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Enroll Members For Club "40"; Limit Set At 75

Membership in the newly organized "Club 40" of the Center is now open. Club "40" is an organization for young married couples whose aim is social, recreational cultural and athletic activities for the members.

Membership is limited to 75 couples on a first-come-first-serve basis; applications are now being taken at the Center. Only those married couples in which the husband was born after 1915 are eligible for admission to the organization.

\$50 Membership

The membership is \$50 which includes initiation into the club, and one year's membership in the Center; thereafter the fee is \$5.00 a month.

Club "40" membership will plan its own programs within the Center and will have available all facilities of the Center.

As stated in the Preamble of its charter the club hopes to "offer a variety of recreational, cultural and athletic programs."

Center Board Of Directors Holds Dinner For Leaders

By SAM D. COHEN

The Board of Directors is holding a dinner at the Center this Sunday, December 27th, at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose "of telling the community, through their leaders and particularly through those who have put in efforts and sacrifices to make the existence of this institution possible, the services that the Center is rendering to the people of all ages," announced Mr. Isaac Matalon, Chairman of the Board.

The guests have been selected from those who have at one time or another served on the Board of Directors or who, through their various services, have greatly helped the building of the Center.

Detailed information about the mechanics of activities of the Center, a detailed financial statement to date of income and outlay, as well as reports on the

Young Adult New Year Affair Will Be Cabaret Style Dance

Price Includes Dinner, Liquor; Affairs Set By Adults, Ahi Ezer

By RACHEL P. FRANCO

Some will dance, some will play cards, all will eat and drink their fill and all will have a wonderful time as this New Year's Eve promises to be the gayest ever in the Community.

There are three major events planned, enough to please all tastes and age groups. The Young Adult Council is sponsoring a dance at the Center, the Adult Social Council, a card party also at the Center and an Oriental Night at the Ahi Ezer Congregation is being planned.

Months of hard work and careful planning by the Young Adult Council have gone into making the annual New Year's Eve affair a success. The motif will be "Cabaret Style" with everything offered by a cabaret and more.

Seats Are Reserved

There will be seating reservations for each couple, noise makers, hats, horns at each table, with plenty of food and an unlimited supply of liquor served—all to be included in the price of admission which is \$16.00 a couple. Bob Martin and his band will supply the music for all types of dancing until the wee hours of the morning. The band will be for the exclusive use of the Young Adult Affair.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Center or any member of the Young Adult Council.

The Council has worked extra hard at making this Third Annual New Year's Eve Affair a
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What
Is
S.Y.O.?

Center Membership Committee Establishes '54 Goal At 2,000

By SOPHIE DWECK

The Membership Committee of the Center is beginning its drive for members for the present year, with the campaign slogan, "What is S.Y.O.? We want more in '54!" They have set a quota of over 2000 members for themselves.

In the past year they enrolled between fourteen and fifteen hundred people and this year the committee, which is composed of Walter Serure, Chairman, Abe Hidary and Leo Shamah, along with the aid of such groups as the Young Adult Council, the Teen-Age Council, the Adult Social Council, and the Religious Group, as well as individual members of the Center, hopes to surpass the quota.

The policy of the Center will be that every member will have to be fully paid up in order to get in. The membership fee will be \$30 for married couples, \$20 for single people over seventeen years old, \$15 for full-time students, \$10 for teen-agers between the ages of thirteen and sixteen and \$6 for juniors between six and twelve. However, any junior who joins with his parents need only pay \$5. Also married people who wish to join singly can enter at \$20 each. The deadline date is January 31st.

Special Rule For Guests

Adult guests who are brought in by members to any social function will have to pay a fee of \$2. Out-of-town guests will be allowed in free their first visit and will be charged \$1 every visit thereafter. They will have to sign in the Center register.

Mr. Serure emphasized that most of the maintenance costs of the Center are derived from the

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progress of the Center by members of the various committees will highlight the affair.

A prominent speaker from the Jewish Welfare Board will dwell on the benefits of a center in a Jewish community.

"We regret that we are not able to invite more people due to the limitations of space," said Mr. Matalon. "We believe that those who attend will enjoy an interesting and very enlightening evening."

Almanac

Date	Candle Lighting Time
Dec. 25	4:52
Jan. 1	4:57
Jan. 8	5:03
Jan. 15	5:10
Jan. 22	5:18
Jan. 29	5:26

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Open Letter

A topic of potential import recently stimulated keen interest and enlivened numerous group debate within Center membership. It also confronted our Board of Trustees with a dilemma that challenges our ability to solve.

The subject matter is a proposal to permit self-governed community groups to avail themselves of the Center facilities during their recreational periods.

I presided impartially at the two Board meetings, each consuming close to five hours of deliberation. It was illuminating to observe a number of men and women spend hours, devoutly and sincerely trying to express their convictions as they see it. Each debated the issue on its merit. Each was interested only in the best interest of the Community—the radical point of dissonance was more technical than factional.

Sums

For the sake of better understanding of the issues involved I would like to sum up the situation as I see it. Great numbers of our well wishers, our own sons and daughters observe that not enough of our members patronize the Center. They attribute the condition to the fact that we all are accustomed to enjoy our recreations within our own circles. While this may not be most desirable yet it exists in all age groups. They assume that if we permit self formed groups to partake in Center functions, we will gradually acclimate all groups to mingle and find that we all can have hundreds of friends instead of few.

The opposing faction admits that these conditions exist; also, that it is very essential to at-

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CENTER SPORTS**New Program**

The Athletic Department of the Magen David Community Center has expanded its facilities to include boys and girls in the junior and "tween-age" grouping. Juniors run from 8-12 and "tween-agers" from 13 to 15.

Gymnasium space at P.S. 205 has been allotted—coaches, group leaders and gym assistants have been hired to develop skills and work with the boys and girls.

Three groups of boys have been formed. These boys get bowling instruction and use the bowling alley once during the week at a cost of 20 cents which includes shoes. They use the health club, exercise room, and learn how to box, wrestle, and tumble and build pyramids. They use the gymnasium where they get expert instruction as to playing better basketball, and where they form teams and join leagues. In all these activities, the boys and girls form groups no larger than 15 with one leader working with them. All these services cost nothing more than membership and participation in the Center.

We know the Athletic Department expects 30-40 boys to sign up and become part of this program. Why they didn't make their objective 100 boys, we'll never know. Maybe they figured the older brothers liked the idea of playing in the streets, maybe the older fellows liked having to stop a game each time a car passed, maybe they liked playing without even getting any better because they had no coaching, or anyone concerned with their ability, maybe they liked to sit around school or the house and have other fellows tell them what a great time they had in their community, playing their games in a center.

We know the Athletic Department has begun what it calls an "area of concentration." Explained in simple terms, it means parent groups, ferreting our names and making calls; it means participating members of the Athletic program will be asked into a meeting to work out means of registering these younger boys; it means having films and demonstrations for the boys to see and participate in, and it means the boys themselves coming into the Center with their own friendship groups—wanting to give themselves a chance—to become part of this program to such a degree that the participation in this phase of the program will rival anything any Center in the country can produce.

The funny part about it, though, is that this community can do it.

Bowling

The first Young Adult Men's Bowling Tournament came to a stirring conclusion as the Splits triumphed over the Celtics in two straight games to win the tournament. Abe Franco was tournament high-average man, bowling 170 for nine games. Jack Esses of the same team, the Splits, rolled a 223 game to win honors in that area.

Center Miscellanea**Bikur Holim Society**

At an executive meeting of the Adult Social Committee held Monday evening December 14th, Rabbi Hecht formally recommended the formation of a Bikur Holim Society of the Center, whose purpose shall be the visiting of the sick in our community, to bring them good cheer and volunteer assistance of any sort needed or requested by the sick, whether it be financial, moral or physical.

This recommendation which was made previously by the Rabbi at several occasions, notably the Wednesday evening lectures, was heartily endorsed by the committee and a group was immediately formed.

The following joined: Rabbi A. Hecht, chairman, Mrs. Altaras, recording secretary, Mmes. Greenberg, Anna Mansour, Grace Sardell, Rose Cabasso, Sarah Kairey, and Messrs. Abe Serure, Altaras, Joe Safdieh, Isaac Shamah. The committee membership is to be increased as the work progresses.

In the program already adopted, congratulatory cards on happy occasions, i.e. births, etc., and get well messages to those ill, will be sent. Regular visits will be made to the hospital and homes of the sick. Also regular visits to the Old Age Homes housing members of our community. As of this writing, more than 25 visits have been made by members of the Bikur Holim Society to hospitals and private houses, and over a score of congratulatory and get well messages have been sent.

For further information contact Rabbi Hecht at the Center or Mrs. Altaras.

Saturday Evening Classes

Five study groups are currently being sponsored by the Center Congregation every Saturday night after Arboth. Classes start at 5:00 P.M. and are concluded at 7:00 P.M.

The following subjects and teachers are being offered:

1. Bible and Talmud Rabbi Hecht
2. Rambam—Code of Laws Rabbi Abady
3. Bible with Rashi Rabbi Shamah
4. Rambam—Code of Laws Rabbi Biton
5. Guide for the Perplexed Mr. Harry Esses

Tuesday Bible Classes

The Bible Class conducted by Rabbi Hecht every Tuesday night for young Adults has proven very successful. Fifteen young girls have enrolled for the class which begins promptly at 9 P.M. and ends at 10:30 P.M.

Scriptural texts are read and studied and a discussion period of questions and answers is part of every session. Registration is still open and all young girls are cordially invited to contact either Rabbi Hecht or Miss Anita Mishaan for further particulars.

Basketball

The Hawks, with Ezra Hamway leading the way, lead the Senior Men's Basketball with four wins, with the Us Guys second and closely followed by the Eels, Consolidators, Footsies, and Pious Ones.

Teenagers

By ANNETTE SULTAN

New Committee

A group of excited teenagers filled the Lounge on Monday night, Dec. 14, in order to elect officers to represent them in a Teenage Committee. This has been organized in place of the old Council, which was led by Dave Tawil and Annette Sultan, who recently resigned. The newly elected Committee chairman is Rena Hedaya, and Steve Franco was elected as co-chairman. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer were filled by Helen Bibi and Adele Esses, respectively. The following are on the new Committee: Sam Antar, Frieda Gindi, Celia Rubin, Bob Shalom, Julie Sultan, Sara Sutton, and Stella Weinstock. Good luck to all of you!

Come on a Wednesday night to the Center, and amidst the many teenagers in the Lounge, maybe you'll be able to spot a pretty, petite young lady, namely Barbara Sheff. Being sort of an advisor for the Lounge, she's actually just "one of the gang." Barbara, among other things, would really like to see more co-operation among the Teenagers; she aims to get more large social affairs, and an active Committee.

Vacation Party

On Sunday night, Dec. 27, a "Vacation Party" in the Social Hall has been planned for all vacationers. This is to be one of the first real "dress-up" affairs, and all Teenagers are cordially invited.

Here it is girls! Now you can be beautiful! A charm school is being started quite soon, and a young beautician has already been engaged to lead the group. All girls are urged to come down. Don't delay, all you hiding Venuses!

Another chance for girls to get into the act—we are forming a Modern Dance Class to start in early January. Everyone interested in joining this class or the Charm Club, contact Ed Grupper as soon as possible.

All you budding musicians—another Lounge activity, the Rhythm Band, has a call out for new members. Come on Wednesday nights, and "go, man, go!"

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Friday night lecture on December 25th will feature Dr. Joseph Attie, speaking on "Miracles of Surgery in the Twentieth Century." Admission is free and there will also be communal singing and refreshments.

Cantor Haskell Gewirtz will lead in the communal singing.

Members' Goal Set For 2,000

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membership fees and that the facilities open to members include the free use of the health club, use of the ping-pong tables, the lounge, various program activities—clubs and groups, social functions, bowling, etc, as well as the services of two professional directors, Ed Grupper and Marty Wolfson, one for program activities and the other for athletics.

Accepting Renewals Now

"We are now accepting renewal and new memberships any day or night at the Center," he said. "Our efficient and good-natured Mr. Joe Rosenbach will be here to serve you."

"For those of you who have never been members of the Center our best advertisement is to ask any person you know who is a member. We are hoping to see all of our present members sign up early for '54. And remember, we want more in '54 because we need more in '54!"

"Value Of Yeshiva" Topic For Forum

The Friday Night Forum on January 8, 1954 will feature Rabbi Wilfred Wolfson on the Topic "A Yeshivah Education: Why?"

Rabbi Wilfred Wolfson is principal of the Hebrew and English departments of Magen David Yeshiva. Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, he received his elementary and high school education there. Upon graduation from high school he entered the New Israel Rabbinical College of Baltimore where he was ordained in 1943. At the same time he attended the John Hopkins University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

Young Adults Hold Affair

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success to eliminate the bad taste caused by the failure of last year's affair.

A second Center Affair will be sponsored by the Adult Social Council. It will be essentially a card party with food and refreshments served and liquor available. Noise makers, hats and other New Year's Eve trimmings will be included. Admission is \$2.50 each for Center members and \$5.00 each for non-members.

Between 150 and 200 people can be accommodated. Tickets, on a first-come, first served basis, are available at the Center or from Mr. James Didia, co-chairman of the committee at MU 4-0533 and BE 6-1057.

A third event will be held at the Ahi Ezer Cong. It will be an Oriental Night featuring a full course catered dinner, hors d'oeuvres and all party favors as well as a complete program of Oriental music.

Prof. Djamal Aslan, a composer of Oriental songs, accompanied by Mr. Sam Shawa, will be the entertainers.

The admission price of \$10.00 per person includes all of the above. The festivities will continue all through the evening, or until 5 A.M.

So eat, drink and be merry at the affair of your choice—and you can sleep late the next day!

Yeshiva News

Joint Program

The Magen David Yeshiva and Magen David Community Center will begin a joint program in the near future, for the benefit of the Yeshiva students.

Recently, members of the Yeshiva met with several of the Center board to discuss and plan this program.

The areas of the jointly sponsored program will be in physical training, arts and crafts, and dancing classes. The leader of these activities will be members of the Center staff working in conjunction with the Yeshiva staff.

New Staff

There are several new members on the Yeshiva staff. Rabbi Wilfred Wolfson is principal of the Hebrew and English department. Additions to the Hebrew faculty are Miss Rafoul, Mr. Dayan, Mrs. Eisenman and Miss Geyer. New teachers in the English Department are Mr. Baum and Miss Cashetta. Mrs. Grossmark of the Seth Low faculty is the science teacher.

Yeshiva Parents:

Because some parents delay in the payment of tuition fees, the pay of the Yeshiva teachers is held up. This can be avoided if tuition payments are made when due. If this is done, the high morale of our teachers—so necessary to the maintenance of Yeshiva's standards—will be assured.

What Is S. Y. O.?

1954

Center Membership Dues

Accepted Now

Dues Must Be Paid IN FULL

By January 31, 1954

Center Holds Art Exhibit

The Art Group of the Center has announced that it will hold an exhibition of paintings by members of the group and other artists in the community, beginning Thursday, January 14th, at 9:00 p.m. in the Main Social Hall of the Center.

Opening night of the exhibition will feature a movie on primitive art containing the work of such painters as Grandma Moses, Rousseau and others, an expository speech by the Center's art instructor, Alan Wolfe, and refreshments.

Community Talent

According to Connie Abadi, Chairman of the Art Group, "The purpose of the exhibition is to make people aware of the talent in the community and show that you don't have to be an artist to enjoy painting; and also to show the progress made within the Art Group and encourage those who so far haven't thought of trying to paint.

"We hope that everyone will come to see the art of members of our community to look around and be pleasantly surprised at the latent talent among us."

The exhibition will feature the work of some of our more prominent artists such as Fritzie Abadi and Dave Attie, as well as the amateurs.

MILESTONES

MARRIED

Elaine Hara.....Abe Hedaya
Paulette Beyda.....Morris Grazi
Laura EssesJack Dweck
Adele Husney.....Abraham Mizrahi
Linda Esses.....Murray Maleh

ENGAGED

Gisele Amselem.....Joseph Tawil
Gloria Mahana.....Joseph Negrin

BAR MITZVAHS

Isaac, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sultan.
Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Selim Sitt.

BLESSED EVENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Harary.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Shabot.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ash.....Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Tessoun.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Pahuskin.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Erani.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Safdeye.....Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Moe J. Harary.....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.

Young Adult News

Dramatics Work Shop

A new series of Dramatic Classes running for six weeks is being planned in conjunction with the Spring production of the Community Theatre Guild. The first session will be held on Monday, January 4th, 1954, at 8:30 P.M. at the Center. Only those members enrolled in the Dramatics Class will be eligible for roles in the production. Registration may be made at the Center office.

Thanksgiving Affair

The affair sponsored by the Young Adult Council was a great success, both socially and financially. The credit for this success goes to the Social Fund Raising Committee of the Council, headed by Joe Shalom. Joe did a superb job of getting the raffle books sold and seeing to it that all the arrangements were carried out. Many thanks are due to him for a job well done. Other members of the committee include Julia Mamiye, Claire Grazi, Nina Harary, Meyer Cohen, Joe Tawil, Morris Cohen and Lou Jerome. Incidentally, Mrs. Jean Haddad was successful in the raffle drawing. She came off with a handsome radio-phonograph combination.

Open Letter

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tract more and more groups to the Center, their objection to accepting self-formed groups is that the Center would be condoning the very condition that we should try to wipe out; and, that the spirit of the principle of the Center should work towards having all members and all groups enjoy all privileges.

It is obvious that we are all in agreement as to the goal; we only differ as to the best means of reaching that goal. A committee is now in charge of smoothing out differences and trying to establish relations and means whereby we can satisfy all members of the Community without compromising the high principle of the Center. With fair understanding and good will I have no doubt that they will succeed in reaching a satisfactory solution.

ISAAC MATALON, Pres.
Magen David Com. Center

Juniors

All Juniors are invited to join the Children's Holiday Trip to see the play "Green-sleeves" at the 92nd Street "Y" Playhouse, on Thursday, December 31st, at 1:30 P.M. Arrangements are being made to charter a bus for the first fifty boys or girls who register. The cost of both the play and bus transportation is only \$1.00. If you are a group member, see your group leader or inquire at the Center office.

Talmud Torah Has Hanukah Party

The Hanukah Play and Card Party held at the Center Sunday evening, December 6, was a great financial and social success.

Over 300 people attended and saw two Hanukah plays presented by the children of the girls classes at the Talmud Torah.

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