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Adeana Girls Form Club; Decorate Lounge

One of the first organizations that will start activities now, so as to be already functioning when the Community Center is

The group, whose main aim is to elevate the standard of the whole community by stressing the important role woman plays as wife and mother, was organized Tues. evening, January 18th.

Enlightened Teaching

In the words of Mr. Joseph Shamah, who encouraged and inspired formation of the Adeana Jrs., "Any youngster forced to follow the teachings of his religion blindly, with no attempt at an explanation, will abandon these teachings as soon as he is away from parental influence." "Boys, at least, are given a semblance of explanation when they

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Colorful Masquerade Ball Features Fetching Costumes

By TEE KAY

On Saturday night, February 19th, the long-awaited Masquerade Ball, sponsored by the B'nei Magen David, was held at the Garfield Temple; here the television set was also raffled off.

The large ballroom was gaily decorated with balloons of all sizes, shapes and colors and did much to create a festive appearance. More than half of the boys and girls attending were in costume and indeed, a great deal of imagination and care was taken to choose unusual outfits. Eddie Rahmey, for example, was completely disguised as a girl with a long, blonde wig, heavy make-up, skirt and all; while the most imaginative of the girls was Evelyn Levy who dressed in baggy trousers, old slouch hat, and black moustache and handed out balloons in imitation of the old street peddlers.

Varied Costumes

Clowns, Chinese girls, Muslim

Dance Announcement

A L'El Chomeitz Dance will be held on Thursday evening, April 21, 1949, at Yeshiva of Bensonhurst, 2025—79th Street, under the auspices of the B'nei Magen David.

The Sinai Institute now boasts a total enrollment exceeding seventy young men and women.

Prayer Services starting at 9:00 AM have been initiated for the children who attend the yeshiva and Talmud Torah. These services are supervised by a special service sub-committee.

Every Sabbath afternoon a gala Oneg party is held for pupils and refreshments are served under the guidance of Mr. Joseph Dweck. The number of children attending is increasing weekly. Rabbi David Salem helps make the parties most interesting, teaching Hebrew songs and telling many stories.

Small Synagogue Turnout Elects Center Committee

Elections for new Board members to serve the next two years were held at the annual meeting of the Magen David Community Center which took place Sunday, February 27th, in the 67th Street Synagogue. Those attending also heard a report on the progress of the Center building to date.

The meeting, which was at-

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of Events may do so by contacting the Bulletin office — 55 W. 42nd St., N.Y.C. (Rm. 205). Tel. LO. 3-5322.

B'noth Magen David Organizes Activity For Talmud Torah

A new ladies auxiliary was organized by the B'nei Magen David Congregation to be known as the B'noth Magen David. This auxiliary has set for itself a dual goal. They will sponsor various fund raising projects for the will attempt to elevate the cultural and religious standards of the women in our community.

First Affair A Success

The first affair held February 8, 1949 at the J. C. H. was quite successful, thanks to the untiring efforts of the temporary executive committee which consists of Mrs. Florence Shamah, president; Mrs. Esther Shamah, vice-president; Mrs. Louise Schweky, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sarah Semah, financial secretary; Mrs. Joyce Rudy, treasurer; Mrs. Frances Maleh, co-treasurer.

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Almanac

Date	Lighting Of Candles
March 11	5:40
18	5:48
25	5:55
April 1	6:03
8	6:10
15	6:17
22	6:25
29	6:32

dividuals on the Board, but reflects on the thousands of young and old who need the Center, and for whom we have no facilities." He urged the community at large not to listen to unfounded rumors, but to check directly with the Center for the correct and latest information.

No Enthusiasm

Rabbi Abraham Hecht commented that enthusiasm for the project was not constant, and the people should generate enough spirit to see the job completed.

Mr. Joseph Ashear, reporting on finances, said that contracts amounting to about \$375,000, for the entire building had been signed. Present construction, cement work, etc. for the basement and foundations, totalling \$185,000, must be paid for by March 15th, and there was a deficit of \$50,000. Uncollected pledges amount to \$125,000.

Mr. Abu Sultan, president of the Center, said that use of the building by the holidays this fall was the aim of the committee, and asked the Board members for more cooperation.

Enough People

Originally scheduled for the last Sunday in January, the meeting faced another postponement when some present raised the point that not enough people were there to warrant a vote. A lively discussion followed the motion to postpone the meeting for two weeks, and appoint a committee to stimulate interest and assure good attendance. This was defeated, as was another

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Better Wake Up

Five years have passed since the idea of a community Center came into being and although progress has been made...

ing, skepticism and sheer indifference are apparently still with us.

At Sunday's general meeting, instead of an attendance of one thousand—or at least five or six hundred—the shameful turnout of only seventy persons was the sum total of demonstrated community interest.

Sixty Thousand Due

Whatever the reason, be it lack of sufficient publicity or an inherent lack of enthusiasm, it is time the community awakened to the immediate needs of the Center. With some \$60,000 due March 15th, there is no money with which to pay.

As for the lack of interest shown, the skeptic and the indifferent have little reason for their respective positions. To the former, there exists the very tangible evidence of actual construction; to the latter there are the obvious benefits of a working center—a goal worth striving for.

Indifference Incomprehensible

While reasons may be offered by these people, there are none that are apparent. The lack of interest demonstrated by the turnout Sunday is without question wholly unbecoming a usually enthusiastic and community minded people.

It is hoped effective steps will be taken to enlighten and stimulate everyone to the task we have set out for ourselves.

SOCIAL SCIENTIST VISITS

To the Editor:

In the course of almost daily visits to your community I have already had the pleasure of getting to know many of you, from the youngest to the oldest. You have extended hospitality to me under a variety of circumstances: at Magen David services, Yeshiva classes, weddings, dances and parties, community affairs and meetings, and, best of all, during visits within the friendly atmosphere of your own homes.

Importance Of Understanding

Most of the people who have welcomed an opportunity to see many more of you the reason for my presence in your community. I am working for Columbia University with a whole team of social scientists who are interested to learn all they can about different peoples of the world. This, of course, is an enormous task, but a vitally important one. An enduring peace depends very much on our ability to understand other people. It is not enough to pass judgment on the behavior of others, to approve or disapprove of their actions. It is important to understand why people behave as they do for as Solomon said: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding."

Interest In Saphardic Jewry

Under the direction of Dr. Margaret Mead, the famous writer and scientist, who succeeded the late Dr. Ruth Benedict—both of whom I was privileged to have had as my teachers—my colleagues have already acquired extensive knowledge of the life and customs of the Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe, how they lived in the countries from which they emigrated and how they underwent the difficult and exciting task of becoming an important group within the vast American population.

We Would Like...

We would like to become equally familiar with the background and experiences of Sephardic Jewry. Initially stimulated by some Syrian Jews of my personal acquaintance who told me the stories of their own lives, I became more and more en-

Letters To The Editor

couraged to learn all I could about many more Syrian Jews and finally decided that everything they told me was so worthwhile and interesting that it certainly deserved to be written up as a book exclusively devoted to Syrian Jews.

Everyone An Expert

Very often when I tell some people that I am eager to learn all I can about their ideas and social customs, they protest that they do not know enough about such matters and try to shunt me off to some "expert" who they claim will be more helpful, and this is a great mistake. For everyone interested to know is

rearing, and for this knowledge there is no single expert, but rather every individual is an expert because of his uniqueness. Everyone, whether rich or poor, from the newborn infant to the most respected member of the community — parents and children, breadwinners and housewives, rabbis and teachers—has something important to contribute to my understanding so that I may become familiar with all points of view gathered from people with diverse personalities engaged in diverse activities. Only if I can enlist the help of all of you can I become steeped in the ways of Syrian Jewish life in the United States. Anyone interested can easily contact me through the Community Center Office.

Miss Marion Marcovitz

CREDITS US

To the Editor:

I have just received your BULLETIN and I find it very easy to read and well edited. It certainly is a credit to the community and I wish you all success in your new enterprise and sincerely hope that the bulletin will become a source of inspiration and encouragement to your fellow members.

Harold Morris

ACKNOWLEDGES FOOD

To the Editor:

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of approximately 1 1/2 tons of loose cans of food donated from the Magen David community towards our "Food for Israel" campaign.

These items are at present in

our warehouse and are being processed and packed for export to Israel.

On behalf of the Zionist Organization of America and for the people of Israel, I want to take this opportunity, once again to thank you for your splendid efforts. Arthur Taub

Milestones

ENGAGED

Juliet Ashkenazi—David Shamah
Natalie Sitt—Joe Shalom
Renee Chalom—Henry Altaras
Margo Azarak—Sidney Shamah
Isaac Schwelky
Alex Schneider
Zonah Sandy Daniel
June Nehmad—Solomon Cohen

MARRIED

Frieda Adjmi—Morris Bibi
Lucy Murad—Mike Safdieh
Grace Ades—Joe Ades
Nina Fine—Morris Dweck
Sarah Yedid—Eddie Rerio
Florence Shonson—Joe Dayan
Fortunee Cohen—Eli Doueck
Rose Salem—Harry Covkin
Sarah Salem—Marco Braha
Louise Sabin—Fred Salamey
Esther Franco—Morris Missry
Shirley Weiner—Walter Balasiano
Ceresa Nakash—Joe Saka

BLESSED EVENTS

Rabbi & Mrs.
Abraham HechtBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Shanty Mishaan.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Julius GindiBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaniadoGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Irving MahanaGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph HananGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Abe AdesGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Clemen BenunGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Albert LabatonGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Albert ShamahBoy
Mr. & Mrs. George HarrisBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Marc BlancoBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Sol SuttonBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Hymie ShalomGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph DweckBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Joe SemahBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Jamil AzrakGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Irving SultanBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Jack JemalBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Toufik AttieGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Salem...Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Joe ShabotGirl
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sultán
(Twins)Boy and Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Sam LockeBoy
Mr. & Mrs. Joe SadiehGirl

BAR MITZVAHS

Charles, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ashkenazi
Fred, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jemal

Click Quiz

By ALEX RISHTY

The C.B. will pay \$3 for every timely question used. Send your questions to Click Quiz, c/o Community Bulletin, 55 W. 42nd St., N.Y.C.

Are facial tissues getting so popular that they are actually affecting the handkerchief business?

Here are some answers from a few of the prominent handkerchief manufacturers in our community on the question of...

TISSUES vs. HANDKERCHIEFS.
I. Shalom, 411 Fifth Avenue, New York City:



"Tissues are not bothering me. Remember, the nose paper manufacturers have to make a living too. There are enough colds to make everybody rich, and besides, I don't want to be selfish."

Abe Shamah, Franshaw, Inc., 240 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C.:



"If Mr. Shalom isn't bothered, why should I be? After all, aren't we all in the same kind of business. But when they start making tissues with embroidery and lace trimmings, then, we can take a nice, long vacation."

ABE KASSIN
254 5th Avenue
New York City

SUTTON-HEDAYA
4 West 37th Street
New York City

A. D. SUTTON & SONS
15 West 37th Street
New York City

Morris S. Levy, Morsly Handkerchiefs, Inc., 392 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.:



"It has not hurt our business to any important degree because our handkerchiefs are fancy and a novelty. They are used more for show than for blow."

Jacob M. Hahn, 7 East 58th Street, N.Y.C.:



"With the prices of handkerchiefs coming down the way they are, pretty soon they will be just as cheap as tissues, and can be thrown away too, after each using."

Moe Tawil, Dumont Handkerchiefs, Inc., 15 West 37th Street, N.Y.C.:



"If Mr. Handkerchief and Miss Tissue get together, the result will be a fine baby boy called 'Handkerktish.' But all kidding aside, tissues aren't affecting my business, and handkerchiefs aren't hurting theirs."

Compliments of
Mac Haddad

Compliments of
Max Hidary

Compliments of
China Mike

Compliments of
Joe Catton

Purim And New Hamans

By RABBI K. C. KLAPPHOLZ

The festival of Purim which comes on the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar derives its name from the Persian word 'Pur', meaning 'lots'. Haman, prime-minister in one of the governments of ancient Persia, cast lots to determine the date of the annihilation of Persian Jewry of his generation.

Book Of Esther

The historic source of this festival is the book of Esther, one of the twenty-four books of the

in his infinite wisdom and mercy guides this universe and performs miracles as of old. He helped Israel in ancient Persia by changing the picture and miraculously giving victory of the few over the many.

G-d's Miracles

Some Jews today seem to have lost patience with G-d's planning of historical events and his apparent lack of performing miracles visible to all mankind. Can there be a greater miracle than

the annihilation of the Jews because of their religious and ethnic differences from the majority of the inhabitants in a country. Thus we read in the book of Esther: "And Haman said unto King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom, and their laws are diverse from those of every people." (Esther III, 3)

the very same Jews whose fathers were slaves in Egypt have practically imposed military terms upon the Egypt of today. Can G-d's mighty aim be more visible in the picture of mankind's contemporary history?

The Words Of The Prophets

Now we understand the truth of a saying of a classical work of the Gonic period, that the day of Purim is as important as the day of G-d's giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Mount Sinai was the historical stage of G-d's appearance to Israel and to mankind. Purim reminds us of the fact that G-d watches the nations of the world and actively intervenes in the cause of justice, and the triumph of good over evil. Let us hope that the leaders of our new state, Israel, will be imbued with this very spirit and make the Prophet's word come true, that "Torch will go forth from Zion and the word of G-d from Jerusalem."

Has Fetching Costumes Masquerade Ball

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in her hand. Happy Labaton won for the boys by virtue of a strip-tease on the stage, in full view of everyone, whereby he emerged as the new Miss America!

The lucky winner of the television set was Florence Cohen of 2041--85th Street. This adds to her reputation of luck as she is used to walking away with raffle prizes.

Undoubtedly, it can be said that "A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!"

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The Bulletin publishes want ads for all purposes and those wishing to have their ads in the next issue can do so by contacting the Bulletin office, 55 W. 42nd St., N.Y.C. (Rm. 205). Tel. LO. 3-5922.

In addition, the Bulletin maintains an employment agency and those seeking employment or those with job openings can make use of these facilities by contacting the Bulletin office.

S Y Sports

By ELI SHABOTZ

Dust off your baseball equipment fellows and get set for another season. Yes sir, the time has arrived for arguments on April—Matzoh Ball Dance, to be sponsored by the Ahl Ezer. Classes, Tuesday evenings, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Jewish Philosophy; from 9:05 to 10:05 p.m. on Jewish Laws and Customs. Both subjects conducted by Rabbi Charles B. Chavel.

Classes, Wednesday evenings, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Conversational Hebrew, from 9:05 to 10:05 p.m. on S.Y. League? Bnei Magen David is forming a team and I'm sure if there were a community league, they would join it. So

Calendar of Events

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Adena Girls Form Club

The twenty-one charter members decided the corners of their program would be education, Judaism, and social work, each activity with a dual purpose of being constructive, and enjoyable. Subsequent meetings reveal that a constitution has been adopted, the Acting Executive Committee is preparing for elections of officers, and steps taken to get a professional to help develop the program as outlined. The important problem of a clubhouse has been solved, by the generous offer of the Magen David Congregation to allow them the use of the downstairs rooms in the house adjacent to the Annex on 68th St., recently purchased. The girls plan to decorate and furnish these quarters themselves. A Quiz Night at the Thursday Social in the J.C.H. was very successful.

Small Turnout Elects Committee

Information on registration for these subjects, kindly call BE 6-2775 or the Magen David Community Center LO 3-5922.

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Artists and would-be ones would benefit by the example of Sylvia Ash and Ruthie Bijou. They take the art course sponsored by the JCH and are allowed to use all materials—paper, charcoal, paints, etc.—tree of charge. Hear tell that "Bozie" is king of the handball courts every Sunday morning where all the fellows gather for their weekly bit of exercise. He must rule well, too, because he keeps them happy and eager to come back for more. No doubt, though, Joe Catton and some of the other ball-kickers probably have something to do with it cause they keep the games tough—and backed with odds.

B'nai Magen David

The ladies organization now conducting a concerted membership drive. It is hoped that the women in the community will respond and will join, thus helping the auxiliary achieve its noble aims. For further information, kindly consult any member of the executive board or send your communication to college—as Edna Sutton, Gladys Assin, Evelyn Levy, and Jeanette Mishanite. Wonder how many boys attend causes especially for them, education will come in mighty handy now that stiff competition is back and all kinds of know-how are needed. Understand the Shaare Zion Youth League is toying with the idea of presenting a variety show or amateur night and the call for talent is out. All interested should call on Eddie Dayan, their president, or Paulette Beyda or one of the other members, for more details.

SPOTLIGHT

By TEE KAY

Now that the masquerade's come and gone, we can all relax until the next "humdinger" affair comes along, which will most probably be something the Ladies Auxiliary is cooking up for both single and married folk. Probably a "nobel". Must mention, though, the original costumes of Liz Shabot who made up her own Denny Dimwit outfit and Evelyn Levy, who, dressed as a little old Italian street peddler, gave out balloons—for free.

Know that we have a foreign correspondent amongst us? Yep! Simon Menache is here from Egypt to report on what's going on in the world for his Egyptian newspapers. From what we gather, however, anything too upsetting to the Egyptian mind is strictly censored. Simon manages alright as can be seen by his interviews of Rita Hayworth (whom he found not at all as pretty as touted) also of Italy.

Minister De Gasperi of Italy, and Communist

Joe Harary. How interesting! Can it be that Joe Bee is serious? Heard he took out the first S.Y. girl since Bradley only recently. Wonder how many people are as keen-eyed as Mildred Levy and her pals who noticed the words "S Salame Aleikom" (peace be with you—or doesn't it need translation) engraved on the arc above the stage of the City Center in New York. Also, that diagonally across Longchamps on B'way and 40th Street is a luncheonette called "Shortchamps". Shirley Sutton still wonders who took from her—and kept—her little clay sculpture one night at a social. Trouble is, they took away her first little masterpiece and since then, her inspiration is gone.

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Hear about Ellie Cohen winning first prize at a quiz night given him in appreciation of his intelligence. Runner-up, and winner for the girls, was Linda Marnie who received a jewelry box filled with needles, threads and other sewing needs.

Alfred Sutton tells his friends he enjoys life in Florida so much, he'll most likely stay there till it's time for Bradley. Sad for us who miss him, his fiddle and his derby. Fact is, the saying "Mafee Mit-Ioh" applies to him perfectly.

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