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BY MEMBERSHIP

At Talmud Torah

A protest strike by the teachers of the Magen David Talmud Torah, who had not been paid for four months, resulted in a four-day shutdown of the school.

The teachers had given repeated warning that if their salaries were not paid by October 15th they would have no alternative but to cease teaching, but the Board of Directors could not meet their demands.

An emergency meeting was called of approximately twenty of the outstanding members of the community. Some money was raised from voluntary contributions and a new committee was formed to help establish the Talmud Torah on a sound financial

A fund raising affair, consisting of a Hanukah play presented by the students of the Talmud Torah

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Unpaid Salaries | Dance And Dramatics' Surprise Basis For Strike Highlight Thanksgiving Festival

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Mr. Abe Sultan

Bob Martin And Versatile Band To Perform At Nov. 25th Affair

By SAM D. COHEN

The annual Turk(ey) Dance, the Thanksgiving Eve Affair, sponsored by the Young Adult Council, will be held in the Center on Wednesday evening, November 25th.

Featured will be Bob Martin and his band—a versatile group of musicians who can play all kinds of music from the momba to

Group.

the Turkey Trot, and who are well known in mountain resort hotels.

The Social Fund Raising Committee, organizers of the affair, have also planned a raffle of a radio phonograph as part of the has provided refreshments, and is being very secretive about a surprise which will highlight the evening. All they'll say about the surprise is that it has something to do with the Dramatic

Athletic Award Night Program Celebrates Center's Champions

By SOPHIE DWECK

The Center celebrated Athletic Award Night as a crowd of program. Also, the Committee over 250 people swelled the Main Social Hall on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 9:00 p.m. The evening was dedicated to honoring the people who participated in the Center's athletic program and was presided over by members of the Athletic Council which organized the program.

Seven main trophies which are followed by a card party to bene- to be permanently exhibited in the Center, four personal trophies

and individual awards to members of the winning teams, were presented at the ceremony.

The affair featured Lou Eisenstein, a referee for the National Basketball Association, who conducted a question and answer period on basketball, personalities, offensive and defensive techniques, and sundry other topics.

Other speakers included Rabbi Abraham Hecht, who expounded on the character-building effects of participating in athletic activities, and Isaac Matalon who stated that the success of this program was a measure of the material advancement of the Center.

Cohen Presented Awards

Ceremonies and introduced the people who presented the awards. Freda Hamway presented a trophy to Adele Esses, captain of the Aces, which won the Teen-Mr. Horowitz has been cited in age Girls' Basketball Tourna-

trophies to those girls who placed second in the Brooklyn Borough American Chalutzim to pioneer Beda presented awards to The

'Israel And The UN' Topic At Friday Evening Forum

By RACHEL P. FRANCO

David Horowitz, noted Jewish author, lecturer, and permanent correspondent to the United Nations for 35 Anglo-Jewish publications, will be the first speaker in a new series of lectures to be given at the Center's Friday Night Forum. Mr. Horowitz will speak Friday evening, November 27th, at 8:30 in the main social hall at the Center on "The UN and&

Israel in the Light of Present editor of the United Israel Bul-Day Events."

After Mr. Horowitz' talk, there will be a diversified program, sponsored by the Religious Committee of the Center, including community singing and refreshments. The Committee is working on a program which will bring speakers to the Community from the fields of Politics, Education, Religion and Civic

Mr. Horowitz, American born, is recognized in many sources as one of the foremost contributors to the field of Judaism: he is

letin, a ten-year old magazine devoted to championing the cause of the Israeli state and which also includes articles on art, music, and biblical research; author of "Thirty-Three Candles," a work dealing with biographies of Israelis and prophets of Judaism.

"Who's Who in Israel," and in ment. Edmond Fleg's Juive, a work listing the world's leading Jewish personalities from Moses to Einstein. He was one of the first Basketball Tournament. Violet

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Tickets Are \$1.50 Tickets are \$1.50 each for the dance which will be held in the main social hall. All proceeds will go to the Center.

Future plans of the Social Fund Raising Committee include a dance every two weeks since the square dance held recently in the Center was such a tremendous success. The dance featured Piute Pete and the commitee hopes to sponsor him once a month in the future. A New

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Eli Cohen acted as Master of

Mrs. Esther Dayan awarded

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Almanac

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The Feast Of Hanukah

By RABBI ABRAHAM HECHT Center Spiritual Leader

of the most meaningful and colorful events of rejoicing on the Jewish calendar, will be celebrated for eight nights and days beginning on Tuesday night, Dec. 1, 1953.

This festival reminds us of the first occasion in human history when a group found it necessary to wage a struggle for religious liberty. The Jews, by reason of the severe oppression placed upon them by their Syrian masters, had been deprived of their rights and freedom of worship.

Temple Defiled

Their Sacred Temple in Jerusalem was defiled and the people had been ordered under compulsion to bow down before strange gods and idols and to offer polluted sacrifices.

Inspired by the courageous leadership of the Macabees, the Jews revolted and in a struggle which found them greatly outnumbered, the children of Israel won a miraculous victory for religious freedom.

The feast of Hanukah is also important because it offers us one of those periods in our Jewish year when good fellowship is encouraged and promoted in a most beautiful fashion. Beginning in the home with the Candle Lighting Service and bringing parents and children together in family rejoicing to celebrate this significant occasion, Hanukah extends its beneficient influence over the entire community.

Eight Groups

The number of Junior groups is growing by leaps and bounds! There are now eight groups, or one for each week since the program started. A group for every boy and girl aged 6 to 12, is our slogan. Listed below are the various groups, their ages, and the time they meet. 6-7 year old boys-Tues. & Thurs.-4:30-5:30 P.M. 6-7 year old boys-Sundays-2-4 P.M. 8-9 year old boys-Tues. & Thurs.-5-6 P.M. 10-11 year old boys-Thurs.-5-6 P.M. 10-11 year old boys-Sundays-2-4 P.M. 8-9 year old girls-Mon. & Wed.-4-5:30 P.M. 10-11 year old girls-Mon. & Wed.-4-5:30 P.M. 11-12 year old girls—Tuesday—4-5:30 P.M.

Holiday Trip

The first of a series of Junior Holiday trips took place on Election Day, November 3rd, when 51 boys and girls saw the play, "Pinocchio," at the 92nd Street "Y." Amidst the absorbed "ahs" and "ohs" of the youngsters, a professional troupe The festival of Hanukah, one of adults enacted this ever-popular play. The Juniors were taken to the play on a special chartered bus. Many thanks to Mesdames Virginia Sultan, Naoma Boxerman, and Jacqueline Abadi for their services as volunteer group leaders.

Parents Advisory Committee 🗼 🥕

A small group of interested parents are busily at work helping the growth of the Junior program. Over half of the eight Junior groups already meeting are due to their efforts in contacting other mothers and children and enrolling them in groups. The Committee is planning to enlarge it's membership and all interested parents are urged to join. They are undertaking to sponsor more Junior Holiday Trips, children's parties, a children's dance or dramatics group, and a day camp this coming summer. Those active on the Committee are: Mesdames Stella Dabah, Sadie Dweck, Jean Haddad, A. Kassab and Molly

Miscellanea

Adult Social Group

The Adult Social Group which meets every Wednesday evening for card playing by its members and guests is currently featuring a short and timely talk by Rabbi Abraham Hecht, preceding the commencement of the actual card playing. The talk begins at 8:30 P.M. in the Main Social Hall and the subject matter discussed is Ethics and it's Effect on Human Behavior, Rabbi Hecht presents a short talk which is followed by an informal question and answer period in which all present participate.

Bible Class

The first Bible class of this Fall-Winter season will be held Tuesday evening, November 24th, at 9:00 P.M. at the Center. The instructor will be Rabbi Abraham Hecht, who will deliver a lecture and conduct a discussion period afterwards. All Young Adults are invited to attend.

CENTER SPORTS

Mens Bowling League

Under the direction of Lou Jerome, Jack Esses and Eddie Shamosh a men's Tuesday night bowling league was formed. The following teams registered: The Splits, Jack Esses, Abe Franco, Ike Hidary and Tiny Cohen; The Celtics, Eddie Beda, Jack Beyda and Bob Hannan; The Lumberjacks, Hal Doueck, Joe Heiney, Lou Jerome, and Leo Sultan; and The Shams, Joe Franco, Marty Husney, Morris Missry and Eddie Shamosh.

The winning team will receive the team trophy, the man with the highest individual average will receive a bowling ball and the high individual game will receive a trophy. At the moment the Splits lead the league with a 4 and 2 record, with the Shams close behind with a 3, 2 and 1 record. Abe Franco's 170 average for 6 games is high as is Morris Missry's 203 individual game.

The Committee plans a second tournament in January and since registration closes practically at the beginning of league play, all groups are urged to get their teams registered quickly for the demand is great.

Mens Basketball

Last year's four team league was so successful that the Basketball Committee of Ezra Hamway, Connie Arking, Sonny Cohen, Eddie Shweky, Joe Sultan and Morris Harary decided to run a six team league this year. The following teams have registered for the Round Robin Tournament: The Hawks, last year's defending champions: The Consolidators; The Eels; Us Guys; The Pious Ones; and The Footsies. The teams will play each other Tuesday at P.S. 205 with games starting at 8:45.

All men not on tournament teams are urged to participate in a three man eight team league. Vic Rishty should be contacted for registration.

Chubby Dweck and Morris Missry have been named to direct the activity of the Rod and Reel Club. The group started with three excellent films on fishing and plans to follow up with navigation, preparation of equipment, boat safety and rescue and other related matters.

Teen Age Boys

Under the direction of Eddie Levy, the teenage boys are forming a basketball league. If you are not on a team contact Eddie at the Center, or any one of the Macabees: Bill Mizrachi, Sid Ashkenazi, Dennis Dweck, Sonny Sutton, and Hymie Kassin.

The Teen-age Boys are also beginning league activity-as the Stars, the first of the teams to register, are leading the registration. If you want to get on a team, contact Jack Shamah or Harry Catton.

The Junior clubs are also using the Gymnasium on Tuesday nights. Besides games, relays, tumbling, boxing, and wrestling, plans are being made to start a "widget league" for boys up to 12 years of age.

Teenagers

By ANNETTE SULTAN ***

Election Day Affair

Excitement filled the air Election Day Eve when the Gala Teenage Party and Dance took place. The Center was literally filled with Teenagers. Besides the beautiful array of food and the dancing, momba and otherwise, the evening was highlighted by talent from participating Teenagers who entertained excellently.

Hats off to those who made it a success: David Antar, Bob Esses, Dave Tawil, Jack Anteby, Renee Hedaya, Annette Sultan, Dave Safdeye, Julie Sultan, Joyce Mizrachi, and all the rest whose names are too numerous to mention.

Wednesday Social

Wednesday nights are devoted to the new Teenage Lounge—the turnout thus far has been terrific! A charming young lady named Barbara Sheff has been directing the activities every week for the past month, and all who have been down on a Wednesday night have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. All Teenagers are invited every week to join the activities: ping pong, dancing, games, etc. Come and bring your friends!

Roller Skating

lounge is deciding on the date. available soon.

ATTENTION

A new edition of the "Invitation and Address Book of the Syrian Community" is now in process. If you wish to make sure that your name and correct address appear in it, please write or telephone Mrs. Benyunes at the Magen David Congregation, 2025 - 67th St. BE 6-6122.

Israel And Forum Topic

(Continued from Page 1) in Israel, 1924 to 1928 and 1932 to 1934.

The Religious Committee urges everyone to attend these lectures,



DAVID HOROWITZ

which they hope to present every two weeks. On the Committee A roller skating affair is being are Rabbi Abraham Hecht, Honplanned. A committee from the orary Chairman, Moe Cotton, Abe Shalo, Pauline Grazi, Abe Further information will be Rudy, Lou Missry, Dave Tawil, Harry Esses, and Ely Ashear.

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Center Membership Dues Accepted Now

Dues Must Be Paid IN FULL By January 31, 1954

Young Adult News

The program of special activities for adults and young adults is moving into high gear. Three major groups under expert professional leadership are now meeting:

Art Class-The class in drawing and painting has been meeting for five weeks now under the supervision of Allen J. Wolf. Over a dozen students are absorbed in water colors, oil painting and pastels. Every Thursday evening this group may be seen in the 2nd floor dining room at work. The Art Committee and those in the group are looking forward to sponsoring an Art Exhibit at the conclusion of the class. This will include not only the work of those in the class, but that of other artists in the community. The Committee members are: Connie Abadi, Chairman, Seyah Ashear, Virginia Sultan, Mildred Esses and Hy Esses.

Dramatics Group-Each Wednesday night an enthusiastic group of amateur thespians may be seen in the 2nd floor Social Hall under the watchful eye of instructor David Metz. They are participating in a series of eight weekly dramatic workshops. At the conclusion of the workshop an evening of impromptu skits will be held for a small audience. The Committee which is working on Dramatics includes: Pearl Braha, Chairman, Anita Setton, Lou Shabbott, Margie Hanon, and Al Azar. The Committee looks forward to sponsoring a theatre party in the next month.

Music Appreciation Group-The first session was very well attended and Miss Lillian Popper, the course leader has given promise of an excellent program. All Center members are urged to join the group on Wednesday evenings in the Library. On the Committee are: Leon Sutton, Chairman, Dave Attie, Tana Bigio, and Gloria Esses. Good luck!

Elections, etc. At a recent meeting of the Young Adult Council Abe Shalo was elected president and Harriet Cohen, vice-president. The Council's efficient recording secretary, Connie Abadi, reluctantly resigned because of pressure of college studies. Claire Grazi, formerly corresponding secretary, was chosen to replace her. Charlotte Rishty was appointed to Claire's job. The following were elected to the Council: Rita Maslaton, Charlotte Rishty, Jack Shalom, Shirley Shamah and Morris Shames.

Hebrew Teachers Out For Salaries

(Continued from Page 1) fit the Talmud Torah, will be held at the Center, on Sunday evening, Dec. 6th at 6 P.M. Admission will be \$1.00 and reservations can be made by contacting the office, BE 2-6111. Refreshments will be served.

A concerted effort by the members of the new board to increase the tutition fees of the children attending the school is being made by a special scholarship committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Abe Sultan and co-chairmanship of Mr. Sam Schwecky,

The following people volunteered to form the new Board of Directors: I. Shalom, president; Dave Bibi, chairman; and Sam Franco, Joe Tawil, Basil Claire Grazi, Nina Harary, Meyer Cohen, Morris Bibi, Sam | Cohen, Joe Tawil, Morris Cohen, Schwecky, and Nessim Shalom. and Lou Jerome.

NOTICE

If you have any marriages, engagements, bar mitzvahs or births that you wish to have included in Milestones, write them on a post card and mail to Milestones c/o Magen David Community Center, 34 Avenue P. Brooklyn 4, N.Y. or telephone them in to the Center office at BEnsonhurst 6-6587.

Thanksgiving Eve Affair Has Dancing, Festivities

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Year's Eve Affair is also being planned, but no information has been given out as yet about that.

After New Year's there are tentative plans for a once-amonth free Rumba evening.

On the Committee are Joe Shalom, Chairman, Julie Mamiye,

Center Cites | MILESTONES Athlete Youth

(Continued from Page 1) Knicks, a Young Adult Girls group, gave a Bowling Trophy to Ruth Tawil captain of the "63's," and to Ruth Tawil and Lou Jerome for getting the highest bowling scores of the year.

Jack Esses presented a trophy to Bob Hanan of the Celtics, Teen-age bowling group. Connie Arking presented the Young Adults Men's Basketball Award to Ezra Hamway, captain of the Hawks. Harry Esses gave out the Soft Ball trophy to the Beavers and the Odd's and Ends, the Irving, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. teams who tied in the Soft Ball Tournament.

Bowling Awards

Sonny Cohen, captain of the Four and One's, received an award for Punch Ball. All members of the winning teams were presented with individual awards. Jack Esses presented awards to all bowlers who bowled 200 or better in the tournament. Lou Jerome had highest adverage and Abe Franco highest game score of the tournament.

This great event in our Community shows the progress of the Center. It gives recognition to those who have participated and it is meaningful because it was run by the Center members who had no previous experience but did a fine job nevertheless.

Ruth Tawil	Isaac Cain
Natalie Esses	
Harriet Schiffres	
Mollie Franco	Ralph Kassin

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Lou Shamie							
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Harry Mizrahi							
Murray Zalta							

BAR MITZVAHS

Herskowitz

Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Missry

BLESSED EVENTS

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Mr.	&z	Mrs.	Sam	Sak	oin	Boy
Mr.	&z	Mrs.	Eddie	J.	Rishty	Boy
Mr.	&z	Mrs.	Eddie	Sh	abot	Boy
Mr.	&z	Mrs.	Seymo	ur	Shalom	Boy
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THIS AND THAT

Special! — This Issue Only!

Happy Noo Year! By DAVID I. COHEN

For those who (perish forbid) do not happen to subscribe to Madame Zelda's "Astrology and Palmistry Handbook" I should like to state that a few weeks hence will witness the advent of a brand new year. This, as you all know, is an occasion for much hilarity and merriment the country over.

The custom derives, 'tis said, from the handkerchief wholesalers who, on shipping out the last of their "\$6.25 hand rolled initials" would trot happily down 37th Street with their shipping clerks and sing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" to the Kresge

The Young Adult Council, conforming with this holiday spirit, is planning it's annual gala New Year's Eve affair in the Center's upstairs social hall.

Elaborate Program Planned

And while being weighted down with a cowbell and turned out to publicize the affair, I feel my task is a simple one, inasmuch as the moderate prices and the elaborate program planned will ensure its success.

Price of admission (\$16 per couple) will include food, drinks both soft and hard, noisemakers, and entertainment.

Music will be furnished by Bob Martin and his twenty piece band (of which only five have promised to show up).

The committee is sparing no effort or expense to guarantee the success of the affair. There's even talk of hiring certain people to come down and do nothing but shout Happy New Year all evening long. This is done so our regular celebrants will have more time to nibble on their pastramis or to blow on their little tin horns if they so wish.

So make your plans to spend the New Year with us. All your friends will.

Addendum: Did you hear about M. M. who was stuck with 100 bottles of milk that he brought in from Connecticut on the morning the milk strike ended? Wattashame. . . . Mollie Husney's Sweet Sixteen party was quite nice. . . In reporting an award given to one of our young girl citizens for a Fire Prevention Essay, we neglected to mention a similar award given by Mayor Impellitteri to Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Mizrahi, who can be justly proud of the achievement. . . . Don't you think that the Cohen family has a fair share of female pulchritude?

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