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By SUBSCRIPTION

## Bradley Beach's New Synagogue Now Being Used

For the first time the Syrian community in Bradley Beach will have a synagogue of its own. This new synagogue, located at Ocean and Fifth avenues, cost the community a total of \$66,000, and will seat about 400 people.

The planning for the synagogue began in 1943, but it wasn't until 1945 that funds were collected. Construction was started last summer and, during the winter, the structure was finally completed.

### Used For Holidays

Although the building will have its Grand Opening on July 4, it has already been used. It was used last Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, for the holiday services.

It is only through the devoted services of the committee, chaired by Isaac Betesh, and composed of A. Safdeye, E. Sutton, A. Dabah, M. Levy, S. Hedaya, J. Hidary and S. Franco, that the synagogue is now ready.

## Volunteers Are Needed For Center Raffle Drive

A crew of younger members of the community have volunteered to sell raffles in conjunction with the Center's first annual bazaar to be held September 15-23. The proceeds of the raffle are to go to the building of the interior of the Center.

Distributing the raffles, for which there will be a drawing for a \$500 defense bond, is the Country Club of Brooklyn. All those interested in volunteering for services (and volunteers are needed) should contact Shirley Shamah, 2124 68th Street, BE 6-0279.

## Center Dedication Set; Impellitteri To Appear

By ED LABATON

Mayor Vincent Impellitteri will be among the featured speakers at the dedication of the cornerstone for the Magen David Community Center Building promptly at one o'clock, Sunday, June 17. The ceremony, officiated over by prominent cantors, will take place outside the new Center building at Avenue P and West 13 Street. The street will be closed to all traffic during the affair.

The new building will be open for inspection from 11 to 12:30 before the ceremony. Free refreshments will be served in the new structure.

In addition to the Mayor, other outstanding dignitaries will attend the dedication. These include John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn; Joseph Sharkey, President of the City Council; Abraham Multer, member of the United States House of Representatives; Louis Warsoff, leader of the 19th Assembly Dis-

trict; Louis Friedman, member of the New York State Senate; Edward Vogel, member of the New York City Council; Rabbi Max Kirschbloom, Executive Vice President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, and Rabbi Harry Halperin of the East Midwood Jewish Center.

### Sen. Lehman Invited

The Center Committee has not yet received replies from Senator Herbert H. Lehman; Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University; Rabbi Dr. Isaac Aicalay, Chief Rabbi of the Central Sephardic Jewish Community of America, and Professor Samuel H. Mirsky, a former Principal of the Magen David Talmud Torah and now at Yeshiva University.

Joseph Ades purchased the cornerstone by increasing his former pledge considerably.

The Club 26, Club 100 and Country Club of Brooklyn will be closed from 12 to 5 on Sunday in order to enable their members to attend the dedication.

## UJA Dinner Nets \$400,000 At Testimonial To Isaac Shalom

An "unprecedented" total of \$400,000 was raised for the United Jewish Appeal at a dinner held in honor of Isaac Shalom, president of the Magen David Congregation, at the Jewish Community House May 16th.

Of a total of 350 people representing 25 organizations and synagogues in the city, 250 persons were from this community.

Mr. Shalom, noted for his philanthropies, has long been regarded as a "loyal and steady worker for the UJA." He contributed \$15,000 the night of the testimonial dinner.

Joe Ades gave \$3,000, while Isaac and Abe Hedaya, Bert

Shabbot, Dave and Sam Sutton and Morris Levy each contributed \$1,500.

### Warburg Speaker

Speaking at the dinner was Edward M. Warburg, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

"It was with the money of the UJA that the Jews escaped from Europe to go to their homeland," said Mr. Warburg.

The national head of the UJA said the organization's contribution "is one of the greatest constructive works in Jewish and modern history."

A week later a total of \$6,500 was contributed to the UJA at a tea held in the home of Mrs. Morris Levy, May 22nd.

In another charity event, local women who succeeded in selling entire raffle books in the campaign to raise funds for the Infants Home of Brooklyn were feted May 5th at a luncheon at the Taft Hotel in Manhattan.

## Philippine Imports Industry Shaken By New Wage Law

By CHARLES SUTTON

A shocked and shaken Philippine imports industry in this country faces total annihilation at the hands of the Islands government in the next few months, according to various firms.

The industry, whose members manufacture and import hand embroidered goods to this country, has been placed at the mercy of a wage law which purportedly raises the industry's labor costs to four times what they are now.

Half the industry draws its men from this community.

As a direct result of the law, 21 firms in the Philippine importing line three weeks ago got together in the hope of defeating the effects of the law on their industry. Headed by Albert Shalom of Shalom & Co., the new emergency-created group calls it-

self the Philippine Needlecraft Association.

### Home Work Included

According to the one-month-old Philippine wage law, all workers in the islands, including home workers, are subject to a minimum wage of two dollars a day.

But it is estimated that part-time home workers made, on an average, only one-fourth of the minimum before the law was passed—about 50 cents—since

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## Almanac

Date	Lighting Of Candles
June 15	8:04
June 22	8:22
June 29	8:07
July 6	8:05
July 13	8:02

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**A Big Step**

With the dedication of the Center taking place this Sunday afternoon, it is, of course, fitting to take pride in this culmination of our efforts. Congratulations are due the hard-working members of the committee who have devoted so much of their time and energy toward making this community dream a reality.

But it is also fitting at this time to restate those basic purposes and principles upon which the Center was founded. It should be noted that the social problems which existed at the time the Center concept was first realized and which were the primary motivating factors in its materialization, are still with us.

**Barriers In the Way**

The barriers which have been put in the way of wholesome social relationships have not been appreciably removed—perhaps these barriers have been added to. Factors such as undue emphasis on money and “name,” unfortunately still dominate the attitude of many people.

Because of these factors, our young men and women have not mingled as much as should be expected, and the consequences have certainly not been desirable.

The responsibilities of all of us, especially our leaders, is clear: if the basic goal for which the Center was created is to be attained, determined efforts in the direction of removal of such barriers must be made. Building of the Center is but one step in that direction.

**A Fable**

By NAN MIZRACHI

Once, long before Western Civilization was invented, there lived a young poet whom the people loved. The gods had showered their gifts on Nuri and he, by sharing them, made it seem as if spring constantly lived with a poet and wooed his kinsmen. In addition, Nuri had one very good—or very bad—habit. He argued daily that the earth was round, and this, while it encouraged his starving kinsmen, greatly distressed their masters.

Threatened, the masters visited Nuri and offered a flock of sheep together with the most beautiful slave in the marketplace for a Hymn to the Flat, Flat World.

Nuri smiled, tuned the strings of his lyre carefully and answered: “Sheep won’t change my mind, nothing will.”

“Then we’ll change it by special decree,” retorted the masters.

**Obeys His Mind**

Nuri struck up a warrior’s tune, brazenly laughing in their faces: “Issue all the decrees you want but I’ll still have to obey my mind.”

The masters retreated, beset by conflicts: The people loved Nuri and his ballads, therefore they could not banish him. If they did laughter would go into exile with Nuri and rebellion take its place.

Finally the most brilliant hit upon a “reasonable” solution:

“If Nuri must obey his mind,” said he, crushing a lice from his much abused beard. “Then why don’t we get rid of it? In that way, the people will have his poetry and we won’t be bothered by his nasty habits.”

And his colleagues, whose knowledge of medicine was as abysmal as their theories of navigation, rejoiced. They waited until the poet was asleep, then crept into his hut and lopped off the top of his head with a spear. For that was where Nuri said this miserable thing, the mind, was.

**Scooped Out Contents**

Tenderly, they scooped out the contents, remarking that with all that mess inside it was no wonder Nuri preached such nonsense. Then, when the poet’s skull was nice and hollow, they sat down and chiselled a tablet which read: “The World is Flat.” This, they invested in Nuri’s head and replaced the top.

“There now,” they said proudly. “He’ll be a new man in the morning,” and ran through the village crying: “Wake up! Come and witness the miracle we have performed on your Nuri.”

The people woke and anxiously crowded into the poet’s hut. The moon faded and sun streaked red across the heavens. At mid-day a sickening stench issued from the poet’s bed of skins, wafted itself out of the hut and settled on top of the masters’ palaces. Night fell and an angry moaning arose from the waiting kinsmen: The masters had killed that which the people loved most!

**Two G.I. Letters**

Hi Everybody!

Never thought I’d miss the boring evenings we used to spend on Bay Parkway, but here I am wishing I could be hanging around the sweet box, chewing the rag and complaining about everything under the sun. Can’t wait to get back into a good game of baseball or stick-ball in Seth Low schoolyard with all the boys again...

We boys in the service would appreciate it very much if the C.B. would send us a copy every month to keep us posted on all that is happening back home, for it really means a lot to us... I’d like to suggest to your staff to have a servicemen’s column where the boys could address their letters to other boys in the service and to the community as well... This should be a permanent feature of the C.B. to be used whenever they want to blow off a little steam or “fish elbow,” or occasionally even praise the good points about the army, or to encourage the new recruits. Keep up the good work.

PVT. HASKELL E. DOUECK

**To the Editor:**

Whenever I come home on pass (and luckily it has not been too infrequently), I’m always asked, “How do you like the Army?”

Actually, the Army isn’t too different from civilian life, if you’re willing to stretch your imagination a little. After five months in the Service this time around (not counting the five months I put in the Navy in 1946), I still find myself comparing civilian to military life.

To begin with, as a brown-suit wearer with conservative ties, I usually found it to my liking to arise at say, eleven o’clock and then report to work—if I felt like it. In the Army, if the Sergeant is in a good mood, then we can get up as late as five-forty-five—A.M.!

“Work” used to mean selling linens. Now, it signifies what they call “useful training”—that is, “policing,” which in turn means seeing that nothing remains on the ground except that which grows. And you know who does the “assorting.”

**Fun In The Army**

“Fun” once meant going to a movie, taking out my favorite girl (R.G.) to a night club or taking in the Roadside—or if nothing much was doing, we’d run down to the Sweet Box for a “nahsh” with the crowd. But fun in the Army? Well, that’s taking the bunk of the fellow who sleeps next to you and carrying it outside (with him in it); or if he’s a light sleeper, finding some way to scare the wits out of him; or if he’s a hearty soul, not apt to scare easily, we invent various torture methods.

Lights go on in the Army at about the time we are usually coming home in civilian life. And they go off at about the time we are usually getting ready for a big evening.

About one thing the Army does have is someone to tell your troubles to—the Inspector General and six Chaplains, all at our service, if need be. That is something that civilian life doesn’t offer!

But to those who persist in asking me, “How do I like the Army,” I can only answer, how good can any place be—without R.G.?

PVT. JOE N. FRANCO

# What Would You Do If...

BELLA SUFFEH

## For the Sophisticated

"Ya imee, jalek zouwar," ayat ahee mim il sheback.

"Ilon ilee mah ehdeh."

Ba-ed n da-eeah, il jurras dek. Ahee fetah il baab ou-al.

"Imee alat maa erdeh!"

Aa-hei da-eeah, imee regdat la il baab tweshweshing:

"Yom il jimeh, sa-ah tna-ish ou-nuss ma-il bet ta-hitt ou fohh, il tubeech nussetah mutbooch ou ja-lee zouwar."

"Tfuddulu — meet salameh. Ibnee behib ye dahak; maat chzee."

"Kinnaah an sohb betek ou fithna da-eeah," ahlat Mrs. Shalayeh.

Mah le-hoo yebrrikoo, ou bidyew yeshlou. Hadee towllat sa-ah ou nuss. Imee radat ye roohoo, ou jabat ahweh ou caick. Mah shiellalooch ilee radaton yroohoo ou lissah dulloo ehdeen. Te-moo behr-keen, mi-till lez-eeen la il crassee.

HAMDILLAH—RAHOO! Imee alettion "Hadee mah mah-soobeh." Canat sa-ah sitteh!

Il-lehleh, kih-nah am nakawl, Imee hakettilnah il hik-ayeh zouwar. Kittle mah dah-haknaah, mah shiellalooch il tubeech nussetah nayeh.

## Center Committee To Hold Bazaar In Mid-September

The Community Center's first bazaar will be held during the week of September 15-23 at the Center building.

According to Rabbi Abraham Hecht, prospects for a successful affair are very good since over forty people representing practically every organization in the community, including the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Country Club of Brooklyn, C.B., Adeana girls and other general volunteers, attended the first planning session and have continued to work on the Bazaar Committee.

The proceeds will be used for future work on the Center. Chairmen of the Bazaar Committee are Joseph Chabbott and Abe Shamah. A special ladies division is being organized for soliciting merchandise from retail and wholesale concerns.

## For the Simple

"Hey ma, company's coming," yelled my brother from the window.

"Oh tell them I'm not at home."

Seconds later the door-bell rang; my brother opened the door and said:

"Mom said she isn't home."

At that point Mom went rushing to the door, mumbling under her breath:

"Friday afternoon, twelve-thirty, the house upside down, and I get company."

"Oh come in, welcome. My son loves to play tricks; don't mind him."

"We were just around here and we thought we'd come in a minute," said Mrs. Gossip.

Barely were they seated, when they began to gossip. This lasted for an hour and a half. Mom, wishing them to go, brought coffee and bagels. Ignoring the laws of hospitality they stayed; as if they were glued to the chair.

Finally—they left! Mom said: "Remember, this visit doesn't count." It was now six o'clock.

That night at supper, Mom told us the story of the short visit. We all laughed so much, that we didn't realize the food was half cooked!

## Employment Bureau

An Employment Bureau for the Syrian Community is being conducted by Rabbi A. J. Hecht. Job-seekers, as well as employers interested in hiring reliable people, can apply at 2030 66th Street, or telephone BE 6-6587.

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# Philippine Imports Industry Shaken By New Wage Law

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they worked on a piece rate basis and at their own discretion in their own homes.

Since wages are a large factor in the cost of manufacture, the manufacturers are fearful that costs will climb so high as to force them out of business.

### Put Out Of Business

With this prospect ahead, a member of the industry commented ruefully, "chances are 99 out of a hundred that everybody will go out of business as a result of the law.

"It is doubtful whether we can continue," he said.

Three weeks ago a three-man delegation from the group visited Economic Cooperation Administration officials for clarification of the law. There was question then, as there is now, as to exactly how the law will operate to restrict the industry's trade.

ECA officials could only estimate the effects roughly. The industry is now pursuing a course of watchful waiting, girding itself for future eventualities which are expected to be dire in the end.

### Quadruple Labor Costs

In the meantime, Syrian businessmen in the industry are wondering what the future holds in store for them. The common

feeling was expressed by one of them, who said: "No one can stay in business if he has to quadruple his labor costs.

The fate of the industry, which will be definite in a few months, reminded many of what had happened to Puerto Rico's hand industry a number of years back. At that time a minimum wage law also embracing home workers was passed. In no less than a few months, the industry was a ghost.

### Switch Necessary

Hand embroidering which was done in Puerto Rico was almost immediately switched to Manila. Today, Manila ironically sees itself in the same position as its predecessor, Puerto Rico.

With China trade at a standstill, Madeira now becomes the last outpost for importers of hand-made goods. Today, Philippine importers are casting wistful eyes toward the little island near Portugal.

For despite import duties which Madeira manufacturers pay, and which Philippine manufacturers do not pay, Philippine men think Madeira will become the cheapest source of hand embroidered items now that the Philippine wage law has been effected.

## 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.

## Compliments:

- EZRA COHEN
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- ADAM DICK MISHAN
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*Mr. and Mrs. James Azrak*

WISH THE COMMUNITY

AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER

## My Opinion

This note is for the so-called authorities of our community.

I, on behalf of other women in my circumstances, think it is a perfect disgrace the way a large and successful community as this disregards young widows who ask for some sort of consideration.

There are always collections and donations being made, but G-d knows where it really goes. I guess the trouble is that these people in general are too busy with themselves to give thought to anyone who is unfortunate as we women are. They should give us some attention to try to pick up our morale instead of ignoring us like they do in many instances which makes us feel that it is not worth while going on.

A YOUNG WIDOW

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Though I address this letter to the Editor, it is also directed to the entire staff of the COMMUNITY BULLETIN.

I obtained and enjoyed a copy of your paper and was very much impressed with the interesting and timely topics, as well as the personal attributes it contained. I am sure your entire community is proud of your newspaper.

You have what it takes to make a really fine publication; keep up the good work.

With the next issue you may include me as one of your many subscribers.

I await with pleasure the receipt of your next edition.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH A. SAHDALA

## Society Aids Jewish Needy In Near East

By RITA TAWIL

The people in the Near East have known many years of hunger and unhappiness. To alleviate their burden the Near East Jewish Aid Society has devised a plan to aid them.

The society have already sent Morocco \$5,000.00, Damascus \$50,000.00, Israel \$40,000.00 and Beirut \$11,000.00 in funds and three shipments of meat and two hundred packages of old clothing.

The Near East Jewish Aid Society is a branch of the Magen David Federation which has contributed \$30,000.00 to this cause.

To Buy Surplus Eggs

A plan is being devised where the Near East Society would get surplus eggs, milk, butter and cheese from the United States Government at practically no cost and ship them to Israel, Syria, and Lebanon.

Since Israel has a rationing system, there is difficulty in getting the permission to ship these products. David Sutton is the Vice President and Edward Silvera is the Secretary; the Board of Directors are: Nissim Tawil, Jack Hidary, Joe Ashear, Joe Ades, and Sam Franco.

## THIS AND THAT

By IDA KNOW

Join the COMMUNITY BULLETIN and see the world:

Don't mind mentioning it, but seems that our staff members really do get around . . . Stella Sardel a former active member, is on a two-month visit in Israel now, realizing a long-held desire . . . Arlene Sultan off to Columbia this month to marry her Eddie . . . Tunee (Kassin) Goldman starting on a tour through Europe and Asia and then for a one or two year stay in Japan . . . Tunie Hedaya, also a former member, is now honeymooning with Joe in Europe. We might even start a Foreign Department all our own, what with our correspondents all over the world—Now what has the "Times" got, that we haven't?

**Rumor?** A certain bird told us that the Boys' Country Club is planning a "Girls' Auxiliary," all interested and interesting females should call DE 9-6654 and ask for Happy. Do so at once! A delay may mean failure to get in.

**Odds**—The Ahi Ezer boys formed a ball team and challenge anyone from the "Giants" up . . . The younger boys seem to be the ones doin' the town these nites, while the others are becoming bigger and broader philosophers—Remember what Confusion said—"He who hesitates, has no dates!"—One of the Parkway wits has this gem to contribute—"Dearie, if your diary is dreary you'd better draw a dearer dowry!" . . . A recent survey shows that more S.Y.'s are going to and graduating from College than ever before—and more classical records and books are being discovered in some homes. Sound encouraging, but we knew it all the time.

**And Ends**—Rudy circulating his witticisms around again . . . Alfred on the verge? . . . Abe Shalo now apprenticing in a N. Y. law firm after graduating from law school . . . Charles (California) Sutton writing for the "Town and Village" in N. Y. . . Country Club remaining open this summer . . . Danny Thomas provided special Syrian humor for the Prom couples at the Riveria couple of weeks ago . . . We might as well get in on the bandwagon too, with this pearl—"Old bachelors never die, they just date away!" . . . What crowd of boys has recently been leaving their date-calling up to A.H.? . . . When we approached Hy (the waiter) for a few 'hot' items for this column, he shook his head—he is planning a sensational expose in a novel form, he claims . . . From what he could fill the book with, it should be a "collector's item" in a few years . . . Well, that's all for now folks—see you after the summer—and do enjoy yourselves—(We'll have more to write if you do).

## MILESTONES

MARRIED:

Tunie Hedaya.....Joe Hedaya  
Tunee Kassin.....Isaac Goldman  
Gladys Grazi.....William Goldberg  
Sally Salem.....Max Mizrahi

ENGAGED:

Arlene Sultan.....Edward Safdeye  
Mable Betesh.....Al G. Hamway  
Sylvia Sutton.....Albert Ades  
Luna Shomer.....Eli Cabasso  
Charlotte Getz.....Mike Harary  
Betty Maslaton.....Harvey Feinsmith  
Grace Harary.....Max Cohen

BLESSED EVENTS:

Mr. & Mrs. George Harris.....Girl  
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Nesser.....Boy  
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Sitt.....Boy  
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Ashkenazie

Boy  
Mr. & Mrs. Hy Haddad.....Girl  
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Shabot.....Girl  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stambuly.....Girl  
Mr. & Mrs. Chic Esses.....Girl  
Mr. & Mrs. Morty Kuff.....Boy  
Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Haddad.....Boy  
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Shweky.....Girl

Once upon a time there was a space. Now this was no ordinary space; this space was in a newspaper, the COMMUNITY BULLETIN, and this space had to be filled. This fills it.

### "Best Wishes-Lots Luck"

"Officers and members of the Mapleton Lodge wish to convey their greetings to the community for a happy Shevuoth," stated Moses N. Esses, Noble Grand of the Lodge.

He added, "We also wish to thank the Magen David Community Center for their assistance in making our last affair a success."

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