happy to declare the C.B. will be around for awhile.

This welcome situation has been made possible by numerous interested individuals who worked tirelessly to make our dance a hit and the door-to-door soliciting profitable. Given this spirit, the C.B.'s future will never be in doubt and it will continue to be the community institution that it is.

Vehicle of Expression

As for our publication, it will be as always to bring to the subscribers an informative, interesting and enjoyable paper. In a larger sense, we want to create in the C.B. a vehicle of expression for anyone in the community who wishes to write—on any subject, controversial or otherwise.

Now that more of our young men are leaving for military service, the C.B. can re-play the role it had in the last war: to keep those who are away in touch with the community.

Our immediate aim, however, is to give full support to those sacrificing and hard-working members of the Center committee who are now in a home-stretch drive to finish the long-awaited building. Their's is a noble, though thankless, job which can be completed very soon by the support of all of us.

Shot-Gun Jamboree

By SALLY KASSIN

Sit back all you people and you shall see
The makings of the C.B.'s jamboree!
It started one night when our editor said—
"We need money, our paper's in the red!
Let's have a dance, I think we oughtta;
A formal ball, with champagne like water."
"Nothing doing," yelled another member,
"There's nothing so dry as a dance so tender.
Let's make a picnic—I think it's better!"
"What?" screamed another, "In this kind of
weather?"

"If you're all finished," said another voice,
"I have an idea, I think the best choice!
How about a barn dance, there's nothing
nicer—

With corn cobs, jeans, and apple cider!
We'll have a shotgun and build a jail;
Only way to get out is to put up bail!"
So the plans were started—full speed ahead—
Worked so hard, we were nearly dead!
No need to tell the rest of the story—
The night of the dance we were all in our
glory.

Couldn't keep the crowds back—everyone
came.

They looked like sights—but 'twas part of
the game.

'Round about one, we were forced to go home,
And now I'm happy, I can end my poem!

An Appeal To Girls

For the past two years The Center has been the main objective of our activities. Thousands of dollars have been collected through dances, contributions, meetings, donations, and yet there remains a wide gap still to be filled. I think it is high time for the girls in our community to do their share. It is well known to our fair females that they will benefit greatly by The Center when it is completed.

Hundreds of Syrian Girls are employed earning substantial salaries. I do not believe it is too taxing to ask that they contribute a reasonable sum to the achievement of our goal, some amount similar to the request of the proclamation which was sent out last year.

Wallets Drained Dry

The wallets of most of the men have been drained dry — how about some female spirit — some community conscientiousness — a go getting of the girls to help build the badly needed Center.

For two centuries women have fought and advocated equality—here is your chance to prove your worth. Let's show ourselves and the men, that females are not only known for their chatter, but can make their activity count.

It seems every time a contribution is requested we have to resort to a door to door pick-up—let this one be a voluntary donation.

Bear in mind a donation is not judged by who you are but by what you give. Charity begins at home, and this is our community, and The Center is your hope.

How about being amongst the first? H. C.

Renazification

By NAN MIZRACHI

In Germany there are bars of soap marked Pure Jewish Fat, lampshades made out of Pure Jewish Skin, concentration camps and crematoriums blackened from the ashes of Pure Jewish Flesh. In Germany, Ilse Koch was freed; munitions plants again turn out armoured tanks; nazi hangmen, gaudiers and generals return to government office—dream of revenge.

Worried about this situation, I approached Mr. I. L. Kenen of the Israel Office of Information for his government's views and projected action. He referred me to Moshe Sharett's speech before the United Nations, adding that diplomatic etiquette prevented Israel from issuing a World Appeal.

Stating that the drive towards war threatened the existence of Israel and Jewish people in general, the Foreign Minister then pointed out: "The danger is now imminent that the only real beneficiary in the present world crisis will be the very country which by brutal force and violence provoked the last World War."

View With Distress

"The people of Israel," he continued, "and Jews throughout the world, view with consternation and distress the progressive re-admission of Germany to the family of nations, with her revolting record intact, her guilt unexpiated and her heart unchanged . . . nazism still dominates German mentality."

Thanking Mr. Kenen, I then contacted the American Jewish congress to discover how we, Syrian Jews, could add our voice to this excellent struggle.

"We've introduced a law in Congress and are circulating a petition," replied Philip Baum, AJC staff counsel. "Both urge our government to return to its denazification program."

"In one year 57 Jewish cemeteries were desecrated. So far, not one single adult has been found guilty, despite so-called 'investigations'."

"This is because most of the judges in the denazification chambers are former nazis. In Bavaria the figure is 83%. Of the 13 million who registered under the denazification law, only 1300 have been found guilty and 501 sentenced."

Again In Control

"Nazis are again in control. Anti-nazis have been inched out of their jobs. Bankers, industrialists—those who sponsored Hitler and brought about World War II—enjoy tremendous power. Nazis sit in the Bundestag and on the board of directors of the major banking, steel and mining concerns.

"Militarism is rife again. The press spouts anti-semitic lies again. In the schools almost all of the anti-semitic, militaristic teachers have been returned. Those who deviate from the fascist pattern are considered traitors.

"That is the situation," concluded Mr. Baum. "Naturally, if we're going to defeat these fascist annihilators, we need the support of every Jew."

Yes, I agreed. We, Syrian Jews would do well to circulate the AJC petitions in our homes and in our synagogues.

Adeana Doings

"There is never a dull moment when we get together. Especially," she said, "the night when Violet Mishan won the raffle prize!"

"Hold on there," your reporter said, "let's start from the beginning."

"Well," she continued, "it's our custom to have a prize raffled off at every meeting of the Adeana Junior League. It was Sarah Manana's turn to bring the prize. It turned our meeting into an uproar! Incidentally, ever since I joined this group, the girls are a never-ending source of surprises."

"As usual, all went to the Sweet Box, where the boys became curious and pounced on Violet, and grabbed the package she held. All the girls ran to Vi's aid, and then began a mixed game of football and tug-of-war. But, thank goodness, we retrieved the package."

"Don't keep us in suspense," we begged her. "What was in the package?"

"That I cannot say. But I do know that the boys should be glad they didn't succeed in opening that package!"

"Now listen," we said, "Any more of those suspense endings, and we'll end the interview right now." At any rate, seems as if this club agrees with you. Can you tell me why you joined?"

"At first," she said, "I was curious to see what it was all about; what were the aims around which the club revolved."

"What were your impressions of the first meeting you attended?"

"I was impressed by the immediate cordiality of the group. Girls of different ages and social groups cooperated efficiently to map out future activities. For instance, our latest affair, the Mystery Bus Ride."

"That was a very successful event," we interrupted. "The novelty of the affair plus good planning made it a success."

"It was one example where one could see that the girls know what they want, and are not afraid to shoulder responsibility."

WANTED

There is an urgent need for volunteers to help in soliciting subscriptions for the C.B.

The community has been set up on a block-by-block basis to facilitate the job. So if you have an hour or so to spare on Sunday, please contact the C.B. secretary at BE. 6-6587.



—Ralph Cohen

A "scene" from the C.B.'s Shotgun Jamboree where we S.Y.'s proved that using our ingenuity is not limited to the commercial world. Theh ain't nuthin' we cain't do!

Common Sense

The C.B. does not come into being by itself; it takes the work of many individuals to get it to you. Those who wish to help in editorial or business work are welcome and may contact the C.B. secretary for information. The telephone is BE. 6-6587.

In The Service...

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A Report

At the luncheon held at the Ahi Ezer Congregation Wednesday, November 15th, two hundred women attended and \$300 were the net proceeds, it was reported by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Magen David Federation Serves Several Important Institutions

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tion thus becomes a community-wide organ. It automatically brings to its membership every male adult of our people.

Aside from the many advantages and benefits, the Federation creates lighter financial responsibility on each person.

Mr. Isaac Shalom, chairman of the Magen David Federation, stated that an annual budget of \$100,000 is needed as approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation. This is to be raised from all male adults of the community.

A fully paid up member of the Federation becomes automatically a member in good standing of his own Synagogue, a member in good standing in our community, a member who recognizes and fulfills his responsibility to these worthy causes.

One of the Federation's resolutions is to publicize its activities and to publish and distribute in January of each year, a list showing the names of the supporters and the amounts they paid during the preceding year.

C.B. Appreciates

The C.B. wishes to express its appreciation for the work of those individuals without whose efforts publication of the C.B. would not have been possible.

To these people, who cooperated in making our Shotgun Jamboree a success and who rang doorbells in our subscription drive, we are deeply grateful:

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Center Building Almost Finished; \$85,000 Needed

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The Center committee is attempting to collect money by:

1. Collection of outstanding pledges;
2. Collection of the proclamation tax. \$10,000 has been collected from 200 people as a result of the tax;
3. Acquisition of advertisements from untapped sources outside of the community and collection of outstanding debts from past advertisements;
4. A series of dances, luncheons, dinners and parties in coordination with the Ladies Auxiliary; and
5. New appears for funds at the synagogues.

Wing Comes Next

After the work is completed on the building, the Center Committee will begin work to raise funds for a wing which will be used especially for cultural and social affairs.

NOTICE

If this issue of the C.B. is addressed to you with your name circled in red, you are notified that your subscription has expired. In conformance with the policy of the C.B., copies will not be sent to those not subscribing.

The C.B. will endeavor to have someone call at your home to collect the \$2 subscription price, but manpower for such personal soliciting being an uncertain factor, you can assure yourself of forthcoming issues by sending the \$2 to The Community Bulletin, 2030 — 66th Street, Brooklyn 4, N. Y.

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clothing have been shipped to Israel by the Magen David Congregation. A pick-up service is already established, call Beachview 2-5115."

For the first time Bnei Magen David elects officers by the membership. Formally selections have been made by the board of directors. The newly elected slate includes Joe Saff, president; Saul Kairev, vice president; Secretary, Ralph Shamah, and Moe Catton, treasurer.

On the agenda for the Bnei Magen David is the 1951 Budget and an elaborate affair to celebrate their sixteenth anniversary. The date is to be announced. A 50-cent raffle will be held, with lucky number entitling winner to a week's stay at Concord Hotel.

According to the spiritual leader and director of the Shaare Zion, Rabbi Klapholtz, young boys and girls of fifteen to twenty are welcomed to use rooms for club meetings at the Shaare Zion Congregation's building. Several groups to date have made their meeting place there.

Saturday nights Rabbi Klapholtz conducts classes for college and high school students. Science, religions and sex are subjects of the discussions. Those interested in activities at the Shaare Zion Center are urged to see Rabbi Klapholtz at 1754 Ocean Parkway.

MILESTONES

MARRIED:

- Claudette Battat—Joe Azar
- Laura Dayan—Mike Mishaan
- Rena Djamal—Max Mizrahi
- Cynthia Beyda—Mike Sutton
- Sarah Gindi—Al Nahem
- Mona Safdie—Max Haddad
- Rose Shamula—Ralph Kboudi
- Charlotte Bibi—Eddie Saff

ENGAGED:

- Charlotte Esses—
- Seymour Michaels
- Lorraine Betesh—Sam Antebi
- Betty Ashear—Mordy Kassim
- Fortune Assin—Albert Sutton
- Marcelle Dweck—Bob Grazi
- Linda Mamiye—Leon Betesh
- Ray Dweck—Moshe Dweck

BAR MITZVAHS:

- Abraham Hedaya, son of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Hedaya

BLESSED EVENTS:

- Mr. Mrs. Joe Haddad Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Azrak Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. Saul Tawil Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Mizrahi Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Franco Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sutton Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Harari Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. I. Shamah Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Joesph Harary (Haiti) Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Ezra Chalom (Haita) Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Mahana Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. Irving Mahana Girl

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ing of 40,000 men. And on the 25 of Kislev, 3622, the Maccabees re-entered the Temple in Jerusalem, relit the lamp with a small cruse of pure oil which burnt eight days instead of one.

Years, too many thousand of years have passed since this ancient Jewish victory. Today, in the third year of the third commonwealth Chanakah lights shine for Jews all over the world with an even greater meaning.

The heroic liberation of Israel brought about by the modern Maccabees, the Haganah and the D.A.I., speaks well for freedom's cause. Chanukah, the feast of lights has through the centuries illuminated the way of many Jews, called them to the liberation fight that had to be won.

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The Talk of the Town

The past Bradley season brought together quite a few couples and resulted in marriage plans for Marcella Dweck and Bob Grazi. . . . It's a Thanksgiving Wedding for Laura Dayan and Mike Mishaan. . . . Betty Ashear and Mordy Kassim have given the signal. . . . Ditto Allie D. Sutton and Tootsie Assin, incidentally Tootsie, if diamonds are a girl's best friend, Lorelei Lee has nothing on that gorgeous sparkler you are sporting. . . . Congratulations Brooks A. and Lorraine B.! We knew you had it in you. . . . Gloria Chera and Rafe Tawil "going together." . . . Also Mosh Dweck and Ray of the same name. . . . It looks like Wedding Bells for Sonny Natkin and Renee Harary.

Famous Last Words Dept.: "Don't ever marry a Syrian Girl, etc., etc., etc.," said Allie Nahem before he met Sarah Gindi. . . . Somebody ought to tell Joe Levy that it's either cigars or girls. You can't eat your cake and have it too Joe! . . . Jack Miz says he is looking forward to a nice cozy winter with his television set. . . . Speaking of Television . . . What well-known glamour boy was the first to start off the season with a "Television Party?" We wouldn't be surprised if he started a new fad.

Overheard in the Sweet Box: Lou Franco referred to as the "Mambo King." . . . Morris Heffes discoursing on "Flying saucers." . . . Dave Attie giving out with some cute remarks on the "new Crop." Take your pick now Dave—the early bird you know! At the Shotgun Jamboree, the baby-bottle contest certainly had a happy ending for some people we know. . . . Eh Connie? . . . The St. Moritz hasn't been the same since its old Habiteues up and got married. . . . Mac Haddad, Eddie Quinn, Max Mizrahi and Toby have left the old happy hunting grounds really deserted. Come on Boys, admit it, Ain't marriage better?

Seen at DuBrow's (our after-party hangout): Hey Itch, Who was that girl we saw you with recently? She must be an O.O.T. (out-of-towner). Not a bad looking Gee! . . . Happy Lab was seen handholding at Dubrow's after N. M.'s party recently. . . . Making time Happy? . . . Who is the latest import that has all the girls Ga Ga? . . . Abe Hedaya reputed to be on his way home from China. . . . Shape up Boys! Abe has a way with the ladies that used to keep him number one on the Heart Throb parade.

For Girls Only Dept.: Didn't Mom tell you that good little girls should be seen and not heard? . . . From some of the things we've heard, certain girls have forgotten the wisdom of that old adage and are heading for a fall from popularity, but fast. . . . A word to the wise is sufficient (we hope).

At this point we'd like to mention something about the club "craze" that has hit our community and left us dizzily trying to keep up with latest developments. . . . One organization is headed by Saul Ash, who had the idea in the first place. . . . Now, we hear that there is another "counter" club in the process of formation and G-d only knows how many others are stewing. . . . If you'll pardon a mere girl for suggesting it Boys, we have an idea that all these separate groups would do better to combine their efforts and energies rather than competing with each, other. . . . For many years the goal of the community leaders was to bring together our young people and this new Club idea is defeating that purpose. . . . Anyway, we'll be watching your progress and activities with interest and I might add, some concentration!

Something new has been added to our Street Scene. . . . That new building going up on Ave. P is really on its way and rumor has it that our Center will be ready for occupancy on Mar. 1st. Let's hope it is really true this time. . . . Until next month, we'll "B.C.'ing" you around.

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