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BY MEMBERSHIP

Center Provides Holiday Services For The Women

By SOPHIE DWECK

A special program has been initiated in order to ensure our women an opportunity for spiritual expression. Women can now enjoy the High Holy Day services by direct participation in a program of their own.

Rabbi Abraham Hecht has selected several portions of the prayer to be translated into English. These selections will be printed and distributed to the women. By following those readings and Rabbi Hecht's added commentary the prayer will be understood by all.

Another feature in the program is the special sermon for the women. This will be delivered by the Rabbi during the sale of the Aleoth. The talk will begin at 10 a.m. sharp in the Hall on the Center's second floor. All women are urged to purchase seats promptly.

It is hoped that this new program will enable the women to capture the spirit and tradition of the High Holy Days.

Jobs Notice

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

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

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.**

Center Resumes Role After Summer Respite

By SAM D. COHEN

After a summer lull, the Center will begin its third season on Sunday, September 13th, with the opening of the Snack Bar, the bowling alleys and the health club. It will begin functioning with the first meeting of the Young Adult Council on Monday, September 14th.

The program for the coming year will include social and card parties for the adults, informal socials and Sunday night dances for the young adults and hobby and special interest groups for the teen-agers. Also included will be a revival of the discussion group,

the music appreciation group, the dramatic group, the art group, classes in public speaking and as a new innovation, classes in social dancing.

Irving Grubber, the incoming program director who specializes in teen-age groups will direct the hobby and special interest groups for the teen-agers. They will meet from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on weekday afternoons. This, too, is a new project and is designed to further serve the community.

Health Club Opens

The health club, which opened in the Spring will again open its facilities to the members of the Center. It offers dry and wet steam rooms, ultra-violet and infra-red treatment, massage by professional masseurs, and calisthenics class.

The club will be open to men on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and to women on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The sports program will continue functioning as usual and there will be some additions to the schedule. Tennis outings are planned for Sunday mornings and a golf clinic is planned for mid-winter. Other additions will be weight lifting, wrestling, boxing.

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Center Capital Budget In Red; Operations Are Self-Supporting

Despite rumors to the contrary, the Center's operating budget is balanced. While the Center does have a debt of \$26,000, this debt is due to capital expenditures for such things as paving of basketball courts, a new fence in front, according to Mr. Isaac Matalon, president of the Center.

The Center's operating costs approximate \$52,000, forty percent of which is now being paid by the membership dues. The rest is made up by receipts from the bazaar, raffles, affairs, rental of the hall, etc., which combine to pay the remainder of the Center's operating costs.

The Center opened two years

ago with a debt of approximately \$25,000. Since then it has installed about \$30,000 in capital improvements, which means that out of a total of \$55,000 contracted for, the Center has paid about \$29,000.

Yeshiva Has Deficit

Mr. Matalon stated that the Yeshiva also is in debt. It has an operating cost of \$85,000 per year and after two years has accumulated a debt of about \$25,000.

The president estimated that the Yeshiva obtains its revenue from the tuition fees (40%) and the Magen David Federation which gives fifty percent of its revenue to the Institution. It had an operating deficit of approximately \$15,000 in the 1952-53 season.

The Yeshiva is running a drive for funds during the holiday season, but unless this drive is an overwhelming success the institution will probably be in the red again this year. Despite the loss, Mr. Matalon feels "that the

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Renowned Oriental Violinist Engaged For Oct. 3rd Affair

By CONNIE SEROUYA

Prof. Sami El Shawa, known as the "World's Greatest Oriental Violinist" will be the featured entertainer at a Center-sponsored Oriental Concert to be held at 9 p.m. Saturday evening, October 3rd at the Center.

Appearing with Prof. El Shawa will be a vocalist, Prof. M. El Bakkar, and a three piece orchestra. This combination has already entertained our community at an affair in Bradley Beach, on August 1st of this year. It proved to be a "tremendous success," according to Mr. Moe Cotton, chairman of the Adult Social Committee of the Center.

Internationally Known

The seventy-year-old Prof. Shawa, well-known in international music circles, and who was recently featured by Meyer

Berger in his column in The New York Times, has long been an entertainer of royalty, a composer of many popular Arabic songs and has appeared in many Arabic films.

Seats for the Center affair are all reserved and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Various types of Syrian food will be included in the price of admission and drinks will be

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Almanac

For a complete almanac of the coming holidays, turn to page three.

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Looking Back

The New Year is here once more, resplendent with all the resolutions and dedications inherent in it.

One would suppose that the Center would be in line for some resolutions, but looking closely at the work the Center has done for the past year, we can truthfully say that it has fulfilled in large measure its objective, that is, to provide a gathering place for our youth.

Making Things Congenial

The foregoing is said having in mind that as a Center it wasn't completely dedicated to the education of the community's youth; its prime object was to make things congenial for everyone. Many might say that it "failed" in not having this or having that. Actually, much of what the Center lacks bears no reflection on its directors, its staff and volunteers.

This refers to the lack of facilities which result from lack of funds. In this respect, if there are any shortcomings, they would be attributed to the community as a whole for its failure to support the Center where it needs it most.

Tirelessly Devoted

As to defects in programming, all those concerned have devoted themselves tirelessly to the task of instituting such activities which would be of interest. Here again the community's failure to indicate the special interest or failure to participate in established activities is the cause for disappointment.

So it can be seen that perhaps, at this time of resolutions and dedications, the community has reason to ponder rather than the institution which has done its best. To all, a Happy New Year.

... High Holiday Messages ...

Ereb Rosh Hashana, 5714

Sept. 9, 1953

"This day the world was brought to be."

Israel's existence throughout the generations, back from our Father Abraham till present times, is due to their strong hope and enthusiasm. Even in darkest historical periods as well as in golden eras, Israel was always courageous and greatly ambitious. In physical and spiritual retreats, optimism and inspiration were more vivid and realistic.

The compositions of Jewish life, holiness and sacredness, are the factors that create and penetrate these noble traits in every Jewish soul.

Our Medrashic and Ethical books explain the verse, "Today if you will hearken to his voice" (Psalms XCV): Every day should be considered as the first day, the main and only day. With this in mind, one will always concentrate and evaluate his deeds for a satisfactory maximum return.

My message to every member of our Community: that his hopes and resolutions on Rosh Hashana should be sacred and holy for repentance, to create sincerity and honesty towards one another, observe the Sabbath, Dietary laws, charity, and Jewish education for the children, which will bring a year of success, happiness, prosperity, and may you all be inscribed and sealed in the book of life of righteous men; to witness the coming of the Messiah in the near future Amen!

DR. JACOB S. KASSIN
Chief Rabbi

(Literal Translation from Hebrew)

Happy New Year

In the occasion of the New Year 5714 a day of remembrance and for the holiday Succoth that follows I send my blessing and felicitations to all of you and pray that you will be inscribed in the book of life, you and all dearest to you. I hope that all of us, together, will be fortunate to have a long life and happiness, fathers and children together.

RABBI MURAD MASLATON
Ahi Ezer Congregation

While the other Jewish holidays have as their theme a historical event in the life of our people, the High Holidays are mainly concerned with the self-improvement of man. The sound of the Shofar arouses man from his spiritual and moral lethargy and appeals to him to return to G-d in a spirit of humbleness and repentance.

It has been said many times, that universal peace can only be established, if man will achieve peace within himself. In the liturgy of the High Holidays, G-d is proclaimed as the King of the Universe and the ruler of the lives of men and nations. We pray to Him to hasten the day, when all the people will recognize Him, when they will form a united brotherhood, and when the dominion of arrogance and evil shall disappear from the earth.

In an era of uncertainty and confusion, when the Damocles sword of war hangs over the heads of men all over the world, the message of the

High Holidays renews within us the fervent hope for peace and security for all mankind.

It is in this spirit, that I extend my heartiest wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to our entire community. May the New Year bring the fulfillment of all our wishes and prayers.

RABBI KURT KLAPPHOLZ
Shaare Zion Congregation

5713 is drawing to a close, and as we usher in 5714, we all wish one another a year of peace and happiness. On Rosh Hashonoh particularly, fervent prayers that G-d may grant us our wishes and petitions, will be on our lips. But merely to wish and to pray is not sufficient, we must also work for the realization of our wishes. The New Year should not be a climax, but a beginning. The Jewish New Year implies a revival, an awakening. With each completion of the cycle of the twelve months we feel not only a little older, but we should feel a little better, and so a little happier. We must use Rosh Hashonoh as a springboard from which to immerse ourselves in ever increasing religious activities. Our worth before G-d is determined by our work. This is the true measure of the value of a New Year.

Let us therefore, dedicate ourselves to make the coming year happier for one another, to work together in harmony and friendship to make our life richer because of our efforts. Let us pray for divine guidance to keep our moral energy high, our faith strong, and our vision clear. Let us come to the synagogue in these awe inspiring days with moral earnestness, and with a quiet but sincere determination to make the most of this lofty opportunity. By doing so, we may not be able to refashion the world, but perhaps we shall be able to make ourselves better.

May G-d grant us all a New Year replete with blessings, health and happiness.

RABBI ABRAHAM HECHT
Magen David Community Center Cong.

Let's Go Sport

By ADELE ESSES

Come one, come all.

That is, if you like to play ball.
Running around the park or gym.

Will help to keep you all in trim,
Although you don't think you'll like it,
Come on down, and play a bit.

Why sit at home and say,

"Oh, why should I go? It doesn't pay."

You don't have to be a pro, you know,

It's only a game, and not a show,

We'll teach you how to be a forward, or guard,

Anyone can do it, it isn't hard.

At the games you'll even find gals,

And they, you know, can be real swell pals.

So all of you, even though passed your teens,

Get into your sneakers, and into your jeans,

And come on down, and get on a Team!

CENTER SPORTS

Health Club

Look for this year's opening of the Health Club in late September or early October. The same wonderful facilities will be on hand to serve all the members of the Community Center. The Health Club Committee, however, cautions all Center members to get their medical forms in to the Center office. Without a medical report on file no person will be allowed to use the facilities.

Prevent illness, stay in good condition, learn to relax — use the Health equipment under the guidance of your professional staff.

Bowling Alleys

This year the alleys will have a face lifting and the new look will be open to Center members late this month. With these additional improvements the Athletic Council has asked that all members using the alleys be especially cognizant of all the rules and regulations governing play.

Athletics—'53-'54

Once again with the fading of baseball from the athletic scene comes the smell of the pigskin in the late evening air, and with the gridiron active we initiate another season of Center intramurals. These of course will include the usual leagues in football and basketball but with some new things added. The great interest in tennis has stirred the Council to think in terms of fall tennis and handball. A few fishing and golf enthusiasts have been instigating for clinics in both these wonderful outdoor activities.

Speaking about basketball, there seems to be quite a controversy brewing in our community concerning breaking the new leagues up into ability groups and enlarging the gymnasium time to two times per week. However, these things are still on the "Red Hot" list and are still to be decided.

Watch your Center's communications and contact your athletic council and Director for all information concerning athletics at the Center.

Center Achieves Balanced Budget With Operations

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Yeshiva is doing a very good job."

He also feels that the Center "can use a lot of improvement so that the community can get the full benefit of this great institution." But the Board of Directors does not plan any more capital investment for this year although the Center can use a gymnasium and better Yeshiva facilities.

"The Center is temporarily at a loss as to ways and means of wiping out its present deficiency," Mr. Matalon said.

Oriental Musicians At Dinner-Affair

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sold at the bar. Admission is \$7.50 or \$5.00 per person depending upon the seat location.

Tickets will be put on sale this week and can be bought from Chairman Moe Cotton (BE 6-5735), James Didia (BE 6-1057) or Abe Serure (BE 6-4500) or at the Center office. There will be only 200 seats available.

All food will be prepared by the ladies of the committee. Proceeds will go to the Center.

Activities Resume

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ing, and gymnastics. The program will also include the regular tournaments in touch-football, basketball, softball, etc.

The Center looks to its membership to suggest ideas for its program and thus the program is dependent upon the members' initiative. Any new plan can be discussed with Mr. Boxerman.

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.

CARE Packages For Infants May Now Be Sent To Israel

(Special to the COMMUNITY BULLETIN)

At the request of the Israeli government, CARE has prepared a special layette package for relief distribution to families with newborn infants in Israel's camps for immigrants.

The \$15 parcel contains clothing, bedding, soap and other items to safeguard the health of babies who otherwise will lack the barest necessities, according to Paul Comly French, Executive Director of CARE. An estimated 25,000 of the parcels will be urgently needed this year.

Delivery of the layettes will be made to destitute immigrant families designated by the Israeli Ministry of Health, Mr. French explained. Orders may be sent to CARE, 20 Broad St., New York 5, N.Y., or any local office of CARE or HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), a CARE member agency with New York headquarters at 425 Lafayette Street.

Donors will receive the customary CARE overseas receipt signed by the recipient. Since

the purpose of the parcel is to help those who have no other direct means of aid, no orders can be accepted for specific addressees.

Israel Relayed Need

Need for the supplies, Mr. French related, was first relayed by the Israeli government to the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO), which in turn routed the request to the WHO-sponsored CARE World Health Program.

"For thousands of the babies born in these transit camps, there are literally none of the most elemental supplies. There is no soap for them, no diapers, no blankets, no clothing—only tattered rags pieced together in haphazard fashion, a coat spread on the bare earth for a crib. Their health is endangered constantly."

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Pinboys Wanted

All boys over 16 interested contact the Center's Athletic Director at BEnsonhurst 6-6587.

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High Holiday Services

Rosh Hashanah 5714:

Wednesday, Sept. 9—Minha Services 7:00 P.M.
 Thursday, Sept. 10—Services at 8:00 A.M.
 Friday, Sept. 11—Services at 8:00 A.M.
 Minha Services, Both Days 6:30 P.M.
 Friday, Sept. 11—Light Candles 6:50 P.M.
 Saturday, Sept. 12—Services at 8:30 A.M.
 Special Shabbath Shuvah Discourse at 5:30 P.M.

Yom Kipur Day of Atonement:

Friday, Sept. 18—Kol Nidre Services at .. 6:30 P.M.
 Light Candles at 6:40 P.M.
 Saturday, Sept. 19—Services at 8:00 A.M.

Succoth, Feast of Tabernacles—Sept. 24 & 25

Wednesday Evening—Services at 6:45 P.M.
 Thursday, Sept. 24—Services at 8:30 A.M.
 Thursday, Minha Services 6:30 P.M.
 Friday, Sept. 25—Services at 8:30 A.M.
 Friday, Light Candles 6:30 P.M.

Hoshanah Rabbah—Last of Intermediary Days:

Wednesday, Sept. 30—Morning Services 5:30 A.M. & 8:00 A.M.
 Wednesday, Sept. 30—Minha Services 5:30 P.M.

Shemini Azereth—Last Two Days of Succoth Holiday

Thursday, Oct. 1—Morning Services 8:30 A.M.
 Simhath Torah—Minha Services 5:15 P.M.
 Friday, Oct. 2—Morning Services 8:30 A.M.
 Light Candles 5:20—Minha Services 5:15 P.M.
 Saturday Morning Services, Oct. 3 8:30 A.M.
 Saturday Night Weekly Bible Classes Start 6:00 P.M.

Parcels For Israel Infants

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"Through this special CARE layette package," he said, "Americans can help to safeguard their lives. We have compiled the items specifically requested by the Israeli government. Now, we must appeal to donors to make it possible for CARE to deliver these supplies to infants who need them desperately."

Contents of the parcel include: a dozen flannel diapers; a dozen gauze diapers; two cotton knit vests; two cotton flannel sacques; one large turkish towel; two crib sheets; two cotton flannel blankets; one rubber sheet; three wash cloths; four cakes of toilet soap (three-oz. each); three pounds of laundry soap.

MILESTONES

MARRIED

Lydia Bendayan.....Hy Suede
Annette Anteby.....Jack Tawil
Al Mizrahi.....Sarah Shmalo

ENGAGED

Ruth Tawil.....Isaac Cain
Rene Pillosoph.....Irving Esses

BIRTHS

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Anzaroot.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Shweky.....Boy
Mr. & Mrs. Max Hidary.....Girl
Mr. & Mrs. Max Mizrahi.....Boy

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.

THIS AND THAT

By EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE and MOE

Getting Back To Normal: (One wonders if that's possible) . . . Anyway, it looks like things will be following the pre-summer pattern pretty soon . . . The summer is over—that's what the calendar says, s'help me!—and the Bradley Beach people are beginning to fold up their tents and slowly, with understandingly pained contentances, making that most difficult trek back to Brooklyn—tough, ain't it? . . . It won't be long before we find out what has been going on at the summer paradise for the past couple of months . . . The C.B. is expecting to fatten up its Milestones column in the next issue.

For The Nosey Only: We got it on good authority—when did we ever get such stuff on bad authority—that one of our pals, M.M. is mmmmming it . . . These foreign legionaries do all right—witness the Kyoot Kuppul that Lydia and Hy make . . . Handsome fellow, pretty girl—who ever said the newcomers are slow . . . Incidentally, it was a mighty nice party Lydia's friends (Ruth, Sarah, Claire and Julie) surprised her with . . . Despite the heat, everyone ate, drank and made merry—comforted in no small measure by a beat-up old electric fan.

Special Social Dept.: We here tell of the establishment of a girl's Won't-date-unless-I-like-the-guy Club in Bradley Beach . . . Good work, girls,—teach 'em a lesson . . . The Foreign Legion deserves another feather, so we are informed . . . Our own version of Nosey Rosie observes that the reigning queen in Bradley this summer is some gal from S.A. . . . Give-It-To-Him—(we S.Y.s sometimes have names similar to those of the American Indian)—is seen quite often with a ond-blay . . . Anything going-day?

Matter of Opinion: Can anyone explain why some of the nice eligibles go out with witto kids who don't appreciate them—or can't, because of their youth . . . some of these fellas ought to wisen 'emselves up . . . The Center roof was put to good use this summer . . . There was dancing under the stars every Thursday night and it was delightful, especially during the very warm nights . . . Someone asked why the crowd didn't get to go up there until late . . . Was it because that's when the lights went off?

HAPPY NEW YEAR

from

**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sultan,
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