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As Center Organ

The B'nei Magen David Congregation has been officially merged with the Center and will hereafter be known as the Magen David Community Center Con-

Commencing on Rosh Hashana. all services formally held in the Talmud Torah on Sixty-seventh Street will henceforth be held in the new Center building.

A committee has been formed to guide the new organization's activities until formal elections are held after the holidays, Comprising the group are Abe Hildary, chairman, Abe Shamah, Moe Catton, Isaac Gindi, Saul Kairey, Joseph Safdieh and Isaac Matalon.

Rabbi Klappholz **Elected Principal** Of New Yeshiva

Rabbi Kurt Klappholz of the Shaare Zion Congregation has been appointed principal of the Yeshiva Magen David.

Now installed in the new Center building, the Yeshiva is giving instruction in both English and Hebrew to more than two hundred pupils. It offers a full school program from kindergarten through the seventh grade and has a faculty of twelve teachers.

Classes began on September 10th but pupils in the second to the fifth grade category may still he registered.

The new Yeshiva is consolidation of the Talmud Torahs of Rabbi Klappholz was the principal of the latter institution.

The new principal is a graduate of the Rabbinnical Seminary in Berlin and received a Certificate of Pedagogy. He also studied philosophy, psychology and foreign languages in the University of Berlin. He was Rabbi of the Tifereth Israel Congrega-

B'nei Is Merged Community Heads Organize To Aid In Israel Bond Drive



Members of the Syrian Jewish group of Brooklyn at the Sept. 13 Organizational Meeting. Standing l. to r.: Eli Hedaya, Abe Hedaya and Joseph Ashear, all representing Congregation Shaare Zion; David Bibi and Basil Cohen, both representing Congregation Ahl Ezer. Sitting I. to r.: Sam Sutton, Congregation Shaare Zion; Isaac Shalom, Congregation Magen David, chairman; David Horowitz, Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Finance; Joseph Shapiro, National Bond Chairman, Mizrachi; and Morton Rubenstein.

Boys Club Organize Girls Committee To Add Feminine Touch To Affairs

By PAULETTE BEYDA

announced that they're going to the first mass meeting of the have a committee of girls working in cooperation with them. According to Jack Grazi and Joe Chera, social committee members, the function of the new committee will be to plan informal get togethers on Tuesday Magen David and Shaare Zion, nights. They also feel that the feminine touch will help a great deal with their gala affairs.

Congratulations are in order for two members, Elie Sutton and Sol Ashkenazi for their engagements to Altoon Sultan and Sally Franco respectively, It has been heard from reliable sources that there are quite a few more pending engagements. If the above is true then it's quite evi- success.

The Country Club of Brooklyn | dent why the boys decided at autumn season to increase their membership.

In the athletic vein, the boys have been quite busy Last spring competitive baseball games were played with various teams, the Club 26 for one.

Ping Pong lournaments were held between club members, The boys who walked off with the honors were Dave Haddad, singles and Jack Grazi and Nat Franco for doubles.

These athletic-minded boys continued their ball playing in Bradley Beach every Sunday.

They're planning many events for the coming season and here's hoping they're met with great

Elect I. Shalom As Chairman Of Over-All Group

Leaders of the Syrian Jewish Community of Brooklyn met September 13th in the office of Isaac Shalom to greet David Horowitz, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance of Israel, and to set up a committee that will organize group effort within that community for an all-out campaign on behalf of the \$500,000,000 Israel Bond Drive.

Mr. Shalom accepted over-all chairmanship of the Brooklyn Syrian Jewish Bond Committee. The presence of Mr. Horowitz offered Mr. Shalom and those present an excellent opportunity to learn first-hand what the bond issue meant to Israel and to the American Jews who were asked to subscribe to it.

For Extensive Program

The Israeli Minister explained that the funds raised through the sale of bonds will be used to integrate into the Israel economy the 600,000 immigrants expected to arrive there within the next three years.

This will be accomplished by devoting the bond dollars to an extensive program of industrial, agricultural and irrigational development, Mr. Horowitz stated.

"American Jews," he declared, "are offered an unprecedented opportunity, thereby, to invest in the future security of the new

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Let's Wake Up

Along with the New Year messages of good will and best wishes, it is fitting to make some serious resolutions for the coming year. Especially appropriate at this time would be a resolution on the part of our community to participate actively in elections and not merely to have a curious interest in their out-

Today, the overwhelming majority of us-children of immigrants-are natural-born citizens of full age; many of our elders have seen the advantages of citizenship and have become naturalized.

No Reason Why

There is no sensible reason why we fail to assert ourselves as fully as we are capable of doing. We can and should resolve to register and vote. As a community, we have the duty to ourselves to register in a particular party and to take part in that party's primaries, thus making certain that the candidate is ours and not that of some small inside group because of our default.

It should be stressed that a party's primary election in many districts determines the winner in the general election, especially in a one-party district. Therefore, if we are to have a real say in any election, it must be said at the primary. But only those registered in that party may vote in the primary and that is why it is important to register in that party NOW-in order to vote in next year's primaries.

Let us start the New Year and magnificent undertaking. as alert and intelligent citizens. As the newly appointed spiritual leader of the

Foliday

"Zion shall be redeemed with judgment" (Isaiah I, 27)

It's a traditional Jewish belief that Rosh Hashana is the day of judgment for our body and soul. It is a day of sentence-pronouncing for all creations. It is one of the most decisive days for the coming year, and possibly even for the entire future of one's life.

Therefore every Jew should be ready and prepared, awake and alert in greeting this holy day. Each person ought to pronounce a repentance for his past shortcomings, and utter a resolution for his future good doings.

Each member of our Community becomes a self-judge and ask himself the following:

- 1. Am I going to return to the Almighty heartily?
- 2. Am I going to observe His Torah and Commandments?
- 3. Will I continue to increase my Jewish education and culture?
- 4. Will I observe our holiest day, "The Queen Sabbath?"
- Will I attend my synagogue and recite 5. the daily prayers?
- 6. Will I adhere to the Jewish Dietary, Purification and Sanctification laws at home and elsewhere?
- 7. Am I going to assist and help our Talmud Torah and Yeshiva cause?
- 8. Will I cooperate and participate in the fullcompletion of the Magen David Community Center and be a good member of Magen David Federation?
- 9. Am I fulfilling my ability and duty towards my brethren in Israel, Syria, and elsewhere?
- 10. Will I join and unite in each and every sacred cause of my Community?

After giving the required thought and proper consideration to these main beliefs, our reply must be an affirmative one. Then, we shall be blessed with a Happy New Year crowned with success and prosperity, and at the same time witness the prophecy of Isaiah, "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment," in the very near future. Amen!

DR. JACOB S. KASSIN Chief Rabbi

On the threshold of the Hebrew New Year 5712, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt blessings and best wishes to all the members of our community and to my friends outside the community, that they may be inscribed and sealed in the book of life, for a happy, prosperous and healthful New Year.

May all their fondest hopes and aspirations be realized and may the New Year bring them and their families much good cheer and joy,

In looking back on the last year, I cannot help but express my confidence that the community which has responded so generously with its money, time and effort to achieve a completed Center in 5711 will surely do even more this coming year to assure the success of this noble

Wessages.

Center I shall strive with the help of G-d and with your help, to make our Center not only a beautiful structure physically, but also a great spiritual edifice from wherein there shall be disseminated the word of G-d and the ideals and principles of Torah-true Judaism amongst our constituents and neighbors.

With the turn of the century, our community in general shows itself to be progressing and advancing in almost every field of human endeavor.

Let us resolve therefore to strenghen also the bastions of our faith and to dedicate ourselves anew to the vital task of advancing and elevating the spiritual, moral and ethical standards of our community to even greater heights than ever before anticipated.

May it be the will of Almighty G-d to accept our prayers and to grant us success in all our projects. A very successful and fruitful Center New Year to all.

RABBI ABRAHAM HECHT Magen David Community Center Cong.

The Jewish holidays have their origin in historical events which decisively shaped the character and the outlook of the Jew. Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are exceptions from this general rule, for the basic theme of these festivals is to be found in the personal relationship between man and his creator. Man and his moral position in the universe is the subject of the High Holidays. The month of Elul, which precedes the High Holiday season inaugurates the season of penitence, which lasts from New Year until the closing of the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. During this penitential period, man makes his spiritual and moral inventory and attempts to define and evaluate in his position in the moral and ethical scheme of things.

Judaism believes in the freedom of human choice. While man is limited physically by the powers of the material universe, he is free to exert his personal powers in the moral universe. In other words, man has the alternative of good or evil. Man can build or destroy his own life. Man cannot blame any outside force for having arrived at the wrong decision in the moral sphere of his being. He can only blame himself. He can mend his ways. He can return to G-d, the source of goodness and life. He can do TESHUVAH. He can, in a penitential spirit seek to rehabilitate himself and choose for himself the good life and happiness.

Judaism reckons with human frailties. It gives man the great incentive to rebuild his life out of his own ashes. On Yom Kippur the zenith of the penitential period is reached. G-d forgives man's sins after he has returned to him with a contrite heart, in meekness and humbleness, The way to G-d leads through the way to man's neighbor. If man squares himself with his fellowman, G-d will accept him and forgive him. It is in this spirit that we pray to G-d for A Happy New Year.

> RABBI KURT KLAPPHOLZ Shaare Zion Congregation

Near East Jewish Aid Society Helps To Relieve Food Shortage In Israel

In answer to many urgent cables and appeals from Syrian families and needy rabbis, in Israel, the Near East Jewish Aid Society speeded through several thousand dollars worth of food

and cash certificates, to relieve the critical food shortage now existing there.

"The outstanding impression I ed milk, rice and oil. had," observed Mr. David Sutton, recently returned from a trip to Society is now in the process of Israel," was the remarkable aus- collecting used clothes to ship terity of the people as a whole. to the Magen David Community Considering the hard conditions, in Israel, for the coming winter. young and old alike showed a Any donations of shoes, heavy very high level of morale, even sweaters, woolen suits, etc., will though the most basic foods such be welcome and appreciated. as milk, fruit and vegetables diets."

The food certificates sent, entitle the bearer to such items as hard-to-get canned beef, powder-

The Near East Jewish Aid

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So What's New?

By DAVID I. COHEN

Abe Shalo, illustrious editor of the C.B. espies me one day taking my daily constitutional. Flooring me with a body hold acquired only through long years of intent study of "Three Armed Hilda" on television, he plants one foot firmly on my chest and inquires solicitously, "So how come you don't write for the C.B. no more, huh?" (Said language being cleaned up considerably.)

I hauled out my stock list of bona fide excuses I carry around for just such occasions and renumerated them. (Alphabetically.)

He listened intently, sobbing uncontrollably on hearing my writing arm was attacked by Siberian wolves, while swelling with pride as I told him how busy I was with my latest top secret government project. That is, manufacturing pinball machines for the armed forces.

After due deliberation, he decided on giving me another chance. I was elated. I kissed the hem of his robe in eternal gratitude and trotted off on my newest assignment, to wit-garnering the latest news in the S.Y. community.

Followed days and nights of intensive probing and fact finding . . . followed daily heart-breaking leads . . . followed girls . .

Next issue I will relate of a typical case from my extensive files. Case No. 13121 (who, until he left "Hebrew," was known as "Hymie the Snitcher") and who, on opening up a store in a resort, rocked the linen market to its very foundations by selling Jap sets BELOW WHOLESALE.

High Holiday Messages...

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RELLAH SUFFEH AND THE NEW ORDER

HERICHERICA

We understand that the shortest way to your nuseeb is through the Center . . .

This observation was made after an interview with Bellah Suffeh who found, much to her surprise, mating customs have changed in the Syrian Community.

It all started the day Bellah resolved that she would finally become a typical Syrian girl. For years her mother had told her:

"Bellah, you can't sit home and wait-you must go out and look." When she would protest something about her pride, her mother retorted:

"Pride, Shmide. Have pride after you're married in your husband and children."

One night Bellah announced: "I am going to the Sweet Box!" Stepping over her fainting mother, she donned her best duds and left.

At first she was surprised when she didn't see anybody inside the Sweet Box-but then again she had heard there was never anybody inside, but this time there wasn't even anybody outside. At first she thought it was Saturday night and everybody was hiding, but no, this was Tuesday... Tuesday, this was the night the Center was to open. Good! Now she's going to show her mother she could be like all the other girls.

Soooooo, equipped with a fishing net, a new bottle of "Chanel 5 Boys" French perfume and a lot of courage, Bellah went to the Center.

Her first surprise came when she saw more boys than girls. Not only that, but when she attempted to approach the boys it didn't work. Instead, all around, boys were asking girls to dance. It then dawned on her that maybe with the new Center things had changed, and that she could go back to being her old self.

And so that's the end of the story. We've got to close now. cause we must go home to dress for Bellah Suffeh's engagement party, which incidentally is at the Center. Tfudullu!

Community Heads Voting Registration Aid Bond Drive: Shalom Chairman

(Continued from Page 1) state and offer it every chance of winning its proper place among self-sufficient, democratic nations.'

At the meeting, the following were designated chairmen of their clubs and congregations: Mr. Shalom, Congregation Magen David; Sam Sutton, Congregation Shaare Zion; David Bibi, Congregation Ahi Ezer: Basil Cohen, co-chairman Congregation Ahi Ezer; Joe Haber, Club 100; Abe Cohen, Club 26; Sam Catton, B'nai Megen David.

Also present were: Eli Hedaya, Abe Hedaya, Joseph Ashear, Joseph Shapiro and M. Morton Rubenstein.

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Adeana Girls MILESTONES Plan Program To Aid Center

The present goal of the Adeana Girls is a wide membership drive, according to Amy Beyda, president of the group. She has advised us that her organization intends to be an active participant in the Center's plans for the community.

The girls of this club are offering their services to the Center and to increase the membership, at this particular time, would easily assist the leaders of the Center in providing the youth of the community with activities and facilities for which they have waited so long.

Center For Youth

Mr. Ahe Sultan addressed the girls at their opening meeting, stressing the point that the Center belongs to the youth, and in working with the leaders they will he able to have in the Center those interests most desired.

Anyone interested in joining the Adeana Girls can attend their next meeting, Tuesday night, at the J. C. H. (Temporary quarters until the Center is ready.)

Club 100 Plans To Improve Building

The Club 100 has allocated \$20 .-000 for the improvement and expansion of its facilities, it was announced by Joe Haber, the Club's president.

According to Mr. Haber, the building will be completely airconditioned. In addition, the main floor will get new carpeting and a new set of drapes.

The social hall is being enlarged and it is expected to accommodate sixty more people.

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THIS AND THAT

Much Ado About Nothing . . .

Now that autumn is here, we wonder . . . Why are so many girls enrolling in night college . . . could it be that they find the males want some brains with their beauties? . . . (We like to think that our questionnaire of a few months ago, where most of the boys said they preferred "college girls" had something to do with it.) W.S. says: "If the pretty girls that AREN'T at the Sweet Box are in B.C., we boys might as well enroll!"

Summing it all up, highlights of the Bradley Season we remember are: Leon Sultan finding his "Naseeb" in Bradley Camille Silvera of Syria, and making it all official with their wedding at the La Reine . . . Tunie Sultan and Elie Sutton announcing their engagement and following up with a swell party at the "Center" . . . The surprise and only party of the season was made for Adele Chalom by Jeanie Shalom, Gracie Sitt and Cynthia Jemal . . . The Rudolf Valentino Shiek picture that played second fiddle to the little harem skit that was put on by 5-yr. old Francine Sutton and 7-yr. old Bobby Hedaya, assisted by Nudie (Ezra) Cohen . . . They brought the house down with the sultry oriental dance and adorable costunes . . . What a stunning couple Al Ades and Sylvia Sutton made at their wedding . . . The hayride held on that cold Saturday night where chef "Hy" Chalom roasted kibbeh, weenies, hot corn and trimmings for fifteen hungry couples . . . The rainy Labor day weekend when the new Center in Bradley was opened for square dancing, ping-pong and just plain fun-raising . . . (In fact, after that successful day, people were heard to remark-"Wish it'd rained more often . . .

And Bradley wasn't the only place where things were cooking . Saul Ash and Sally Franco found each other and announced their engagement in North Carolina . . . Ditto to Gladys Kassab and Albert Kassin on 67th Street . . . Leon Chalom back from Haiti after a 2-yr. stay, making up for lost time in a big way . . . If you ask us, he is the answer to a maiden's prayer . . . Biggest puzzle of the summer . . . Where were all the boys? . . . Ratio was about five to one in Bradley . . . But cheer up gals, as a famous poet once said, "There are better days ahead . . .

A little birdie told us a very juicy tidbit about one of the more reserved boys in our community . . . It seems he has an S.P. (Secret Passion) in California and therefore doesn't give the local girls a tumble! (At least now we know why.) . . . Some of the visiting out-of-towners left a few Brooklynites broken-hearted, after going back to all points North, South, East and West . . We know of a certain party in particiular that was "awful blue" . . . eh L.F.?? Mal Mamyie certainly hit the jackpot when he won Eleanor . . . She is all the good things rolled into one . Incidentally the Djmal-Mamiye wedding reception opened the Center in a big way. Even though it isn't completely finished, it looked really lovely with the smart ultra-modern chandeliers from Finland. Amidst the gala reception, several questions arose . . . What couple initials of A.A. and S.M. were noticed looking veddy un-officially engaged? Tall and good-looking Jerry Dweck surrounded by girls all night . . . What's buzzing with the Charleston-Hopping M.R. and his lovely Evelyn . . . We hope it's more than just a summer romance . . . They are two of our favorite people R.A.'s display of pulchritude at a recent party was the cause of "mixed emotions" for J.N. The way we heard it, he proposed on the spot . . .

Bert Dweck says that if he catches anyone in the vicinity of 71st Street and Bay Parkway (S.B.) they will be "ostracized" . . . We should make the most of the Center now that we finally have it, he says.

Our New Year's Resolution . . . To start writing our column at a decent interval before we go to press, instead of just making the deadline! . . . To which the editor says AMEN!

HAPPY NEW YEAR PEOPLE