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Center Board Plans Slate For Annual Election

By HARRIET COHEN

A slate of nominees for the Board of Directors of the Center is being drawn up by the Committee according to Mr. Isaac Matalon, secretary.

"Since it will be ready for occupancy by early Spring, volunteers, from our youths—this includes girls too—shall be included in this slate." Those who are interested need merely contact Mr. Joseph Ashear, Mr. Jack Jemal or Mr. Isaac Matalon and submit their names.

Requires Hard Work

He stressed, it will not only require time, hard-work and conscientiousness, but the ability to plan well, think clearly and meet with the many and varied problems which will arise during the course of this struggle.

Rabbi Abraham Hecht, Executive Director of the Center, announced that contracts for final completion have been signed. This covers the flooring, plastering and painting of the building.

Grand Affair

A fully catered affair, featuring Hy Kraus and his orchestra, formerly at the Hollywood Hotel, will be held Thursday, 7:30 p.m., February 22nd, at the East Midwood Jewish Center, Avenue K and Ocean Avenue.

The affair is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and the proceeds will go to the Community Center. Tickets will be \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance.

C. B. Sponsors Artist's Club

By TUNEE KASSIN

All would-be oil painters, water-colorists, charcoal drawers and pencil-and-ink sketchers are invited to attend the opening meeting of the new Artist's Club to be sponsored initially by the COMMUNITY BULLETIN and eventually, by the Community Center.

The meeting will be held on (Continued on Page 3).

Rabbis Found Divided On Use Of Atom Bomb



CHIEF RABBI J. S. KASSIN

Morality Issue Is Subject Of Bulletin Poll

By NAN MIZRACHI

"Does the Jewish religion consider the use of the atom-bomb immoral?"

This question, one which has been in the minds of many, was recently put to our five religious leaders. Three different answers were received, and Rabbi Kurt Klappholz called on the BULLETIN staff to hold an open forum where Rabbis and scientists would be able to discuss the threat of atomic warfare more fully.

Arrangements are now being made for such a forum. As to the ethical question involved, your reporter received the following answers:

"Atomic energy, like fire," replied Chief Rabbi Jacob S. Kassin, "is a gift from God which can enrich and benefit mankind. However, since evil people can also use it as a destructive force to end the world, it should not be used."

Religion Is Opposed

Rabbi Kurt Klappholz, of the Shaare Zion Congregation, in answering, referred to our holy Bible: "Jewish religion is opposed to a destructive war, not because of pacifists ideals, but because it strives to advance the cause of a united humanity in keeping with the ideals announced by our ancient prophets."

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Old '50 Gets Eager Boot In New Year's Celebrations

By SALLY KASSIN and TUNIE SULTAN

Ten P.M.—the long awaited hour! The air was charged with gaiety and excitement; pulses quickened; women and girls were hustled out of their homes and into the waiting cars, to begin a night which they knew would be a memorable one. After 365 long days and nights, New Year's Eve was here again!

Where was everybody going? All were headed for one of the many affairs and parties. (Some energetic individuals were bound for all of them.) The Club 100 held its annual New Year's dance for its members, and the Ahi Ezer Congregation had its first New Year's affair at their lovely new place. The Club 26, in a gala opening, held a similar party for their members. Rabbi Kassin, Rabbi Hecht and Rabbi Klappholz were kind enough to

attend and offer their blessings for the success of the new club.

Don't think the younger generation was left out of the festivities. The Country Club of Brooklyn (C.C.B.) opened its doors and received guests for the first time in a bang-up affair. Rabbi Hecht here also bestowed his benedictions and best wishes, and told a few anecdotes which started the party off very nicely.

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Local Needs Met By Ahi Ezer

By RUTH GINDI and ARLENE SULTAN

Due to the delay in the building of the Community Center, the Ahi Ezer Congregation has taken it upon themselves to build up the morale of the Community both spiritually, and culturally, David I. Cohen, president of the Junior Ahi Ezer said. "Things need not be at a standstill when the tools were

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Rabbi Klappholz Gets Yeshiva Flatbush Post

Rabbi Kurt Klappholz, spiritual leader and director of the Shaare Zion Congregation has been appointed a member of the Board of Education of the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Avenue I and Coney Island Avenue.

The institution is one of the leading Yeshivas in the United States and includes upwards of fifty Syrian Jewish young people in its student body.

Almanac

Date	Lighting of Candles
Jan. 12	4.24
19	4.31
26	4.40
Feb. 2	4.49
9	4.59

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No Tickle...

When last month's issue of the C.B. came out, members of the staff were besieged by people anxious to know why they did not get "their" copy. These anxious ones learned quickly that they did not get "their" copy for the simple reason that they did not pay for "their" subscription.

To these and others who may similarly inquire, we say, simply, that the C.B. does not grow on trees. It came back after a forced suspension only through the sacrifices of those who were determined to see it published again.

The individuals concerned gave up many a Sunday to collect enough money for the financing of future issues. This was done by calling personally at the homes of most of the community's members for the two dollar subscriptions.

In All Fairness

It was resolved that only those who paid were to get the C.B. and it is in fairness to those who have paid that this decision was made.

We are mindful of the fact that those reading this statement are, for the most part, fully paid subscribers. But since many of these subscribers have been questioned by those not receiving the C.B., this may serve to help answer the inquiries.

Then, of course, readers of the C.B. are not limited to actual subscribers and it is to these others that this explanation of policy is directed. To assure receipt of the C.B., simply mail the two dollar subscription to the address at the top of this page, or, if more convenient, give it to any C.B. staff member for forwarding.

Atom Bomb**FACTS AND FANTASY**

By NAN MIZRACHI

"The sole uninjured doctor was Dr. Sasaki... patients lay on the floors... in the corridors... on the stone steps and in the driveway and for blocks in the streets. In a city of 240,000 nearly 100,000 had been killed... 100,000 more hurt." —John Hersey, Hiroshima.

This was the aftermath of Hiroshima: a city destroyed—people who loved each other, thought of the future, their children and grandchildren wiped out in one blinding flash. Now, five short years later, people talk again of using this satanic weapon.

Indeed, the bomb has become a magical thing. Fantasy has created the loosest thinking. But only the facts are of value here. And what are the facts:

MYTH No. 1: The bomb will enable us to have a 2-minute war and save American lives.

"Any future war between America and Russia... would not be decided by atom bombing alone... a long, drawn-out and bitter struggle over much of Europe and Asia, involving million strong land armies, vast military casualties, and wide spread civil war would be inevitable."

The destructive power of one atom-bomb equals that of 2,000 tons of ordinary bombs. Germany received many such pummellings and was not defeated. She was brought to her knees because 75% of her 3,000,000 land army was wiped out. And, according to Henry L. Stimpson, Japan, cut off from her raw materials, was suing for peace a month before Hiroshima.

MYTH No. 2: If we don't use the bomb first, we're courting another Pearl Harbor.

"An atomic attack on the U.S.A. by the U.S.S.R. is in the highest degree unlikely... since a Soviet invasion of America is militarily impossible... Such destruction would leave America time to recuperate and rearm, bitterly determined to take eventual revenge... such action would alienate world opinion and tend to solidify a grand alliance against Russia... The lesson of Pearl Harbor is clear. To strike a heavy but indecisive blow at a powerful enemy is to court ultimate disaster."

Atom bombs kill four times as many people as ordinary bombs. Experts are aiming for one that will kill 40 times as many.

No nation possesses the medical facilities to cope with atomic raids. In Hiroshima 100,000 were burnt; when the Coconut Grove fire severely burnt about 150 people, the entire hospital facilities of the city of Boston was severely taxed for many months afterwards.

Is the atomic bomb immoral? Recently, the people of America, Britain and France answered this question. True to the traditions of their democracies, they let their feelings be heard and prevented the unleashing of atomic war.

With the exception of Hiroshima, the quotes and facts in this article are based on the book, "Fear, War and the Bomb" by Professor P. M. S. Blackett, Nobel Prize Winner, a war-time member of Great Britain's Advisory Committee on Atomic Energy, a military expert and recipient of the American Medal of Merit, the highest military honor to be given by the U.S. to a civilian.

**Anti-Semitism
(MOVIE VARIETY)**

By SAM ESSES

A recent JTA release from Frankfurt, Germany, revealed that J. Arthur Rank, British film producer, was planning to reintroduce his malicious, anti-semitic film, "Oliver Twist." Replying to this insidious threat, the West-German Jewish Community stated that any attempt to show this film would be met with the "most forceful boycott and protest."

Here in America, Eagle Lion Classics plans a trial run of this vicious anti-semitic movie. According to a certain Eagle Lion spokesman "a minimum of protests" is expected from the small Jewish population of Texas where it will be shown this January.

Here on the east coast the people erected a stone wall of protest against "Oliver Twist." Now Texas, a Klu Klux Klan stronghold, a region with few Jews to protest this, is chosen for Oliver's American debut.

Apt To Believe Untruths

There are so few Jews with whom the Texans come in living contact with, that this audience is more apt to believe such untruths about the Jewish people. It is particularly more dangerous to show "Oliver Twist" in Texas, than here on the east coast where there is a larger concentration of Jews to counteract such a portrayal.

The World Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the N. Y. Board of Rabbis denounced the Fagin characterization in Oliver Twist as the "worst caricature of a Jew ever to be depicted in an English speaking movie."

Pictures in Life Magazine showed Fagin as an ugly, avaricious creature with a large beak nose, fishy eyes, disorderly beard and wearing a flat, broad-rimmed hat, and dirty flowing Kaffan, all adding up to the monstrous caricature associated with Hitler Fascism.

The Jewish people will not tolerate such insults. We will not give in to anti-semitism in any form, wherever it is, at any time.

The time has come for decent American Jews who are proud of their heritage to tell Eagle Lion Classics where to get off. Tell it to:

Eagle Lion Classics, Inc.

165 West 46th Street

New York 19, N. Y.

A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT

Turn over a new page, start a new slate
Whether you're a realist or believe in fate.
Don't be false, be sincere
That's the way to start the year.

Why do things in a round the bush way?
Do what you think, but heed what you say.
Start being a person of morals and respect,
Try not to take life with the tone "what the heck."

Be a person people like to know
So the seeds of friendship will begin to grow.

Let's live together as best we can
Without the theory of man eat man.

FREDA SAFDEYE

Phi Alpha Delta Stages A Show For Infants Home

By PAULETTE BEYDA

"Cinderella, Cinderella, all I hear is Cinderella." This play was enacted by the Phi Alpha Delta girls at a party given on Friday December 23, for some of the orphans of the Infants Home of Brooklyn.

It really was a happy affair. For a while they all sat around and sang songs while Barbara Haddad played the piano. Naturally games were played but the highlight of the afternoon was the afore-mentioned play entitled, "Cinderella."

Ice-cream and cake stood unheeded as the children, awestruck, watched Renee Ades as the dainty Cinderella, Norma Harary as the charming fairy godmother and Linda Hafif doing justice to the role of Prince Charming.

Had Wonderful Time

Needless to say the children had a wonderful time and are waiting anxiously for the sorority's next visit.

This sorority was formed approximately a year and a half ago and consists of sixteen young Syrian girls.

This past summer they had wonderful times at numerous picnics and parties they held. In October they were very happy to celebrate their first anniversary with an Anniversary Dance.

We of the COMMUNITY BULLETIN congratulate them and wish to express our admiration for their thoughtfulness for the less fortunate of our city. Success to them in the future.

Re Announcements

Groups or clubs desiring to have announcements published in the C.B. may do so by calling the Secretary during the business day at BE. 6-6587 or by writing such announcement on a post card and addressing it to the COMMUNITY BULLETIN, 2030 — 66th Street, Brooklyn 4, N. Y.

Compliments of . .

Joe Esses
1643 OCEAN PARKWAY

Adeana - B'nei Dance

The Adeana Junior League of the Magen David and the B'nei Magen David Congregation are announcing their plans for a dance to be held January 21st, Sunday evening, at the Colonial Mansion on Bath Avenue.

Professional entertainment and a top band are billed and directed for the pleasure of both married and single folks. The dress will be semi-formal.

Local Needs Met By Ahi Ezer

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hope to form baseball and football teams. All new members are welcome.

The group has organized both Senior and Junior Committees. The Senior Committee, headed by David Bibi, have the responsibilities of raising the sorely needed funds for the upkeep of the temple, and preparing a program for the older folks, such as open house parties on Tuesday nights.

Serving Syrian Youths

The Junior Committee is serving the Syrian youths by having Socials every Wednesday night. According to many, these informal dances have proved themselves to be very successful since they have created a meeting place for our boys and girls.

Social, Educational and Recreational Committees have been formed, each having their own functions. In the future, the Social group plans to have picnics, boartrides and hikes.

A Talmud Torah has been established by the Educational Committee, whose main interest is to educate young boys and girls spiritually.

Last but not least is the Recreational Committee which has formed a basketball team of younger boys ranging from the ages of 14 to 16 years of age. They are known as the J.C.H. League and are fully equipped with uniforms.

In The Service...

Morris "Moish" Cohen
Morris "Stretch" Cohen
Morris "Gilly" Shames
Sam Bijou

Old '50 Gets Eager Boot In New Year's Celebrations

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What with all the colorful decorations, liquor bubbling over and food aplenty, it didn't take long for everyone to get into the spirit of things. A spirit of unusual joviality which lasted till the wee hours of the morning prevailed at all parties. Mr. Tony

Aneea and Sana delighted the Club 100 and the Club 26 respectively with their repertoire of songs which we all love to hear.

At the Boy's Club, the New Year was swept in, in the person of Joe Levy who appeared at the stroke of midnight in a diaper only, led by little Joey Cohen as old man '50. In the midst of all the laughter and cheers, a huge candle-lit cake was carried in, iced with the words HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY. It was a surprise from the boys for Happy Labaton, whose birthday is that night. After a few more hours of dancing, singing, et al, a crowd was invited over to Happy's house for coffee and birthday cake. Once over there the party was resumed and a few skits were put on by some of the boys, which really topped the night.

And last but not least, Shirley and Bert Dweck had a little celebration of their own. A little baby girl ushered in the New Year for them. Congratulations to you, and a really Happy and Successful New Year to all!

C. B. Sponsors Artist's Club

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Tuesday night, January 23rd, 1951, at 8:30 p.m. at 2030 - 66th Street.

Instructions, advice, etc., will be given by professional artists. Mrs. Abe Hidary ("Fritzie" as she is known to her friends), has kindly agreed to act as instructor or leader and will be glad to be of help to anyone interested in exercising his creative artistic instincts in any way. Other professional artists have also consented to give of their time and knowledge to encour-



age new artists so that each person will find he is able to work in any medium he desires or to experiment in any new one that is attractive.

It is hoped that the Artist's Club will meet once a week, at least. Every person regardless of whether young or old, single or married, is invited to attend the preliminary meeting on Tuesday, the 23rd of January, and let us know his ideas and wishes.

Remember, you do not have to be a professional drawer, sketcher or colorist to join the Club. All you need to have is the desire to paint or sketch and to use imagination to express ideas.

Needy Aided By United Kuppot

The United Kuppot has made announcements in the different Synagogues recently that the money derived from the "Kuppot"—collection boxes in homes, clubs and business places in the local community as well as out-of-town communities — and including members of the Ahi Ezer Congregation, is being received and distributed by the Magen David Federation.

If the authorized collector has not come around to you or contacted you, you are kindly requested to send your contribution to the United Kuppot c/o Magen David Federation, 2025-67th St., Brooklyn 4, N.Y.

As is known, the Kuppot money is distributed among three very worthy and necessary causes—the Maoz La'ebyon, the Talmud Torahs and Yeshivah and the Near East Jewish Aid Society. Each deserves your full support.

Modern Age Not A Bar To Keeping The Sabbath

By RABBI OSCAR Z. FASMAN
(Reprinted from Jewish Action)

It is widely argued that the modern scene does not permit the proper observance of the Sabbath. Nobody can deny that the social and economic factors of our civilization create tremendous difficulties for the Sabbath observer.

Still, in almost every business or profession a certain number keep the Sabbath very strictly. Such people are the most potent argument against the claim that it is absolutely impossible to earn a livelihood and remain a Sabbath observer. Again, the vast majority of Jewish housewives can observe the Sabbath without any great hardship, even though their husbands may have difficulties in observing it.

Each Saturday Separate

Finally, let us remember that every Sabbath affords its own mitzvah, so that the violation of even twenty in succession does not mean that one may disregard observance of the twenty-first, if he has an opportunity to keep that one. In this connection, American Jews should be reminded time and again that every instance of violation is a separate transgression, so that working in a business on the Sabbath does not automatically allow one to smoke cigarettes on that day.

The person who feels that he cannot attend every Sabbath service in the Synagogue should, nevertheless, attend as many as possible. From a strictly legal viewpoint, it has been argued with a measure of apparent jus-

tification that the businessman who attends synagogue services on Saturday morning and goes to his shop Saturday afternoon has, nevertheless, at least protected himself against the transgressions he might have committed during those morning hours.

American Jews have not done nearly so much as they might to safeguard the integrity of this precious heritage. With a readiness to make sacrifices on behalf of an ideal, a greater proportion of the Jewish people in America could succeed in becoming observers of this cornerstone tradition in Israel. The Sabbath summons all of us to the grandeur of spirit it generously bestows. We should strive with every fiber of our being to accept its invitation.

Rabbis Divided On A-Bomb Use

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"Personally," he added, "I am strictly opposed to the use of the atom-bomb and in favor of trying all avenues of peaceful settlement among nations. The bomb should only be used if survival, democracy itself, were at stake."

Rabbi Isaac Levy, of the Ahi Ezer Congregation, on the other hand, had this to say: "It is certainly just and moral for man to employ any means at his disposal to safeguard his person and people against the onslaught of any enemy that threatens his life and the life of his peace-loving country-men."

Lastly, Rabbis Abraham B. Hecht, of the B'nei Magen David, and Murad Maslaton, of the Ahi Ezer Congregation, were in agreement: "Because of the far reaching implications and inferences which can be drawn from any decisive statement on this question," they answered, "we would rather not comment."

The Talk of the Town

The festivities at the Waldorf on New Year's Eve may have been bigger, but we doubt whether they were better than the Gala Opening Affair thrown by the Country Club of Brooklyn. . . . The boys cannot be lauded enough for the efficiency and orderliness with which their New Year's Affair was run, and for the really lovely place they fixed up in so short a time. . . . The unique "Chinese modern" lamps were the "pieces des resistance" of the interior decoration. . . . The beautiful dresses worn by the girls combined with the fragrance of expensive perfumes gave the place an atmosphere of grace and elegance. . . . And the crowning touch was the lovely corsage of gardenias that each girl received in her home on the afternoon of the affair. . . . The climax of the evening came when all the lights were darkened and a great big cake was brought in. . . . It was Happy Labaton's birthday. . . . Later the cake was polished off at Happy's house for New Year's Day breakfast. . . . If this is a sample of what we may expect from the C.C.B. in the future, we feel confident that they are going to enjoy a great success in the coming months.

We Point With Pride: To the boys that represent our community who are now in Uncle Sam's forces. . . . Manny Haber, Dave Gindi, Moe Cohen, Stretch Cohen, Moe Kishk, Joe Cohen, Clem Sultan, Morris Safdieh, Morris Shames, Sam Bijou, and Albert Dweck, Bobby Missry and Joe Franco who expect to leave shortly. . . . Don't be surprised to hear some very big news which is due to break within a week or so about a very famous "character" in our community. . . . Who do they say is taking up all of Chester Safdeye's attention lately? . . . Good News! The latest fashion news from Paris predicts much shorter skirts for this spring. . . . Now the boys won't have to depend so much on memory. . . . Gracie Mishaan and Joe Gindi are "on the verge." . . . **And we wish that E. C.** would "take the plunge" already, the suspense is killing us! . . . Arlene Sultan and "M.E." were seen with their heads very close together at Cooky's. . . . We were advised by reliable sources that a fresh shipment of males is expected from Italy any day now. . . . From pictures they are all tall, dark and continental. . . . Look for an announcement soon from Algie Hamway and Mabel Betesh. . . . "H.S." really has 'em guessing. . . . One night he takes out one girl and the next night her best friend. . . . Who is it going to be? . . . Things I read somewhere: A cynic is one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. . . . Definition of "etiquette" . . . Things you have to do that you don't want to do. . . . The Wednesday night "socials" have really caught on, thanks to the efforts of a very hard-working social committee who plans a different event for each social. . . . Amateur night, quiz games and the like keep the gatherings from getting to be "the same old thing." . . . Does "S.S." know how "J.M." feels about her? . . . Who is the playboy with such "broad shoulders and tapering waist" that he must have his clothes custom-made. . . . "J.C.'s" theme song these days is "Has anybody seen my girl?" . . . Joe B.'s philosophy seems to be "Enjoy yourself."

Memories of 1950: The overnight success of the C.C.B. . . . The rainy Labor Day weekend in Bradley. . . . The shortest World Series in a long time. . . . The popularity and eventual monotony of "Goodnight Irene." . . . The trend towards the 20's (the Charleston, short hobs, gold-mesh bags and jewelled shoes). . . . The disappointment we felt when our favorite magazine "Flair" folded. . . . The biggest flop of the year, "Stromboli." . . . And the speed with which 1950 flashed by.

"Answer to Complaints" Dept.: When I was very young I learned one thing, "You can please some of the people all of the time or all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time."

The C.B. and all the members of the staff want to extend their wish to all of our readers for a Peaceful, and Prosperous New Year.

MILESTONES

MARRIED:

Marcel Dweck—Abraham Grazi
Charlotte Esses—

Seymour Michaels
Grace Picciotto—Kenneth Husney

BLESSED EVENTS:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ash — Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Moise Beyda — Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Moe Bibi — Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Dweck — Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Dweck — Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Sultan—Girl
Mr. & Mrs. David Shamula — Girl

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Jeanette Tebele—Isaac Bibi
Ray Harary—Jack Bibi

BAR MITZVAHS:

Morris Ashear, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Ashear