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Married Women Schedule Classes On Lively Issues

By RACHEL P. FRANCO

Several young married women are starting a group to discuss "Contemporary Issues of Our Time" so that the young married women will have an opportunity to study and discuss significant issues of modern life. The discussions will take place in a series of six sessions, meeting consecutive Tuesday afternoons, starting next Tuesday.

The committee, headed by Ray Zonana and Evelyn Rahmey, will meet this week with the instructor to outline the series in greater detail. The subjects to be dealt with will be selected by the group itself.

The subjects highlighted will probably include literary trends, the theatre, child and parent psychology, classic literature, political trends, scientific subjects, is-

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Mayoralty Candidates Debated At Center Forum October 29th

Representatives Of 5 Contestants To Speak On Campaign Issues

By SAM COHEN

Representatives of the five candidates for mayor of the City of New York will debate the qualifications of their men at a forum to be held at the Center on Thursday evening, October 29th, in the main social hall at 8:30 sharp.

Speakers for Harold Riegelman, Republican; Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Democrat; Rudolph Halley, Liberal; Clifford T. McAvoy, American Labor; and Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, Experience Party, have been assigned by their parties to debate the issues in the campaign.

After the preliminary speeches, the program will take the form of a forum with the audience participating by asking questions directed at one or more of the speakers.

Sponsored By Program Group

The forum is being sponsored by the Program Committee of the Young Adult Council and arrangements for the speakers were made by Abe Shalo, chairman of the committee's Open Discussion Group.

It is to be noted that the program is not a campaign rally where the views of one party are heard, but is a rare opportunity of witnessing the discussion of the issues, coupled with the opportunity of asking pertinent questions of the speakers involved.

All members of the community are urged to attend. A large turnout would speak well of our interest in current affairs and increase the prestige of our Center.

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Plan Luncheon And Card Party For Center Women October 20th

By SOPHIE DWECK

The Tuesday Afternoon Social Group Committee will hold its first Fall Reopening Luncheon and Card Party on Tuesday, October 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Magen David Community Center. The price of admission is two dollars and tickets can be purchased from any committee member or at the Center.

The price will include a meal composed of Spanish rice, chicken a la king, Syrian coffee or

tea, and cookies, as well as the card party, which will immediately follow the luncheon.

The proceeds from the affair will go to the Center and if it is successful, card parties will be held for the women every Tuesday thereafter. The admission to these parties will be only fifty cents.

Committee Composition

The committee which is sponsoring the affair is composed of (all Mrs.) Mildred Hanan, Fortune Grazi, Rose Cabasso, Sara Morris Benun, Alice Shamah, Pauline Mehana and Becky Shamah.

Mrs. Cabasso, who is secretary of the committee said that everybody should cooperate and go to the affair because not only will they enjoy themselves, but because the proceeds will go to the Center as well. She expects a crowd of about two hundred to attend.

Anyone who wishes to join the committee is welcome, she emphasized. They can contact any member of the Committee or Mr. Boxerman at BE 6-6587.

Center's Program Director Plans Greater Participation

By CONNIE SEROUYA

The status of the Magen David Community Center is not clearly defined yet; to some it is a hangout to replace street corners, to others merely a Yeshivah, but very few in the community have taken to the traditional idea of a community center, with a well defined program, with appeal to all age groups.

This was one of the main problems faced by Eddie Grupper, the new Program Director of the Center. He found an alert, alive group of people, adequate facilities, but very little conjunction between the two.

Eddie Grupper was born in the Bronx—but he has seen the light and is now looking for an apartment in Brooklyn for himself and his wife, (aside—if anybody hears of such a thing please call the Center).

He was educated in CCNY uptown (majored in Sociology and Psychology) and the New York School of Social Work of Columbia, and is a staunch advocate of

the group work method both in teaching and in recreational work.

His predecessors all had an excellent program skill, but that is not sufficient in the peculiar problems posed by a newly organized Center of the Magen David type. Programs must be developed around people, the older and younger elements must necessarily be separated because of different interests and capacities and a "real friendly and helpful relationship must be developed in all groups."

For this reason, although a

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Almanac

Date	Candle Lighting Time
Oct. 23rd	4:39
30th	4:30
Nov. 6th	4:22
13th	4:15
20th	4:10
27th	4:06

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Norman Jemal
Abe Hidary
Abe Shalo

I am glad of the opportunity to congratulate you for the fine and able manner you presented our financial problems to the community on Kol-Nidre evening, and Yom Kippur Day. Your travel of miles and miles to cover our multiple places of worship, and your forceful presentation over and over again, all on an empty stomach, denotes your sincere devotion to our noble cause.

Appreciative

We are all appreciative of the generous response given your appeal. We have always felt that when you tell your problems to the people you will get support. It is very true that ours is the only Center that stands on its own, independent of any outside agency, yet we have been able, for two years in succession to balance our budget. Our serious financial trouble is the result of several needed capital improvements that cost us enormous sums, which we are not able to meet out of our current income.

Our present drive is so urgent, that every dollar raised has to be promptly collected. Our plans for Center activities are very extensive and can be fully developed with full support and co-operation of our people.

ISSAC MATALON,
President
Magen David
Community Center

Center Miscellanea**Bradley Affair**

We forgot to mention in the last issue the grand affair that was held in Bradley Beach on Labor Day. The affair consisted of a dance which was highlighted by the raffling off of a car, as well as other prizes. The car was won by Joe Franco, Charlie Dweck and Alan Azar. The people who aided the affair were Hy Haddad, Sam Dweck (of Washington), Norman Jemal, Alie Dayan, Ralph Shamah and Isaac Matalon, who sold raffles for the car; and Walter Serure, Esther Mamiye, Gloria Cohen, Estelle Heiney, Esther Kassin, Lou Jerome, Irving Greenstein, Lorraine Betesh, Joyce Ades, Norman Greenberg and lots of others without whose help the affair would not have been possible. It was a whopping success.

Hats Off Dept.

Congratulations also go to Molly Diamond and Ray Ashear for collecting high holiday pledges. In one morning and afternoon, they collected \$1,300. Keep up the fine work, ladies.

Library

The Center is in the process of organizing a Library Committee to furnish the library room with books and make the library an active part of the Center. The committee is now being formed and is seeking advice from whatever sources possible, including the public libraries, etc.

The committee, headed by Joe Saff, will purchase literature for the library and will decide on policy. They are also accepting books. Contributions have already been made by Moe Rahmey, Leo Shamah, Annette Altaras, Harriet Cohen and others. Anyone wishing to donate books or join the committee should see Joe Saff or call the Center.

Newly Married Couples

A group of newly married couples is planning to organize in the Center. They are setting up a program of social activities for husbands and wives jointly for a number of evenings during the week, programs for wives during the afternoons, theatre parties, athletic activities, outings and other activities of interest to newly married couples. All interested should contact Marilyn Chera or Tunes Sutton or call the Center.

Adult Social Group

The Adult Social Committee has been making the Center Social Hall upstairs available for all every Saturday evening. The turnout for these socials indicated the encouraging extent to which the Center has been used by the Adult group. Credit goes to Moe Catton, chairman, and David Didia and other members of their hard-working Adult Social Committee for the success this activity has enjoyed.

The group's affair last October third was an entertaining and enjoyable one. Those attending were very much impressed with the Oriental violinist, Professor Sami El Shawa, and his troupe. The tasty food, so graciously prepared and served by the ladies was a treat enjoyed by all.

CENTER SPORTS**Award Night**

Biggest news of the year. The Athletic Council of the Magen David Community Center very proudly announces that it will hold its first Annual Award Night on or about October 27th.

The function of this night is to honor the individuals and teams of all those who participated in Center sponsored Athletic tournaments. Team trophies will be presented to all winning teams and these shall reside in the trophy case in the Center. Small individual awards will be given to each member of a participating team.

Plans are being made to attract some well known sports persons to present the awards.

All team captains are asked to call the Athletic office to make certain that their rosters are complete and that no names are misspelled on the programs.

Basketball

The basketball committee is happy once more to present registration for the four team league basketball tournament.

In addition, the committee is planning an eight team, three man basketball league. The committee feels that this will encourage more participation among the average athletes.

Bowling gets under way on the twentieth for men and women. Both registrations are open for four team leagues.

Rod And Reel Club

For Young Adult and married men who have a yen for fishing, deep sea or otherwise, here's an opportunity to develop a hobby and an activity that will pay off—that is, if you like to eat fish—after you catch them (if you can). Moe Rahmey is organizing this group to go out on fishing trips, to learn how to fish, to get the best know-how in fishing, and to have a good time. Plans for films, demonstrations, and fishing trips are being made by the committee.

Anyone who is interested, and who would like to know what it is all about, is cordially invited to attend the meetings. Contact Moe Rahmey or Marty Wolfson at the Center for time and place.

Health Club

The married women are using the Health Club on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 p.m. on. Call Mrs. Adele Gemal or Mrs. Lee Sitt and become part of an exercise group.

The Young Adult girls are using the Health Club on Wednesday evenings and all are welcome to join all program classes.

On Wednesday evenings, when the community is using the gymnasiums, the boys and girls are sponsoring co-ed volleyball. Contact Nudi Cohen and/or Jeanette Tawil.

Club groups joining the Center, use the gymnasium, health club and bowling alleys — at twenty cents a game. Join a club and use your athletic facilities.

Bible Classes Set For Sat. Night; Girl Classes Open

Four classes in the Bible and related subjects have been scheduled to take place on Saturday evening after the evening services, it was announced by Rabbi Abraham Hecht, spiritual leader of the Center.

The subjects of the classes will be divided into three general categories: the Bible, the Mishnah and Ethics of the Fathers.

Girls Classes

In addition, Rabbi Hecht announces that registration for special classes for girls is now open.

These classes are for girls between the ages of seven and twelve and are conducted at the Talmud Horah on 67th Street by female teachers.

They are given three times a week according to the following schedule: Sundays, 10:00 A.M. to 12 noon; Tuesdays, 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.; and Thursdays, 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. For further information, call Rabbi Hecht at BE 2-6111.

Center's Program Director Plans Greater Participation

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workshop theory presupposes competent, trained leadership, he would prefer to have warm, friendly people rather than cold, educated ones.

Of course, the membership must make known to the staff exactly what it wants from the Center, but Eddie feels it is also the responsibility of the staff to enlarge interests and develop new interests and ideas of programming.

Inflexibility in Thinking

Eddie finds an inflexibility in the thinking of the community that "won't do that cause it will never work," or "we tried that once and it was a terrible flop so why try again." The trouble is that most of the community, though endowed with native intelligence, never developed their education—the necessity of going to business and devoting most of ones life to it, excluded interests in books and hobbies.

Not that he feels the appeal of

Employment Opportunities

There are presently a number of positions open in the following job opportunities:

Five-day-a-week retail salesmen, shipping clerks, bookkeepers, and stenographers.

In addition, there are many requests for salesgirls and cashiers.

Anyone interested in obtaining employment may contact Rabbi Hecht at the Center or Talmud Torah.

To all employers: If you are in need of any assistance in locating help for your business kindly refer your requests to Rabbi Hecht.

Wed Women Debate Contemporary Issues

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sues relating to Jewish life. Admission to the complete series will be five dollars for members and ten dollars for non-members. Persons interested should see committee members or call the Center.

the Center should be only cultural, in fact, that is one of the misconceptions that has arisen. The programming seems to have reached only small culture groups so far—the art and music classes. The rank and file of the Center must make their interests known, whether they be fishing or anything else.

Experience in "Y's"

Before Magen David, Eddie worked in the East Bronx Community YM and YWCA, in a school for emotionally disturbed children in Connecticut, and in the East New York "Y."

His specific plans for the Center include: reaching more than just the small cultured group we spoke of before; having more teen-age groups as part of the Center, rather than in the unsupervised cellar clubs that now exist; more parent participation in the Center, both as to taking an interest in the leaders of their children, and by direct interests in programs of their own.

Young Adult News

Program Committee

The Program Committee of the Young Adult Council has set plans for several special interest activities which were successful last year. Under the Chairmanship of Morris Cohen, the Committee met early this month and confirmed the following: an Art Class, Dramatics Group, Music Appreciation Class, and a Discussion Group. On the Program Committee are: Connie Abadi, Harriet Cohen, Ruth Gindi, Abe Shalo and Leon Sutton.

Dramatics Group

There has been a strong interest in dramatics this year. A Dramatics Committee has been formed to initiate and continue a dramatics program at the Center. On this Committee are: Pearl Brana, Charman, Margie Hanono, Morris Ashear, Anita Setton, and Lou Shabott. The opening date of the Dramatics Group will be Tuesday, October 20. Former members will be glad to know that David L. Metz will again be the Dramatics Group leader. A series of Dramatic Workshops will be conducted for training in dramatics. Register now with Ed Grupper.

Art Class

An excellent start has been made by the Art Committee in sponsoring a class in Painting and Drawing. The first session is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd, 9 P.M. in the Dining Room. A professional instructor will conduct the class provided a sufficient registration develops. The instruction will be both group and individual and will cover a variety of painting and drawing media. The Committee includes: Seyah Ashear, Vera Ades, Hy Esses, Mildred Esses, Virginia Sultan, and Connie Abadi, the Chairman. Register now with Ed Grupper.

Music Appreciation Group

Steps are being taken to conduct another music appreciation program in view of the success of last season's group. A Committee consisting of Leon Sutton, Chairman, and David Attie, is working on this project. It is expected that the first class will be held the last week in October on an evening yet to be announced. Efforts are being made to secure a professional music person to lead the program. The Committee looks forward to presenting a variety of musical programs using recordings, discussions, lectures, films, etc. Register your interest now with Ed Grupper in the Center office.

Amendment Of Young Adult Constitution

The Constitution of the Young Adult Division was amended by petition on Sunday, October 4th. The requisite number of Young Adults, numbering 110 and representing 25 percent of the total in the Division, signed the petition which amended the Constitution in two respects: it eliminated the Social Activities and Fund Raising Committees, which had experienced some conflict and overlapping, and established a new Social Committee which took over the functions of the former committees.

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Teenagers

By ANNETTE SULTAN

Fall came, school opened, people came back from their vacations and the opening season at the Center was launched. Several meetings of the Teen-Age Council were already held, and committees were organized to set up activities for the coming season.

The Social Committee, with Joyce C. Mizrahi as chairman, is in the act of planning a gala opening dance to start off. Further news of this will soon be announced. Other members of the committee are Jack Anteby, Steve Franco, Carol Hanan, Annette Sultan and Dave Tawil.

The Lounge Committee is planning a revision of the downstairs lounge for Teen-Age activities.

Teen-Age Lounge

The Teen-Age Lounge will open Wednesday, October 21st, at 8:30 P.M. in the Social Hall on the second floor of the Center. Ping Pong, table games, dancing and social activities will be featured. All teen-agers are invited to make this their regular Wednesday evening hangout and social room.

MILESTONES

MARRIED

Mary Safdie.....Mac Swed

ENGAGED

Paulette Beyda.....Morris Grazi
Linda Esses.....Moe Maleh
Adele Kishk.....Leo Sutton
Sarah Salem.....Robert Wax
Ruth Sutton.....Marc Gindi
Rene Ades.....Stephen Levy
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Florence Assin.....David Shamah
Judy Ostrove.....Morris Cohen
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Mr. & Mrs. Mac Haddad.....Boy
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Dr. & Mrs. Ramundo Tawil.....Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Habbaz.....Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Safdeye.....Boy

Pinboys Wanted

All boys over 16 interested contact the Center's Athletic Director at BENSONHURST 6-6567.

THIS AND THAT

By EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE and MOE

Happy Time Department: Our hint in the last issue of the COMMUNITY BULLETIN that the Milestones column was going to be a bit longer in this issue became quite true; as you will note, the column has been increased extensively by the numerous engagements, and stuff. We note that several members of the Dramatic group are included which might make for a bigger turnout for the next production.

Some Summer Left-Overs: We just couldn't resist telling about a conversation that took place several weeks ago. It seems a well-known sponger was the topic and one girl was asking why her friend didn't invite him out to Bradley Beach. The other girl simply said—"Because he'll come."

A Couple of Gladiators: We were told about a terrific battle some night last month in which one protector of women's reputations' was attacked by one given to some caustic remarks about the fair sex. . . . It was quite a battle royal, with some completely shocked bystanders. . . . Tsk . . . Tsk.

The Credit Department: Hats off to a couple of our students who have gone to graduate schools . . . Eddie Labaton who is in his second year studying law at Yale Law School . . . Al Arakengy who received a physics fellowship to study at Cornell . . . Isaac (Zeke) Cotton who has received a scholarship to study the Hebrew Language and Hebrew Civilization at Brandeis University . . . and we don't want to forget about a young lady of whom the community and her parents can be proud. Marilyn Chabbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chabbott was the recipient of a medal from Mavof-Froelitteri for a prize-winning composition on fire prevention. The ceremony was held before the Municipal Building, Brooklyn, on Friday, October 9th . . . and last but by no means least, our gratitude goes to our printers, bless their soul, without whose patience and forbearance this paper would not be possible.

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Announcement

With this issue of the COMMUNITY BULLETIN, we are pleased to announce that the Center has undertaken the costs of its publication. To the Center's directors is due much credit for keeping the paper going and distributing it to the community here free of charge. All those in the community who have paid for a year's subscription, will receive a refund.

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