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Gala Mother's Day Affair Nets \$4500 For Center

Swaying to the music of Jack Tyler's band and applauding the singing of Sana, and her husband, Amer, nearly one thousand

iliary of the Magen David was of successful financially as well as socially, reported Mrs. Shirley Beyda, Chairman of the organization. Nearly \$4,500 was earned to help complete the Center.

Thanks Women

"I should like to publicly thank," said Mrs. Beyda, "all the women who contributed their time and effort to make the dance as great a success as it was."

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Center Must Collect \$150,000 Needed To Complete Construction By Autumn



—Courtesy Marboro Studios

Rabbi Kassin Acts To Assure Use Of

ganization launched a campaign on May 15th to raise \$150,000 needed to complete the building this summer. According to the officers, this is the minimum amount required if the half-finished building is to be ready for use this year.

The first in a series of planned affairs took place at the residence of the Chief Rabbi, Jacob S. Kassin, on Sunday, May 15th, where fifty guests (see picture) gathered to hear the latest reports, and partake of the kind hospitality of Rabbi and Mrs. Kassin.

In a fervent address by Rabbi Kassin, the community leaders were urged to assure complete construction of the Center without any further delay. Mr. Isaac Shalom spoke briefly,

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Spotlight Forgotten Million; J.D.C. To Assume Major Role

By STELLA SARDELL

The attention of the Jewish world has been dramatically attracted to the position of the

gotten Million, we know that most of these people live under indescribable conditions of squal-

cision on the partition of Palestine, and the establishment of the State of Israel. With the eyes of American Jews naturally focused upon Europe and Israel, it required the clash of Jewish and Arab interests to disclose the fact that these Jews, this "Forgotten Million," in Morocco, Tripoli, Syria, Iraq, or Iran, now form a large percentage of the total Jewish population, and the main reservoir of immigration to the new state.

Indescribable Conditions

From reports compiled by the Joint Distribution Committee, the Alliance Israelite Universelle, the ORT, the Committee for the For-

mately 75% of them. Their misery has become more spectacular after the pogroms, arrests and persecutive laws which have swept the Arab world during the recent years.

For a number of reasons, the Jews in Moslem countries had been receiving only relatively little attention in the vast relief activities financed by American Jewry. The overseas work of the Joint Distribution Committee had been concentrated on Europe. The Displaced Persons Camps, with their ghosts of the murdered six million, rightfully had top priority. The scene shifted to Cyprus. In the meantime,

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Census Launched By BMD Group

The B'nei Magen David Census Committee launched an extensive drive Sunday morning, April 24th, to compile a complete list of all the families constituting the Syrian Jewish com-

information sought, are circulated by the committees visiting the homes.

"This census, when completed, he said "will furnish the leaders of the community with exact information as to the size of families, the principal occupations, vocational and professional, and the educational level of the youth, religious and secular."

ALMANAC

Date	Lighting of Candles
June 3	7:02 P.M.
June 10	7:06 P.M.
June 17	7:10 P.M.

Ladies IIIA Tea

An afternoon tea for the United Jewish Appeal, held on Wednesday, May 18th, at the home of Mrs. Isaac Shalom, raised \$4,300 for this year's campaign.

Following introductory talks by Mrs. Shalom, and Mrs. David Knapp, a dramatic account of the miracles made possible by the United Jewish Appeal was given by a young Israeli, Mr. Klausner, who is a student at Columbia University.

Collection boxes, and books to solicit contributions were distributed to the women, who all promised to help in the future, whenever called upon for UJA.

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There's Hope

Some months ago we echoed those leaders who chided the community for showing a de-

but what made the circumstance still more discouraging was the possible inference that community spirit had declined even in other respects.

No Basis Exists

Fortunately, activities taking place since then have shed doubt as to the existence of any fair or reasonable basis for such inference.

The enthusiastic cooperation of all segments of the community in making the annual affair of the Ladies Auxiliary, and the bazaar of the B'nei Magen David Congregation a success demonstrates clearly to the doubters that there is hope.

Sacrifice Essential

Of course, there were the contributors of the material things, food and so forth. But there was, in addition, an ample display of sacrifice in time and tireless effort — the indispensable of that...

sacrifice manifest themselves when the underlying social and religious problems of the community are undertaken, prompt and effective solutions would be assured.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Special Memorial Day Services will be held Saturday afternoon, May 28, 1949, at 7 P.M. The Services will take place in the Magen David Congregation 2025-67th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. after the Mincha prayers which will start at 6:15 P.M.

Color Photography

By MAX MISHAN

Summer vacations are looming ahead and once more millions of cameras are going to start clicking. An increasing percentage of these will contain color film. Despite discouraging esthetic results from this type of film, the lure of color is so great that photographers plunge into this field regardless of cost and uncertainty. We must understand that color is still a problem, not so much for the photographer as for the manufacturer. A few tips, however, may save the prospective color photographer both money and disappointment.

Don't be too ambitious and shoot too much color. Scenes which have dark material in the foreground against a well-lit background should be avoided. Do not shoot far-away subjects. The light is not strong enough to illuminate the subject.

Go for fairly flat scenes. After you've had some experience you'll be able to make some reasonable exceptions to this rule but lighting, in general, must be much flatter than for black and white films.

Gadgetland is America's happy hunting ground. My experience over here is that if you only have enough accessories and devices the machine will take care of the picture. Of course, this isn't true. It's still the man behind the camera that counts. However, a certain minimum is required.

Incidentally these devices will help your black and white pictures.

A tripod is essential. Color film is much slower than black and white. Rarely is the speed above 1/25th second and often when you stop down it will be 1/10th or 1/5th or even slower. Without a tripod your pictures will be blurred.

Exposure Meter. This will give you a fairly accurate speed at which to take your shot. Remember color film has not got the latitude that black and white film has where you can make the most appalling blunders in over or under-exposure and still get more or less printable negatives.

Prints. We are concerned with only one of these types, the PRINTON. At best the colors of printon are harsh and the printon itself is glaringly glossy. Get a projector and a screen and project your transparencies. Or if this is too expensive invest a couple of dollars on a diffused glass screen which you can plug in and view your transparencies on that.

A final few words. Don't succumb to the tempting advertisements displayed in photographic magazines guaranteed to make your color pictures perfect. There is no short cut to success in this field, believe you me. After some experience you, yourself, will be able to determine what devices will help you, what extra filters and lenses to get and so on. You will make these selections according to your own personal taste and requirements and as time goes on you will find your results more and more pleasing.

Imagination Vs. Illness

By MAX MIZRAHI

(Before beginning my story, I wish to state that I do not disapprove of medical doctors, nor do I mean that every ill can be cured through psychoanalysis only. On the contrary, many diseases are actually organic, and can only be cured as such. But to the many other ailments, which have their origin or cause in the mind, I write this story.)

A friend relates to you some of his aches and pains, or even some of his troubles. You tell him, "Oh it's only your imagination, there's nothing wrong with you." He looks at you solemnly and says, "What do you think, I'm crazy?"

That may have happened to you in some form, or another, or in some way or another. You may have been told that you were crazy.

TIRED FROM THINKING

You may come home from work one nite and feel tired, irritated, don't want to talk to anyone, and nobody can speak to you. You may not have done very much work that day, or at least not enough to be tired from. You probably had much time to sit and think. Then if you aren't tired from over work, it must be thinking.

Whom or what were your thoughts about? Was it your family, or your wife, children, mother, father, or about yourself in relation to your job.

The next thing is what did you think about in relation to one of those things. Let us say it was yourself in relation to your work. Perhaps your thoughts were about how you can get ahead in your job. That's fine. It's human nature, to want to be advanced. Your work is good, you're always getting new ideas to help the firm. But, maybe there is someone or something in your way. You see people working for the firm less time than you have, get ahead of you. You start imagining the manager or boss doesn't like you. He doesn't want you to get ahead.

IRRITATION SETS IN

The more you think about it the angrier you get. Your anger is so aroused that you start running away from everybody you get home, our subconscious mind has set up a barrier against everyone you meet. You're angry and irritated so you take it out on everybody else. That's called transference (letting off steam, as they say).

Sometimes, through suppressed emotions, the imagination leads a person to believe he is sick. There is a very close relationship, between mental attitude and physical ills.

More diseases are caused by the imagination than by germs. Our body has a natural resistance to bacteria, but that defense can be broken by hates and grudges if one has enough of them. Psychoanalysis is a powerful curative means. Many physical illnesses has its origin in mental ills. The public and medical profession have long regarded mental ills as being a disgrace. This belief is slowly disappearing with greater knowledge of the facts. You can better help yourself and fellow brothers, by learning more of the truth.

Click Quiz

By ALEX RISHTY

\$3.00 will be awarded to "WHITEY" SITT, for submitting the most interesting question for this month.

FOR THE GIRLS

"When you go out on a date with a fellow, to what places do you like most to go?"

Gloria Altaras, 2110-70th St.



"It's not what you do, but the way you do it. It's not where you go, but the way that you go. I like to go to ROXY to the MARBORO, from the

ROADSIDE to the SWEETBOX, when the man is just right, you will go to any night spot." Sylvia Shamula, 2325-65th St.



"I'd like to start my evening by riding out to LONG ISLAND via PLUM BEACH way, touring all the various country clubs such as VALLEY STREAM INN, SARDI'S, ANTHONY'S, ETC. Also, stopping off at Howard Johnson's for a hot chocolate and coming home ... STOPPING at PLUM BEACH to COOL OFF."

FOR THE BOYS

"When you go out on a date with a girl, to what place do you like most to go?"

Irving S. Cohen, 2171-63rd St.



"First you have to ask me, 'How's Business', then you can get an answer. I would like to go to a boom'ing, (LIKE IN BM DAYS) then I

take the G to a swanky night spot. However, if business is "MITIL AMMAH", (as it is today), then I take her to an Exclusive theatre, NAMELY, THE METRO." Eddie Sitt, 1350 Ocean Parkway



"There are many places where I like to go on DATES, but they all have FAULTS. NIGHT CLUBS are O.K. but I get very tired from DANCING. BOWLING is a great sport but the BALLS are too HEAVY. MOONLIGHT CRUISES are out, be-

RELATIVITY: Or Now Is The Time For All SY's To Come To The Aid Of Posterity

By ANN OMINOUS

Relativity is a situation that has existed almost since time began. But nowhere, never has it assumed the proportions and become such a problem and potential threat as it has in our Syrian Community. For example: when a member of any racial, religious, or national group says "I have relatives," the statement is accepted as a normal occurrence; but when an SY says "I have relatives" ... see, you get the point already.

To alleviate the problem that necessarily arises, the SYCTPO. RTTETAPMIRTYBSBOO S. Y. Committee for the Prevention of Relatively to the extent that any Person you Meet is Related to you by some bond or Other), has been formed.

intermarriage among relatives to future generations. (You know, weakening of the race, Mendel, recessives, queers, etc.). After eating all the Bizur the committee got down to work.

Getting Married

The first suggestion was that SY's stop getting married and having children. The obvious problem there, of course, was that the Center was finally built, there would be nobody to go to it.

Another member whispered that maybe SY's should stop marrying in the community and ... (he was kicked out before he could finish such hersy.)

Then someone thought of sending out a questionnaire with the problem. We got the following results:

ample all the relatives of any one person were eliminated, then all the bonds of relativity would be destroyed, and then all SY's could marry happily in the community, and be sure of not marrying relatives. So I expounded my idea to one of the more prominent members of the community (he must have been all: of 250 lbs.).

If any of our readers have any suggestions as to how to eliminate this problem, write to:

Miss Ann Ominous
Broken Neck Ward B
Bellevue

Yes, you know this man I great-grandfather on his mother's side, and my own father's side removed, were uncles ... I guess he didn't like the idea of killing off my relatives.

Mother's Day Affair

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The women active on the committee were:

- Mrs. J. Abady, Mrs. Victoria Altaras, Mrs. Rae Ashear, Mrs. Vickie Beyda, Mrs. Milo Bibi, Mrs. Sarah Cohen, Mrs. Vic Doueck, Mrs. Julie Dweck, Mrs. Rose Dushey, Mrs. Sara Dabah, Mrs. Marley Dweck, Mrs. Julie Esses, Mrs. Celia Franco, Mrs. Rina Franco, Mrs. Pauline Grazi, Esther Dayan, Mrs. Betty E. Hedaya, Mrs. Adelaide Haddad, Mrs. Frieda Hamway, Mrs. Sarah Kairey, Mrs. Betty Kaopman, Mrs. Rene Mansour, Mrs. Esther Mizrahi, Mrs. Lilly Shabot, Mrs. Adele Sultan, Mrs. Esther Sultan

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Center ...

(Continued from Page 1) pledging his full support and cooperation for the completion of the building. Mr. Isaac Matalon spoke on the same topic, and then Mr. Norman Jemal started the appeal for pledges.

Altogether, the pledges amounted to about \$44,000. Substantial pledges, in addition to what they have previously contributed, were made by the officers of the Center, with other guests following the lead.

MARRIED

Margo Azrak—Sidney Shamah

BLESSED EVENTS

- Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Beyda...Girl
- Mr. & Mrs. Sam BeteshBoy
- Mr. & Mrs. Irving Ashkenazi...Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Franco...Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. Morris Laniado...Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe SaffGirl
- Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Gemal...Boy
- Mr. & Mrs. David BeteshBoy
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack EzonBoy
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe I. AdesBoy

BAR MITZVAH

- Benjamin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hidary.
- Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mishel Cohen.
- Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Tawil.

Spotlight Forgotten Million ...

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some specialized relief activities, educational subsidies and the like, had been extended.

Three men, long active in community and welfare work, set out on their own to attack the problem, early in 1946. These three, Isaac Shalom of New York, Ezra Teubal of Buenos Aires, and Joseph Shamah of Jerusalem, founded Ozar Hatorah, which operated in this country as "The Committee for the Forgotten Million." The approach was based on education; the plan was to establish a net-

needs, in order to determine the assistance programs, have been sent into these areas. In places where other groups were already working, the Joint has subsidized or taken over. Recently, arrangements were concluded whereby the Committee for the Forgotten Million will cease all fund-raising activities in this country, and the JDC will assume the responsibility of providing personnel, clothing, lunches, medical care and vocational training for the students in the Ozar Hatorah schools. Ozar Hatorah will continue to bear

only of their physical being, but of their Jewish character. Ozar Hatorah was aided by the Sephardic communities in Buenos Aires, and Mexico City. With due significance to the enormity of the task, Ozar Hatorah, financed only by funds subscribed or secured by its handful of members, achieved deeply significant results.

However, it was obvious that the full cooperation of the Jewish people, and particularly of the American Jewish institutions which alone could provide the necessary means and machinery, was necessary to really fulfill this great program, to rescue this Forgotten Million from the depths, and make of them a proud bulwark of the Jewish people.

International Conference

This was a major item of dis-

people need help. Its work in the North African areas has been increased.

It is to be remembered that the Joint Distribution Committee is a constituent agency of the United Jewish Appeal, and therefore, continued assistance to our people, on an increasing scale, is conditional on how much is raised through the Appeal to meet budgetary requirements for those areas. The problem of the Forgotten Million has been recognized as an integral part of the world Jewish problem. Its solution is inseparable from the rest, and has been undertaken accordingly. The time is past, we hope, for anyone to make rash statements that our people are the forgotten ones. It remains for the community to demonstrate its

thirty-one countries on four continents, were told by Jules Braunschvig, of the Alliance Israélite, "The Jews in the Moslem world need more than temporary help. It is not a question here of facing merely an emergency situation, but of undertaking a long and difficult task." Barring any untoward developments, the Conference summarized that the essential recovery of Europe's remaining Jews can be completed in three years, and a real beginning made in alleviating the misery of the 1,000,000 Jews in North Africa and the Middle East.

Missions to survey the medical, welfare, and educational

Starting Here

With the young State of Israel firmly established, more and more people in the community are planning to visit there, to see relatives, and the historic places.

Already en route are David Bibi, Nuri Dayan, and Morris Bibi, who boarded ship on May 23rd.

Also planning the tour are Ezra Cohen, Morris Haber, Nissim Dushey, Abraham Cabasso, Mr. Isaac Ades, of Panama, is already there, and Mrs. Ralph Haleby, of Flint, Michigan is en route.

SPOTLIGHT

By TEE KAY

So much has happened since the last issue went to press, it's hard to begin... Topic of the month, however, was the Ladies Auxiliary Affair at the Casa del Rey on Mother's Day... A thousand people were there and a hundred or more had to be turned away at the door... Affair was successful in all respects... Financially, it netted a few thousand... Socially, everyone seemed happy... The upstairs room was packed with those who enjoy Syrian music and dance with Renee Nasser's dancing highlighting the night... Downstairs, the girls looked as pretty as flowers with light organdy or chiffon gowns, gayly colored shoes and bright faces... Trouble there, pretty gowns were duplicated and many a girl secretly compared her looks with others dressed as she was.

The B'nei Magen David's Bazaar was also held this

... But, seemed as though nearly every player won a doll at one time or another and in fact, little Adele Esses won two very big dolls—two feet long or more—on only two dimes!

Saulie (Red) Kairey made a wonderful barker and helped bring in the crowds with his "come-on" and sales spiel... He even sang? ... Abe Rudy and his wife, Joy, also did a lot of work and were seen there practically every night... Joe Saff and his wife, Janet, did very well the night they took over a booth but fact is, wonderful cooperation was shown and everyone did his share by helping to run the games, selling raffles or playing the games.

Joe Levy's back from the Philippines and to celebrate his homecoming, his sisters Ray and Evelyn threw a party for him... It certainly must have made him feel back in the midst of his fellow S.Y.'s 'cause it ended up with a Syrian jam session complete with music, dancing and jinking... Naturally, since Whitey Menaged was there to keep it going... And Joe Gindi and Louie Franco to help with the dancing.

Heard that Sonny Shalom's friends took him and his fiancée out to the Riviera recently and had a good time especially when kidding around with Danny Thomas—the S.Y. comic... They swooned over Vic Damone too, and in fact, Sally Ashear couldn't resist but had to have a dance with him... She was so nervous, 'twas hard to keep her feet going in the right direction... Only a minor matter, however, when satisfying a dream wish... Know

Hear about the plan to set up a group of men to help young people finance their weddings if necessary?... Good idea... It's only in the talking stage as yet but it's a fine support to those who otherwise may have to postpone their marriages... Everything would be done quietly, of course... Like exciting baseball games?... Then, come by twenty-first avenue some Sunday about noon-time and watch the co-eds play... The girls often beat the boys, too... Come early, though... standing room only.

Travel Notes... The lure of the Orient is keeping Jack Mamiye, Joe Haber, Jack Hamway, Abe Shamah, Moe Hiday, Joe Dweck, Victor Shalom away from home... Bon Voyage to Abie Hedaya, Jr., who is also China bound... Jimmy Asrak finally went to Europe... Welcome home to Alfred Sutton. The Florida tan is very becoming.

Lag B'Omer night at the JCH brought out many people who were treated to a play given by the Yeshivah children... and songs by Meyer Murad... and music by Joa Cotton and Moe Massry... On thinking it over, quite a musical month, in general... Altogether, quite a diverting month.