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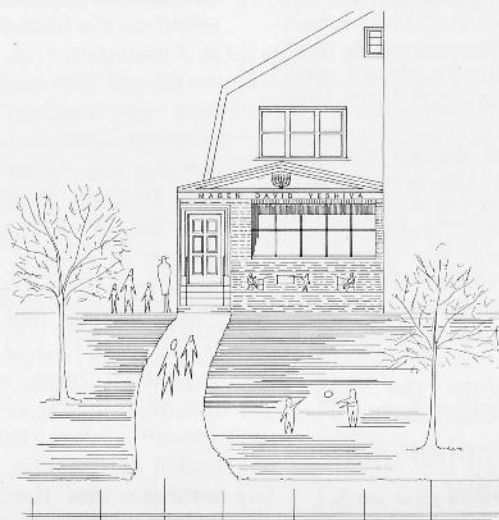
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## MAGEN DAVID YESHIVAH BUILDS NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FACILITY



### M.D.Y. Continues To Grow!

Our own Magen David Yeshivah is growing not only in the size of its student body but also in its physical facilities. Because of the great demand for positions in our Early Childhood Classes, M.D.Y. is completely renovating a building directly behind the Yeshivah's main building on Stillwell Avenue. Although currently a separate structure, the new wing will be connected with the Alice Shalom section of the main building so that passage to and from can be completely indoors. The building will, of course, be 100% fire proof and adhere to all New York building codes and regulations. When completed on May 1st, this new addition will boast ultra modern classrooms, new restrooms and all the very latest in educational equipment. The Magen David P.T.A. is going all out to furnish the new facilities with only the best for our young children.

Even though we are expanding our Early Childhood Program facilities, we must still urge *all* interested parents to register their children as soon as possible for the coming Fall term. We deeply regret having to turn any child away for lack of space but are afraid that several families will face this disappointment in the coming year if action is not taken soon.

The future of our community depends on our youth and their educational foundation. And, for many years now, the Early Childhood Program at Magen David has been the cornerstone of our community's learning program. To insure your child a place in our rewarding program please contact the Yeshivah at 236-5905. And, please, do it today.



Join us on our fabulous  
1980 Passover Trip

For Reservations call: 236-5905

### Passover Trip Just Around the Corner!

The response to our 1980 Passover Trip to Puerto Rico has been tremendous. Reservations are flowing in daily from excited community families looking forward to a warm, fun-filled holiday at the luxurious Caribe Hilton in Puerto Rico. There are still a few choice rooms available but even these are not expected to last much longer. Eddie M. Sitt, chairman of the trip's planning committee, has voiced concern about the availability of both room and travel arrangements if reservations are not made soon. To insure a room and guarantee transportation for your family, please phone the Yeshivah at 236-5905. Your early action is imperative if you want to share in our exciting holiday vacation. Don't be left at the gate; RESERVE TODAY!

## Update: Journal '80

Pledges \$76,000 to date

The latest results show that our Journal Drive for 1980 is, unhappily, going very slowly. Headed by a hard-working and dedicated Stanley Cayre, this is *the* most important fund raiser sponsored by our Yeshivah. We are very dependent upon this drive in meeting our staff obligations and the demands of our new building program. It costs a great deal of money to have a first-rate educational institution like Magen David and everyone must take part in its support and maintenance. The skyrocketing prices of fuel and utilities along with the other normal expenses have created a very heavy burden on our budget.

The Magen David Board of Trustees is making every effort to keep the student tuition down to a manageable level and the only way that this can be done is through a successful Journal Drive. Mr. Cayre urges all members of our community to become actively involved in soliciting ads for the Journal and promises to help anyone needing assistance in their selling campaign. Parents in the "Give or Get" Program and anyone else desirous of more information or aid are urged to contact Mr. Cayre or the Yeshivah at 236-5905.

Time is of the essence; our Yeshivah is depending on us *all*!

**Ellis Safdeye  
Opens Registration  
Drive, see page 3**

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By Grace Rossabi — CO 6-8285

**Births**Dr. and Mrs. Albert Nadah .....Boy  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grazi .....Girl  
Mr. and Mrs. Shaul Yomtov .....Girl  
Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Matalon .....Girl  
Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cohen .....Boy  
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Mr. and Mrs. David Mizrahi .....Girl**Bar Mitzvas**Mr. and Mrs. Norman Antar  
Robert Howard  
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Mr. Solomon Bissu and  
Mrs. Harriet Bissu.....Steven  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgard Hazan.....Jack Albert  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chera.....Isaac  
Mr. and Mrs. Abe Tawil.....Joseph  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dweck...Abraham  
Mr. and Mrs. Hy Escava.....Ralph  
Mr. and Mrs. Nat Chera.....Joseph  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shamah.....Stuart  
Mr. and Mrs. Saul Sultan  
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tawil.....Morris  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Catton.....Sammy  
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Franco.....David  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harary.....Ben**Weddings**Cheryl Manopla to Simon Sakall  
Robin Betesh to Sam Antar  
Pearl Selma Marcus to Efram Slahrbany  
Sarah Seruya to Martin Haddad  
Susan Haddad to Aron M Gindi  
Nancy Adjmi to Joseph Zebede  
Naomi Rachel Gruenspecht to Yechiel  
Julius Faham  
Pearl Sally Sutton to Isaac Saff  
Carole Lynn Sutton to Norman Azose  
Elizabeth Mamiye to Murray Sarway  
Terri Ellen Chalem to Michael Steven  
Haddad  
Gail D. Cohen to Joseph Sutton**Thank You!!**

We at Magen David wish to thank the good people at Setton Grocery for their very generous contribution to the Lag "Celebration."

**Registration  
for 1980-81****NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN  
and FIRST GRADE CLASSES**

Magen David Yeshivah, recognized by many educators as a fine institution of learning and social adjustment, is now accepting applications for the nursery, kindergarten and first grade classes of the 1980-81 school term. Our kindergarten classes meet from 9:00-3:00. Nursery classes meet from 11:00-4:00 p.m., and from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Hot lunches and snacks are provided. Door-to-door bus service, with chaperons on busses for nursery children, is also available. Testing is currently in process and any parent desirous of insuring an excellent beginning to his child's educational years is urged to contact the Yeshivah office at 236-5905.

**M.D.Y. Tries for  
Third Championship  
in Row**

The basketball team of Magen David is trying to repeat as Champions for the third year in a row. This feat is very hard to do especially when you are talking about seventh and eighth graders.

Togetherness and team-work is the fuel which makes M.D.Y.'s team run. This type of team play was installed by Mr. Roger Carlo, the coach of the team for the last three years.

Magen David is now in the Inter-Yeshivah-Elementary School League for Basketball. (I.Y.E.S.B.L.) The league was formed by Mr. Carlo and Ed Martin (of Flatbush Yeshivah) in order to promote the highest quality of athletes and good sportsmanship among the various Yeshivahs.

There are seven teams in the league - Magen David, Ram Bam, Ohel Moshe, R'tzard, Ahi Ezer, Flatbush and Crown Heights.

The league games starts January 30th through May 14th, a span of 14 games in all, then the playoffs. All in all it should be a whale of a season.

**Magen David's  
Basketball Team  
(1979-80)**

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Abe Dweck           | 7. Isaac Bijou    |
| 2. Louis Sutton        | 8. Bobby Dweck    |
| 3. Benny Harary        | 9. Habib Tawil    |
| 4. Ralph Tawil         | 10. Ikey Betesh   |
| 5. David Shweky        | 11. David Levy    |
| 6. David Sitt          | 12. Isaac Moshiah |
| 13. Sammy Catton       |                   |
| Coach: Mr. Roger Carlo |                   |

**From the Principal's Desk**

by Irving Flinker

When Peter Stuyvesant allowed the Jews to land and settle in New Amsterdam, it was only on condition that they take care of their own needy and sick people. This was an unnecessary concern because giving help and charity has always been an important mitzvah for us. However, Stuyvesant's admonition did serve to reinforce the historic unity of the Jews in America.

Given the constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion and assembly American Jews worked to develop the values of Judaism. In the two hundred years of nation growth the Jewish contribution to American culture in politics, science, literature, the arts, business, etc. was enormous. Organizations like B'nai Brith, the A.D.L., ORT, U.J.A. promoted the welfare of Jews not only in America but all over the world. Gone are the college quotas, the discrimination in hotels and resorts, the restrictions in business that the Jews of the 19th century suffered. This year of the Bicentennial is a time of reflection as to our American and Jewish heritage and what still remains to be done.

The Jewish unity which began in New Amsterdam must not only be retained here in America, but needs extension to include all Jews, Kol Yisroel. As parents we must encourage our youth to participate in Jewish organizations which help our people in Syria, North Africa, the U.S.S.R., and Europe. Our young people will develop a greater sense of pride in identification with Jews all over the world as they attend rallies and meetings conducted to help Jewry everywhere. Children and adolescents should be urged to join the youth organizations which our community synagogues sponsor. The cultural and Judaic enrichment which a Yeshivah education gives the child is doubled by his participation in Jewish communal activities. As Jews we have achieved a position of influence (sometimes called the Jewish vote) because of the diligence of our leaders. The mantle of Jewish leadership will be passed to our present youth who must be prepared to carry on with vigilance and vitality.

## Ellis Safdeye, Yeshivah Treasurer Opens Registration Drive

Magen David Yeshivah opened registration for the coming school year on January 15th, two months earlier than usual. In an address to a packed Shaare Zion, Mr. Ellis Safdeye, Yeshivah treasurer and a Community Leader, gave his audience an historic overview of the place of Yeshivah education in past generations and its place today.

He pointed out that not so very long ago parents sent their children to a Yeshivah because they wanted them to be extra learned in Torah and more than average in piety. A Yeshivah was always an essential institution because every community always needed a select core of Torah scholars, and people of piety from whom would come our Rabbis, our teachers and our religious leaders.

"But those days are gone," Safdeye said quite forcefully. "In our times and in our era, a Yeshivah has become a community's most essential institution. It is no longer just a question of Torah scholarship and Rabbis. Today it is a matter of life and death. Under prevailing conditions it is almost impossible to bring up children as decent human beings without a Yeshivah education."

"Would any of us have believed just a few years ago that all the crudest abominations of Ancient Egypt and the lowest, most repulsive features of the Ancient Idol worshippers would be acceptable life styles in 20th century America?" he asked.

It is the Yeshivah student educated in religious values, that represents the SOLID BEDROCK FOUNDATION of a NORMAL HEALTH SOCIETY. The Yeshivah boys and girls are our *only* hope for the future. So, a Yeshivah is no longer a luxury or a matter of choice, Safdeye declared.

Becoming more specific the Yeshivah officer said that, "in this community, *OUR* Yeshivah, and *OUR* hope for the future, is, *OUR* Magen David Yeshivah."

"Magen David is a community school in every single respect," he added. He illustrated this with a personal reference. "I have had the pleasure to serve on the Yeshivah committee for a long time and I can personally guarantee that the *prime* concern of every action of our committee, is based on one question only — IS IT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR CHILDREN?"

He explained further that other schools are more or less an accident of geography - that is, the only thing binding the students and parents to the school, and to each other, is the fact that they live in the same neighborhood. There is no sense of *personal* identification between the Board members and the students or their parents. Most Board members know only a handful of parents or students, and then only in a cold professional way, not as concerned and loyal friends.

"Not so in our school," the community leader said proudly. "In Magen David Yeshivah, our Board members relate to the school population in an entirely personal manner. Not only are our own children and grandchildren students of the school, but our nephews and nieces, our cousins, and the children of our best friends are our constituents. We realize that the kind of home our children will one day build; the type of grandchildren they will raise, depends to a great extent on what type of Yeshivah we conduct." "This *does* make a difference," Safdeye pointed out.

"This personal identification is reflected in every single aspect of Magen David, and it filters down to the attitude of our staff in their relationships with students and parents."

He also lauded the school's professional leadership. "In most schools, he said, "there is a tangle of red tape before anyone can talk to the Dean." Usually, you have to make an appointment, wait a few days then be screened by an assistant, and so on. Not so in our school. Our Dean, Rabbi Moshe Greenes, *always* has his door *wide* open. He has an invitation for students, parents and teachers to drop in any time if there is anything they wish to discuss. And just for your information, our community *does* take advantage of this "open door policy." The same is true for our wonderful administrator, Rabbi Sholom Himmel, who spares no effort to give us the best functioning school in New York. Consequently, our building and equipment are the most modern available and learning takes place in a pleasant environment totally conducive to proper education."

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## Dean's Column

By Rabbi Moshe Greenes

### ON PURITY

Our sages of the Talmud teach that Purity is amongst the highest qualities a human being can aspire to. As a matter of fact they tell us that "Purity leads to Holiness".

This can be seen from the Torah itself, which says:

*"And your encampments shall be Holy, and let there not be heard vulgar talk amongst you, that G'd turn not away from you."*

On the whole, I am satisfied with our students language usage in school, in the lunchroom and in the playground,

But that's only "On the whole". I am sorry to say that there are still children whose choice of phraseology is more appropriate for a Singapore saloon than for a child of refined, religious parents.

### WHY DO PEOPLE USE PROFANITY?

Well, we can easily divide this question into two parts.

A: Why do children use profanity?

B: Why do adults use profanity?

The first question is easy to answer. Children emulate their elders. Usually, but not exclusively, their parents. They could also pick it up from an older person they admire or look up to, including someone just a few years older.

So.... protect your child from these influences. Be selective as to whom they associate with and keep a sharp ear open for the first signs of such pollution in your child. When hearing foul words, be sure to let your child know how inappropriate you and your family consider such language and that your hopes and ambitions for him/her are to see him/her grow into a refined, cultured gentleman/lady who is incompatible with foul gutter language. If you state these hopes and ambitions with simple dignity and sincerity your child will react positively. If you state it with self-righteous melodramatics and a great deal of phony sermonology, then it will probably bounce off the child without penetrating.

Needless to say, don't ever, ever, allow your child to hear you using foul language. I know of no antidote for that plague. In other words, if a parent uses vulgarity in front of a child, it is almost certain the child will be contaminated, and it is almost equally certain that he's stuck with it for life.

Just one more question: Why do adults use profanity? Mark Twain answered that clearly and right on target:

"Profanity is a weak mind attempting to express itself forcefully."



## School Visitors

### THE POLICE:

Our school was recently visited by Officer Barr and Officer Hennessey of the 62nd Police Precinct to thank the children for the five Bullet Proof Vests they contributed to our local Police station last Spring. Inasmuch as there is a shortage of vests (Mayor Koch says he can't afford them!!), those that are contributed are "raffled off" among the men. Patrolman Barr and Hennessey were among the five officers who received one of our vests, and thanked the children on behalf of all. They took off the vests to show them that it bears the imprint "CONTRIBUTED BY THE CHILDREN OF MAGEN DAVID YESHIVAH."

### THE PROFESSORS:

Our school recently had two very distinguished Educators for a full five day visit. They are,

**DR. SAM ABOFF:** Superintendent of all Public Schools of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Professor of Education at Kean College. Prof. Aboff is also Consultant for School Evaluation for the N.J. State Dep't. of Education.

**DR. LOUIS NULMAN:** Dr. Nulman is Director of the School Evaluation Department of Torah Umesorah; Chairman of its Teacher Evaluation and Placement Committee, and Director of Educational Research.

They were invited by Eli D. Cohen, Yeshivah President, and our Board of Directors to survey and evaluate the school. A more detailed account of their Report will be published in a forthcoming Community Bulletin.

### THE TRAINEES:

Each year for the past 5 years, Beth Jacob Teachers Seminary, the largest teacher training institution in America, sends their newly graduated teachers for in-service training to Magen David Yeshivah on an internship basis. That is, the Teacher-in-Training is assigned to the classroom of one of our master teachers for a week of observation. Then we turn over the class to the trainee for one or two lessons under the supervision of the Seminary's Dean of Student Teaching and one of our Principals.

## Student Shabbaton

The 1980 student leaders of Magen David Yeshivah have been the most active group we've seen in several years.

One of the highlights of the school year was a two day Shabbaton arranged by the G.O. Officers and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), the youth division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America. Magen David had over forty upper classmen participate.

The Shabbaton was conducted jointly by Magen David's G.O., and four other Yeshivot. It started on Friday afternoon and continued through Sunday afternoon.

All Shabbat meals were eaten together, followed by religious singing and dancing, and Torah discussions under the supervision of the trained NCSY leaders, mainly college age young men and young ladies.

After Shabbat morning synagogue the kids again had a festive Shabbat meal together, sing Zmirot and Pizmonim together and enjoying the real joys of a religious Shabbat.

It is interspersed with competitive games around religious subjects known as the "Torah Bowl."

A note on the trip I received from G.O. President Louis Sutton reads, "Our Magen David kids enjoyed immensely the singing and dancing and learning the true meaning of Shabbat". He also added, "The G.O. Committee thanks the administration for making this religiously enriching and fun-filled trip possible. We hope to have more such events in the near future."

## Dept. of Agriculture:

The school was visited by a team of Dep't of Agriculture specialists in children's nutrition. They were here to evaluate our school lunch program.

Their inspection covered every aspect of the program, checking on how much protein and vitamins the lunches contain, menu variation, cleanliness of facilities and personnel, and just about every other facet of the Lunch Program.

They told us when they left that we are receiving the highest rating they can issue; namely, the "TOP SCHOOL" rating.

I always quote Ha Rambam, who says "A Holy mind in a Healthy Body"

Rabbi Moshe Greenes

The trip was approved by Yeshivah President Eli D. Cohen, who later commented that it speaks well of our pupils and of the education we are giving them that they can blend the religious experience of a Shabbaton with fun and good times, and enjoy both so immensely.

Saturday night, after Havdallah, the kids all went on a bowling party, accompanied by their NCSY counsellors, and afterwards sat up to almost midnight in what one of the pupils called a really inspiring and eye-opening "rap session."

Magen David pupils participated in the Hazzanut and reading the Torah to the praise of all participants and Counselors.

We are all especially proud that our children excelled in every competitive undertaking, spiritual and athletic. For instance; Magen David took first place in the "Torah Bowl" and all other religious events. In addition we ran away with the Bowling Trophy, outscoring all other yeshivot, and had one of our boys, David Shweky, as high scorer for the evening.

In a letter addressed to Rabbi Skaist on the Monday after the Shabbaton Avi Sherman, Regional Director of NCSY, writes, "Your Magen David children are a delight. They were so popular and made new friends so easily. We simply could not get over the way your children participated in all aspects of the program and the excitement that was generated to the rest of the kids through Magen David. Whether it was the Torah Bowl, the Bowling or the "Kumzits" late Saturday night, your children were the example for the others to follow."

"The children who participated in this Shabbaton were definitely a credit to Yeshivah Magen David and will eventually be a credit to the entire Klal Yisrael."

The 1979/80 officers of the G.O. are:

**Presidents:** Elaine Franco, Louis Sutton

**Vice Presidents:** Shani Kassin, Isaac Bijou

**Treasurers:** Maureen Franco, Ronnie Cohen

**Secretaries:** Rachel Erani, Morris Sutton

## Luncheon Honoring Mrs. Shalom Huge Success

On December 12, 1979 a \$1000 per plate luncheon honoring Mrs. Alice Shalom was held in the apartment of Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Yehuda Blum. Attended by more than 90 women from Brooklyn, the affair paid homage to Mrs. Shalom for her many years of devoted service to the Jews of the world. The U.J.A. and all its members are very proud to have such an unselfish and dedicated worker in their ranks. The charitable event raised over \$150,000 to be used in aiding needy Jews everywhere.

**Register Your Children Today!!**

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Our Secular studies department has earned the reputation of superiority, and Magen David is almost universally acknowledged as being among the top quality schools in the city. In the Torah studies department, our educational goals are to make Magen David a truly Sephardic Yeshivah, not just another Ashkenazi Yeshivah for Sephardic children.

Today, over 50 per cent of our staff is Sephardic and we are constantly attempting to add more.

Mr. Safdeye, with obvious pride, told the packed Synagogue that every morning at 7:30 80 boys come to the Minyan in the Midrash of Magen David and pray together. They read the Torah and they are their own Hazzanim. It is truly a Kiddush Hashem to see the boys praying with such devotion and seriousness. No one talks, and all their hearts are in the Teffilla.

He carried this theme further, "We have succeeded in instilling in our students not only a knowledge and love of the Torah, but also *commitment to carry out its Mitzvot*. Almost every one of our 8th grade graduates are Shomrei Shabat."

He then came to the preparation for the coming school term and explained why registration had to open two months early. "Last year, he said, "we had a magnificent success in registration in the nursery and kindergarten. Both groups were over-subscribed and we had to turn away children due to lack of space and staff. This happened because too many parents delayed registration until it was too late for us to provide adequate classrooms and to secure competent teachers. We do not wish to disappoint any one again, but we *will not* place children in inadequate classrooms with less than superior teachers."

"This year, our registration opened on January 15th. It is in your best interest to register your children *right now*. If we have over-registration again, and we expect we will, we will have sufficient time to secure top-caliber teachers to accommodate your children."

Mr. Safdeye closed his remarks by inviting every interested community

member to visit the school any morning and see it in actual operation. To arrange a visit just call Rabbi Himmel or Rabbi Greenes, 236-5905, and let them know when you would like to come, he concluded.

## The Joy of Abstinence

**Kill-joys:** If you ask the American people what they detest most, it will probably be the word "no." We have been brainwashed into thinking that if we wrap our lips around that nasty little word, we will immediately turn into kill-joys, grouches, nags, villains, tightwads, ogres, prudes or fanatics. I would like to say yes to no once again. No is a good word, especially if you can be brave and swashbuckling and reasonably sane about using it. I know people who say no just because it seems like a good idea at the time. I know people who say no just because. I want my kids and their kids to have something left to say no about. No is, after all, a part of life.

I can't think of a single thing that too many people can't do instantaneously in this instantaneous age, as long as they have the bucks to do it with. Deprivation for its own sake is out of style. But I wish it would come back in. I'm for it. Times in America

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are likely to get harder, tighter, grimmer. But I am an optimist all the same. I think that doing without is not half as bad as endless having. I think we could give our children a lesson in something besides instant gratification. I think we could put the life back into material possessions, good times and *people* by treating all of them as precious rather than disposable. Say no. Wait awhile. Think it over. Build up the anticipation. Savor the possibilities. Skip it for now. Have it later. Abstinence makes the heart grow fonder. It's where the gleam lies.

## Words for a Lifetime

### EIGHT DEGREES OF CHARITY

—Moses Maimonides

There are eight degrees in the giving of charity, one higher than the other.

1. The highest degree, than which there is nothing higher, is to take hold of a person who has been crushed and to give him a gift or a loan, or to enter into partnership with him, or to find work for him, and thus put him on his feet that he will not be dependent on his fellow men . . .
2. Lower in degree to this is the one who gives charity, tzedakah, to the poor, but does not know to whom he gives it, nor does the poor man know from whom he received it . . .
3. Lower in degree to this is when the giver knows to whom he gives, but the poor one does not know from whom he receives . . .
4. Lower in degree to this is when the poor knows from whom he receives, but the giver does not know to whom he gives . . .
5. Lower in degree to this is when one gives even before he is asked . . .
6. Lower in degree to this is when one gives after he has been asked . . .
7. Lower in degree to this is when one gives less than he should, but graciously . . .
8. Lower in degree to this is when one gives grudgingly . . .

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## HALABI AUTHOR WINS TOP ISRAELI LITERARY AWARD

Visits Magen David; is "Awed, Inspired"



Amnon Shamosh, born in Aleppo in 1929, is among the top contemporary Hebrew writers dealing with Sephardic characters and culture.

His recent book, "AHOTI KALLAH" (My Sister The Bride) is a beautiful, almost poetic, overview of the old Aleppo, now gone and only a sweet memory among its pre-1948 residents.

Shamosh won Israel's most coveted literary award, The Prime Minister's Prize, 100,000 Israel pounds, for creative writing. The book enjoys wide distribution in other languages, including Spanish, English, and soon in French.

Mr. Shamosh recently spent a full morning visiting the Torah Studies classes of our Yeshivah. He later reported to Rabbi Greenes that it was the single most inspiring experience of his many travels outside Israel, where he now resides. He said he was awed by the sight of "so many hundreds of children, Ben Porat Yoseph V'ken Yirbu, studying Torah so diligently and so lovingly."

He also reported that he had a class read for him and he said that he, "never heard such beautiful authentic Sephardic reading outside Israel."

He added that upon his return to Israel he will make known to the education professionals he meets that "American youth is not to be written off as long as there are schools like Magen David flourishing."

Wife of  
U.N. Ambassador  
to be  
Guest of Honor

Mrs. Yehuda Blum, wife of the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, will be the guest speaker at the U.J.A. Shalom Division's \$400 Special Gifts Luncheon. Scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, the affair will take place at the home of Racquel Dabah.

With the continuing threat to Jews all over the world, we who are able to give our financial and emotional support to those less fortunate must do so immediately. The cost of peace to Israel is high, approximately 10 to 11 billion dollars a year. The Yom Kippur War alone cost between 7 and 8 billion dollars! Since most of the money the United States will give to Israel will be in the form of a loan, complete financial independence and security for our Israeli brethren can come only from us. Nor should we ever forget our fellow Jews who are still prisoners in Russia and Syria. If we will not support them and the rest of the suffering, persecuted Jews of the world then who will?

Let us all make every effort to attend this important event in order to show the community and the Ambassador and his wife that WE do care. For reservations, please call Lorraine Firstman at 265-2200 or Gloria Sitt at 375-5506. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Gloria Sitt for U.J.A.

## RABBI HECHT OPENS CONGRESS



Rabbi Abraham Hecht was honored by being invited to open Congress with a prayer on Dec 4th. In a private reception which followed Rabbi Hecht presented a silver covered Bible, with English translation, to President Carter. Present at the proceedings were Abe Cohen, President of Shaare Zion, and congressional dignitaries.

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## Community Bulletin

### To the members of our community:

I would like to inform you of the wonderful performance by the M.D.Y. students in helping the children at the Maimonides Hospital. Last month for the Chanukah holiday, our G.O. committee prepared and delivered over 100 different kinds of gifts to the hospital, which was most gratifying.

Our Rabbis teach us that this kind of gesture is a perfect example of goodness and kindness.

On behalf of the entire G.O. at M.D.Y. I would like to thank all the students for sharing their happiness with others.

Thank you.

Louis Sutton,  
G.O. President

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December 17, 1979

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