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MAGEN DAVID HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCED

Mr. Sonny Gindi, Yeshivah President, announced early last month that Magen David Yeshivah will open its long-awaited High School this coming September.

"After many years of hard work, the dream of our own Community High School is at last approaching fulfillment," Mr. Gindi said. He went on to emphasize that the school's Executive Committee is determined that the new High School will achieve standards of excellence in every area. "We have spared no effort in the giving the community the most beautiful building possible. We realize that we have achieved very little if we do put anything less than the finest High School into that building."

To achieve these standards of excellence the Committee is negotiating with several leading educators with long years of experience in secondary education to head the new High School.

As always, its policy is to spare no effort nor reasonable expense when the quality of education is at stake.

Rabbi Zvulun Lieberman of Congregation Beth Torah, himself a High School principal of renown, was invited by Magen David's Graduating Class to address their High School Orientation Assembly. In his remarks Rabbi Lieberman referred to "the grand opportunity available to anyone who enters the Magen David High School this coming September." He explained that only once every twenty years or so is a new Yeshivah High School organized, and, "historically, all High Schools are best when they

New Building Almost Ready PLEDGES NOW TOTAL \$ 890,000

Work on the new building is proceeding as planned and it is anticipated that the completion schedules, set a year ago, will be met on the target dates, within a week or two either way. This schedule calls for completion of the third floor on or about February 1, followed by the Auditorium and Gym in the Spring, and, finally, the fourth floor after that.

The reason for staggering the completion was explained by Building Committee Chairman Henry Shalom. "We now have three classes consisting of about 80 children in rented outside facilities. Our first concern is to bring these children back into the school plant and we therefore put a high priority on early completion of the third floor." With the opening of the Gym and Auditorium soon after that, the Yeshivah will be able to schedule Physical Training classes for the entire school. This is now limited to the top half of the school only, in a nearby rented Gym.

are still new and innovative, when each and every student is the most important person to his teacher and his principal."

Mr. Gindi also revealed that the High School would engage the services of a leading coach, and would encourage our High School Teams to compete in inter-Yeshivah sport meets.

Thus far some thirty students have filed applications for admission and additional requests are arriving daily.

Mr. Shalom also spoke encouragingly of the campaign's progress. "It must be understood," he said, "that all construction work proceeds on a pay as you go basis, and although most pledges are payable over three years, we are fortunate that Israel Discount Bank and the Republic Bank are extending immediate cash against these pledges. If not for these favorable loan arrangements, we should have been years in completing the building."

Mr. Sonny Gindi, Yeshivah President, spoke of the community's generous response to the Building Drive. "The men and women we visited really opened their hearts when approached for the Yeshivah Building Drive. Everyone understands the cru-

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Shaare Zion Classes

Shaare Zion maintains several classes during the week. The public is invited to attend as they are all worthwhile and designed to increase your knowledge and appreciation of our Holy Torah:

Saturday: after "arbit" prayers, to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible for women, 10:30 a.m. —
12:00 noon. Main synagogue.

Thursday: For girls 16/up — Bible & Jewish
Law — 8:00 p.m. — Midrash.

RABBI MILLER CLASS — Thursday Nites:

Rabbi Avigdor Miller, author of "Rejoice O Youth" and "Behold a People" conducts classes for young people Thursday nights, 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Sephardic Institute for Advanced Learning, Ave. R and Ocean Parkway. A question and answer period follows every lecture. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

| Rabbis | Classes | Location |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Jacob Kassin | Pershah | Midrash |
| B. Ben-Haim | Talmud | Midrash |
| | Berachot | |
| A. Hecht | Rambam — | Synagogue |
| | Laws of | |
| | Shabbat | |
| Joseph Raful | Rambam | Rabbi's office |
| Abraham Raful | Lectures on | Terrace Room |
| | Judaism | |
| Solomon Yedid | Talmud | Midrash |
| Joseph Tawil | Pershah | Midrash |

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

by Mrs. Frieda R. Shprentz

So much is being said and written about the reading competence or the lack of it of New York City school children that there is no need for me to try to convince you of the importance of reading in your child's education.

In June of every school year the children at Magen David Yeshivah are given standardized tests, including tests in reading and mathematics. In addition, the University of the State of New York gives tests in October to the third and sixth grades.

In reply to the many requests for information concerning the progress of the children, I may say that the majority of our children did well in these tests. Those who did well did very well. The children reading below grade level read very poorly. There were extremes at both ends of the scale.

You may be interested to know that of the children tested, thirty children in grades six, seven, and eight attained the maximum score of 10+, which means that these thirty children were reading on a tenth year level or above the second year in high school. While the majority were reading at grade level and above, a number of children were reading one year or more below grade level. Of the children who scored below their grade level, about 20 came from foreign countries and were non-English speaking upon their arrival. We are working very hard to help these children as well as other children who read below their grade level. We

have a corrective reading teacher who meets with these children regularly to do special work with them.

To parents who inquire as to what they can do to help their children read, experts say that children look to their parents for an example. The father might read a book in the presence of his child. A father could also help by sitting with his child for a half hour each evening, talking with him, reading to him, or hearing his child read. Parents may purchase books that the child would enjoy looking at and reading. They may also take their children to the Library. We now have a very fine new library in our own school building which we expect the children to benefit from greatly. If you surround the child with books there would be no need for the parent to preach to the child but the child might absorb his parent's interest and want to read for himself. Parents are not asked to teach reading to the child, but they can help greatly by setting an example and showing interest in what the child is doing.

In comparing the children's reading achievement with their achievement in mathematics, we note that in mathematics forty-two children attained more than the perfect score, 10+. The majority of children were doing mathematics on their grade level and above. It would appear that on the whole our children score higher in mathematics than they do in reading. One reason for that may be that they have more experiences in mathematics than they do in reading.

The results in the most recent tests in reading and mathematics are as follows:

| Reading | | | | | Mathematics | | | | |
|---------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Grade | No. Tested | 3 Years and more above grade level | At grade level & 1 yr. or more above | 1 yr. or more below grade level | No. Tested | 3 Years and more above grade level | At grade level & 1 yr. or more above | 1 yr. or more below grade level | |
| 8 | 54 | 17 | 31 | 6 | 54 | 30 | 24 | 0 | |
| 7 | 55 | 9 | 34 | 12 | 54 | 5 | 47 | 2 | |
| 6 | 68 | 4 | 60 | 4 | 69 | 7 | 60 | 2 | |
| 5 | 64 | | 60 | 4 | 64 | | 64 | 0 | |
| 4 | 48 | | 42 | 6 | 48 | | 46 | 2 | |
| 3 | 71 | | 64 | 7 | 71 | | 64 | 7 | |
| 2 | 72 | | 72 | 0 | 72 | | 72 | 0 | |

Parents who would like to know how their own children stand in reading and mathematics may make an appointment to come to school to further discuss their

special problem with the principal. Both children and teachers are working diligently to improve since excellence is our aim.

NEW BUILDING (Cont. fr. P. 1)

cial role our Yeshivah has to fulfill in the coming years, in that the complexion of our community is being shaped now, by the education our children receive."

He especially lauded the work of the Building Committee, headed by Shalom, who give so much time to visit the prospective Donors. The pledges received in the last month raised the grand total of pledges to \$890,000. The new pledges are:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Edmond Safra | \$31,500 |
| Rafael Rekenati | 30,000 |
| Berkshire Handkerchief | 7,500 |
| Mourad Haddad | 4,200 |
| Eddie Sitt | 4,200 |
| Adjmi-Blanco (Jordan) | 1,800 |
| Isaac Chera | 1,800 |
| Ossie Harary | 1,800 |
| Joseph Sutton | 1,500 |
| Edmond Dweck | 1,000 |
| Cohen-Jemal (Astor Hi-Fi) | 1,000 |
| Joe Michaan | 1,000 |
| Nine Brothers (Antebi) | 1,000 |

\$300,000 NEW PLEDGES NEEDED

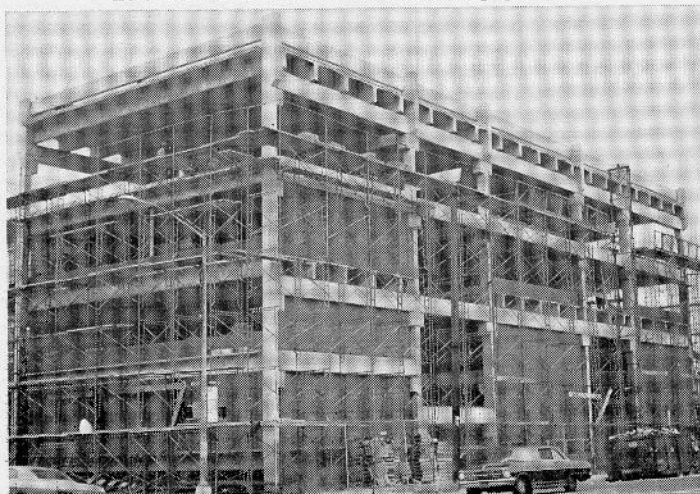
The \$895,000 already pledged will cover about 70% of the Building work, and it will take another \$300,000 in **new** pledges to complete the project. "There are only a handful of men working on the Pledges Committee," Henry Shalom said, "and I therefore appeal to everyone to make their task easier by not waiting to be visited. Just call any one of us and announce your pledge. This will be doubly appreciated, as it will help us complete our round of visits that much sooner."

ואלה יעמדו על הברכה**COMPLETE LIST OF BUILDING DONORS**

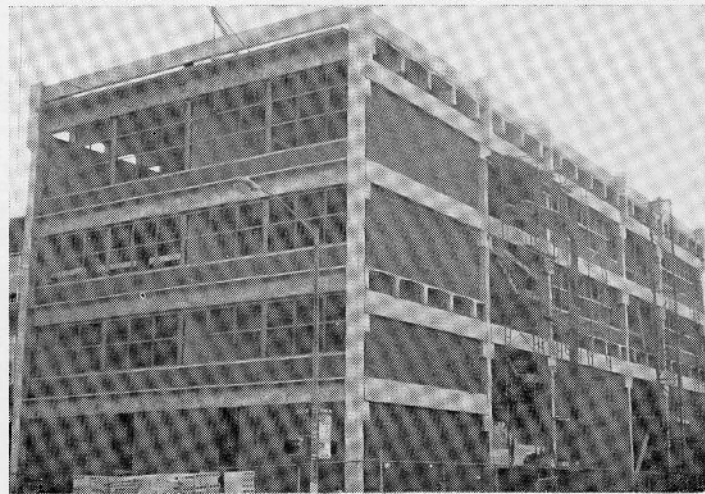
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| Children of Alice Shalom | \$100,000 | | |
| Mr. & Mrs. David Mishan | 54,000 | | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ades | 50,000 | | |
| Saul & Ely Ashkenazi | 50,000 | | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Al M. Mizrahi | 36,000 | | |
| Edmond Safra | 31,500 | | |
| Rafael Rekenati | 30,000 | | |
| S Beda & Sons | \$10,000 | Meyer J. Kassir | 6,000 |
| Benun Brothers | 10,000 | Mourad Kattan | 6,000 |
| Cayre Family | 10,000 | Ely Laniado & Sons | 6,000 |
| Eli S. Dweck | 10,000 | Irving & Moe Maleh | 6,000 |
| Leo Esses & Brothers | 10,000 | Mamiye Brothers | 6,000 |
| David E. Franco | 10,000 | Menashe Brothers | 6,000 |
| Gindi 9ssociates | 10,000 | Juda Safdeye | 6,000 |
| Elias Hedaya and Sons | 10,000 | Joe Shamah & Bros. | 6,000 |
| Hidary Family | 10,000 | Sons of Pauline Tawil & Edward Sutton | 6,000 |
| Morris Levy & Sons | 10,000 | Harry and Ralph S. Tawil | 6,000 |
| Alfons Musry (Manila) | 10,000 | Leo Rishty | 5,000 |
| Ralph & Eli Saldieh | 10,000 | Sarway Brothers | 5,000 |
| Saul Serouya | 10,000 | Mourad Haddad | 4,200 |
| Tawil Bros. (Dumont) | 10,000 | Eddie Sitt | 4,200 |
| Berkshire Handkerchief | 7,500 | Joseph J. Sutton | 3,600 |
| Jack Braha | 7,500 | Ezra Tawil & Sons | 3,600 |
| Mrs. Rose Bresnick and Son | 7,500 | Ben Dweck | 2,600 |
| Ezra E. Cattin and Sons | 7,500 | David Gammal | 2,600 |
| Jack Dushey | 7,500 | Lew Grazi | 2,600 |
| Morris I. Dweck | 7,500 | Ralph Kraiem | 2,600 |
| Sam & Harry Esses | 7,500 | Danny Levy | 2,600 |
| Jack Franco & Sons | 7,500 | Ted Braha | 2,500 |
| Nat Gindi & Brothers | 7,500 | David Bibi Family | 2,000 |
| Manny Haber | 7,500 | Joe Cohen and Ed Rahmey | 2,000 |
| Children of Max and Grace Harary | 7,500 | Joe Adjmi and Jack Blanco | 1,800 |
| Joe I. Mizrahi | 7,500 | Morris Bailey | 1,800 |
| Nissim Shalom and Sons | 7,500 | Isaac Cabasso | 1,800 |
| Antebi Bros. (Funwear) | 6,000 | Isaac Chera | 1,800 |
| Ashear Brothers | 6,000 | Morris and Harry Franco | 1,800 |
| Marvin Azrak and Ezra Hamway | 6,000 | Mac Haddad & Bros. | 1,800 |
| Joseph Braha | 6,000 | Jack Halif | 1,800 |
| Abe, Ali, Eli and Jack D. Cohen | 6,000 | Ossie Harary | 1,800 |
| Isaac Gindi | 6,000 | Alfonse (Fonsey) Missry | 1,800 |
| Sonny Gindi | 6,000 | Morris Beyda | 1,500 |
| Vita Grazi & Sons | 6,000 | David Chabbott | 1,500 |
| Albert, Isaac and | | Moe D. Gindi | 1,500 |
| | | Hyman Sasson | 1,500 |
| | | Leo Serrur | 1,500 |
| | | Joseph M. Sutton | 1,500 |
| | | Menashe Abbani | 1,200 |
| | | Eddy Beyda | 1,200 |
| | | Charles D. Cohen | 1,200 |
| | | Joseph Mansour | 1,200 |
| | | Jack Terzi | 1,200 |
| | | Joe Ash | 1,000 |
| | | Jimiel Ashkenazi | 1,000 |
| | | Al Azar | 1,000 |
| | | Poker Club (J. Benun and J. Sutton) | 1,000 |
| | | Mrs. Eli Betesh | 1,000 |
| | | Ezra Chalom | 1,000 |
| | | Al Cohen & Al Jemal (Astor Hi-Fi) | 1,000 |
| | | Al D. Cohen | 1,000 |
| | | Bob Cohen | 1,000 |
| | | Morris D. Cohen | 1,000 |
| | | Morris M. Cohen | 1,000 |
| | | Ellis Dabah | 1,000 |
| | | Jack D'Jmal | 1,000 |
| | | Charles Dweck | 1,000 |
| | | Edmond Dweck | 1,000 |
| | | Victor Dweck | 1,000 |
| | | Ed Erani | 1,000 |
| | | Isaac Escava & Sons | 1,000 |
| | | David M. Gindi | 1,000 |
| | | Jack E. Gindi | 1,000 |
| | | Alfred Haber | 1,000 |
| | | Harry Harari | 1,000 |
| | | Joseph Michaan | 1,000 |
| | | Allen Moel | 1,000 |
| | | Ezra Nasser | 1,000 |
| | | Nine Brothers (Antebi) | 1,000 |
| | | Jack and Morris Sedaka | 1,000 |
| | | Jack Shalom | 1,000 |
| | | Jack Shweky and Richy Mishan | 1,000 |
| | | Alfred Sutton | 1,000 |
| | | Irwin R. Sutton | 1,000 |
| | | Edward Zonana | 1,000 |
| | | Anonymous and Miscellaneous | 18,600 |
| | | Magen David Talmud | |
| | | Torah Building | 70,000 |

TWO RECENT VIEWS OF THE NEW BUILDING

Left: November 15th, the brickfacing going up.



Right: December 1, brickwork completed, all windows in.



SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE

Alumnus Abe Gindi

Have you ever wondered what happened to your old TV man? Well, here's the answer.

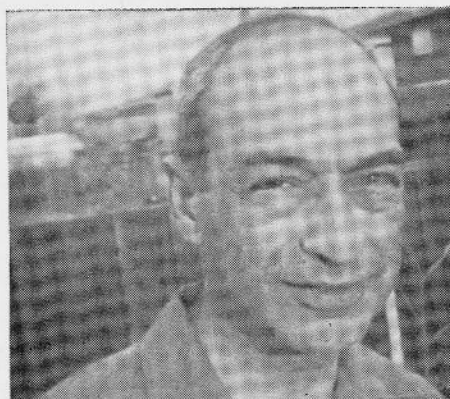
For one thing, Abe M. Gindi, formerly of Gindi Television Service, received an Outstanding Invention Award from IBM and was promoted to Advisory Engineer. He presently has 5 U.S. patents issued, 2 of which are also in several foreign countries, 2 pending, and 6 invention disclosures published for inventions on computers.

Mr. Gindi came to Brooklyn from Syria at the age of six. He graduated from the Magen David in 1935 and continued to attend talmudic classes under Rabbi Matlub Abadi, מ"ל for several years afterward.

Because of his deep interest in science and electronics, Mr. Gindi attended Brooklyn Tech. High School and graduated among the top 10 of his class. He continued to take courses in electronics, radio, and television in the next few years, and worked as a radio and TV repairman after his discharge from the Army in 1945. In 1951 he started his own TV repair business serving our community until 1956, when he joined IBM in Poughkeepsie as a technician. Despite his lack of a college education he was given engineering responsibilities in Digital Circuit and Logic Design.

In 1965 he was transferred to San Jose, California, where he was made Logic Design manager of an advanced storage control unit.

Abe Gindi is married to the former Rachel Shabott, and they have a son Moses, a senior at California State College, and a daughter Laura, a sophomore at UCLA. They enjoy living in California, especially growing their own fruits, nuts,



ABE M. GINDI

and olives. Abe flies small aircraft as a hobby.

Since leaving the Brooklyn Syrian community, the Gindis have maintained their religious affiliations and activities. Abe was on the Board of Trustees of his synagogue in Poughkeepsie, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Hebrew school. His wife was active in Sisterhood, and his daughter is a past chapter president and regional religious chairman of B'nai Brith Girls in San Jose.

Mr. Gindi encourages all young people interested in science and math to enter the engineering fields. The high grade achievements in science and math of the Magen David Yeshivah graduates indicates that there is a good deal of talent in this field in the Syrian community. However, a college education is now almost mandatory for engineering. It is practically impossible for anyone to enter the field without a degree.

Engineering has long been established as a five day a week industry and has thus attracted large numbers of Sabbath observers.

RABBI HECHT AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Rabbi Abraham Hecht of the Shaare Zion Cong. has been invited to attend the White House Conference on Children to be held December 13-18th in Washington, D.C. as a special delegate from the district served by Congressman B. Podell.

This Conference brings together delegates from all over the USA for discussion of many vital issues affecting the youth of America. It is convened once every ten years by the President. Shaare Zion feels honored that Rabbi Hecht has been invited.

Milestones

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Alvo — Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saka — Boy
Mr. and Mrs. Issy Abadie — Boy
Mr. and Mrs. David Hanon — Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tawil — Boy

BAR MITZVAS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arking - son - Joseph
Mr. and Mrs. Clement Harary - son - Lee
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bush - son - Jeffrey
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cohen - son - Eli
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Franco - son - Joseph
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mishan - son - Saul
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Sutton - son - Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dweck - son - Mark
Mr. and Mrs. Lew E. Grazi - son - Ezra
Mr. and Mrs. Abe Azar - son - Joseph

WEDDINGS

Marsha Joy Cohen to Robert Stephen Tobias
Joy Esses to Morris Benun
Elizabeth Roden to Allan Shweky
Emile Blanca to Joseph Marcus

NOTE: To place your Milestones, please call
Grace Rossabi
CO 6-8285

BOY SCOUTS MEET AGAIN

Boy Scout activities for boys between the ages of 11-13 have started again. Meeting place is the Shaare Zion Cong., Tuesday evenings. Scout leader is Ralph Setton, assisted by Isaac Sultan.

A Cub Scout group for boys from 4th-6th grades is now being organized. Contact the Scout leaders or come down and enroll your sons now.

NOTE: The Cub Scouts now being formed desperately need a Cubmaster. Only one dedicated man is needed. If you have a feeling for youth, please volunteer. Call Ralph Setton at 336-6550 for more information.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR ISRAEL

Our community has given birth to a new organization, "Young Women for Israel." The need for our new group was recognized last April and May during our preparation for Alice Shalom's annual United Jewish Appeal Luncheon. During this time we came in contact with young women in our community who have a genuine-wholehearted interest in the *now* Israel. Through the help of Raquel Dabah, Lenore Mizrahi, and Shielah Haber, we are now organized and ready to work on a full-time basis to raise funds so greatly needed in Israel today.

Our help lies in the money we can raise and donate to Israel. In the last two months we have been meeting in an effort

to plan fund raising events that will reach the entire family. The first effort is aimed for our children. We are presenting "Puss 'N Boots" by the Dragon Marionettes, December 31, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Beth Torah. Also, in January, we are planning our first night function, a *Psychedelic* Men's Fashion Show.

Young Women for Israel meet once a month. At our parlour meetings we have a well-known speaker who acts as our key to the Jewish world outside our community and enlightens us to what is happening in Israel presently.

We are working to bring you an exciting calendar of activities in our effort to raise funds—help us help ourselves.

Joyce Menashe

Inquiring Reporter

On Monday, November 23, a group of women from our community, including the wives of our President and the other members of our Board of Directors, were invited to visit our school and were taken on a tour of the new building. Following are some of their impressions:

Mrs. Alice Shalom: "I am so happy to be here today to visit our School. It is the true realization of the lifelong dream of my husband and myself. There is nothing more important than the education of our children."

Mrs. Irene Gindi: "The school and the new addition are really something to be proud of. No matter how much I had heard of the progress being made, I didn't realize I would be so overwhelmed."

Mrs. Renee Dweck: "I am dumbfounded. It is unbelievable to see what has been accomplished in the past and what will be accomplished in the future. I am very impressed with the physical facilities of the school—the inter-com, for example."

Mrs. Julie Esses: "The school is beautiful. It is unbelievable what has been accomplished in a comparatively short period of time."

Mrs. Vivian Shalom: "I am so impressed. It is truly the realization of a dream come true. The school and the new building are both beautiful."

Mrs. Ezra Hedaya: "The activity in the school is especially what impresses me. The library in particular seems to represent to me the answer to our prayers. I used to help serve lunches years ago when the school was in its infancy and can truly appreciate the growth."

Mrs. Julie Dweck: "I have been coming back and forth to Magen David Yeshivah for eighteen years now, and I am so pleased and proud to visit today."

Mrs. Alice Tawil: "I am very happy to come today to visit our school and see the work on the new building progressing so well. I am especially proud to see my grandchild who is a student here."

Mrs. Sally Grazi: "It was so thoughtful of the Sisterhood to think of inviting us today. My son, Eddie, was among the first to attend school in our present building, and I am so proud to see the growth that has taken place."

School Briefs

In the few short months that Mr. Lloyd M. Kahn has been Assistant to the Principal, Mrs. Frieda Shprentz, he has been able to make several observations about the Yeshivah, its students and the community that is behind it. His most heart-warming observation is that there is "concern by the community for the education of its children." He has been impressed with the dedication of the men of the Executive Board and the women of the PTA who always have the best interests of the school at heart.

He finds that, on the whole, the teachers are dedicated. However, he points out there is a need to encourage the children to do more outside reading, even if not assigned. In this category are good sports books, Jules Verne fiction, Mark Twain and other classic writers, stories that read for enjoyment. Reading, in general, he points out, helps to enlarge the child's vocabulary and comprehension and improve spelling. Many students are poor spellers and many of them need more exposure to the public library.

He is happy to note that M.D.Y. students do well on standardized city tests in math and reading, given once a year to the third and sixth grades.

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HONG KONG'S LEADING TAILOR

will be in New York soon

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"SLEUTH"

Try to be patient, please, and
wait for March.

Details will be forthcoming.

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

by Rabbi Moshe Greenes

I have had quite a flurry of inquiries from parents of 8th grade students asking my opinion on the comparative merits of long established, versus newly organized, High Schools.

Forgetting for the moment that these inquiries were in connection with our own newly organized Magen David High School, I shall give my views first on a general level, and then, more specifically, as they relate to Magen David.

One of the problems contributing to the deterioration of the Public Schools is sheer size. With everyone's best intentions, it is simply a clumsy, unmanageable mass. While the situation in Yeshiva High Schools is generally better, they too have begun to suffer from what I call "middle-age flabbiness." In some long-established Yeshivah High Schools where this "middle-age flabbiness" has already set in, the students are just an appendage of a statistic sheet. They are regarded as a record card that breathes, rather than as individuals in whose innermost hearts there are ambitions, fears, hopes, and above all, a sensitivity to the many successes and failures that are inherent in school work.

It is in the pioneering schools that the drive for excellence by the school is at its peak. In its first years the school sees the success of each and every student as its own success, and hovers with love and concern over every student as though the entire school's future depended on that one student.

The principals and teachers see each student as an individual whose achievement means their own achievement, rather than as one nameless ingredient in the larger soup-kettle.

Yes, the balance is always with the smaller, newer school.

Now, as far as Magen David is concerned, we are blessed with the most dedicated—and competent—committee that I have ever had the privilege of working with. They have proven to everyone's satisfaction that they can be entrusted to conduct the affairs of our Yeshivah, and we have every reason to have the fullest confidence that the High School they are building for our community will be first rate in every respect.

P. T. A. NEWS

WOMEN'S LIB—WHO NEEDS IT

November was a very busy month for members of the PTA. There was a stimulating, thought-provoking lecture given by Mrs. Esther Jungreis, author of the widely read *Jewish Press* weekly column, "The Rebbetzin's Viewpoint," who spoke on "Women's Lib—Who Needs It?" She pointed out that throughout Biblical history, women have stood beside their men and have had an honored position in Jewish life. Women were never second-class citizens or chattel as they were among the non-Jews but were always held with respect. Over 100 women were in the audience and they sat so spellbound by Mrs. Jungreis' oratory, they were reluctant to break up the meeting.



REBETZIN JUNGREIS

Also in November were Open-School week when visitors were permitted to visit the classes in operation and the Book Fair. This year's Fair, under Chairman Celia Cohen and with many dedicated helpers, raised more money for PTA than any other Book Fair before this but, more important, stimulated the children to choose and buy good books for their own home libraries. PTA thanks the many teachers who helped guide the choice of their students.

The atmosphere of the Fair was gay and lively thanks to the posters and designs made by Alice Rishty and Eva Tawil.

A suggestion box has been put up on the wall outside the business office. This is for PTA use only, and only we have the key. You may write and leave a message there for us, signed if possible, and we will act on it.

Also, have you noticed the attractive bulletin boards placed in the hallways throughout the school? They're the work of Trina Sultan and are gorgeous.

Our next project is the Cake Sale in January which we may have together with a Card Party. More about that later. More too, about a puppet show we're planning for the children.

SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL: ON THE JOB

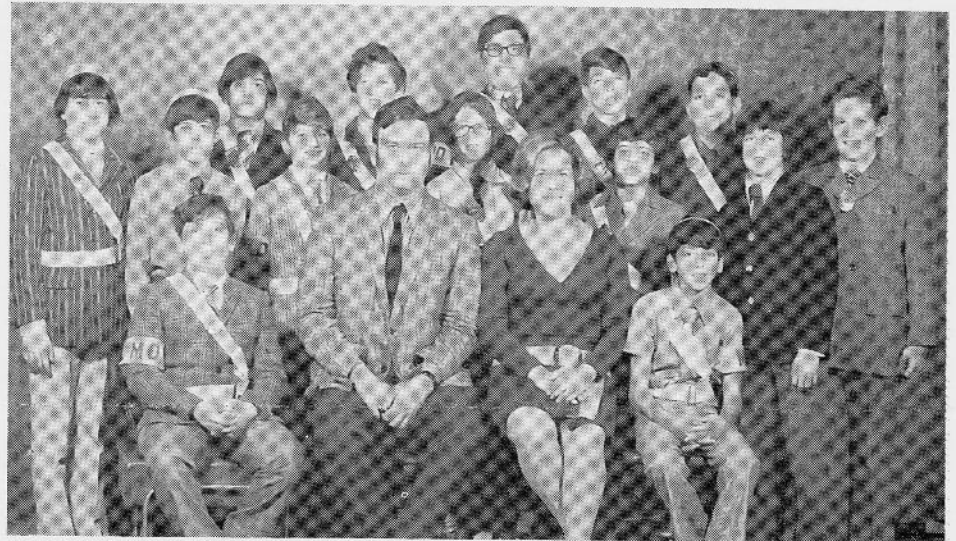
On November 15, 1970, the Magen David Yeshiva's safety patrol went to work in and around the school. The patrol assists in the loading of school and city busses in addition to working at busy crosswalks and helping to cross youngsters.

Each patrol member has a badge, belt, and an M.D.Y. school identification arm band. For rainy days, members are provided with rainwear supplied to us at no charge by Ralph M. Gindi. The group works under the sponsorship of the American Automobile Club and Mrs. M. Kucine, teacher of class 6-310, is the very

capable faculty advisor. Mr. Lloyd Kahn, Assistant Principal, oversees both the operation of Safety Patrol and all of the school busing. We owe a vote of gratitude to these hearty boys for the health and safety of our children.

All patrol members will be invited to a New York Mets' baseball game as guests of the A.A.A. this Spring.

are Samuel Beyda, Captain (class 7-301), Joseph Tawil, Lieutenant (class 7-314), and Maney Douek, Sergeant (class 7-314).



Seated: Martin Haddad; Mr. L. M. Kahn, Ass't Principal; Mrs. M. Kucine, Faculty Advisor to Safety Patrol; David Harrari; Middle Row: Jack Shamah; Yehuda Ben-Haim; Jeffrey Sutton; Isaac Mishaan; Marc Sutton. Third Row: Joseph Tawil, Lieutenant; Edward Braha; Martin Gindi; Samuel Beyda, Captain; Maney Douek, Sergeant; Isaac Mansour; Joseph Sutton. Not in picture: Abraham Maleh.

BETH TORAH NEWS

Beth Torah Cong. has a program for teens between 13-16 years of age. It's in full operation already. About 200 boys and girls signed up and come in Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons to participate in one of the six classes or to have fun in the lounge.

The classes are limited in number and include Judo and Self-Defense, Fashion Design, Actors Studio, Dancersize (modern dance and figure shaping), Playboy Sports Club, and "Stitch-A-Smile." It's planned so that every six weeks members will rotate classes, thereby having a chance

We sincerely appreciate and thank all those who help us. Without all this co-operation, nothing would be possible. And, even if you cannot be active, we look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

to be in each class at least once during the year.

The lounge is always open and includes ping-pong tables, bumper pool tables, juke boxes, games of various kinds, etc. Soft drink machines and candy machines offer snacks. Professionals have been hired to head each club. There are coaches for the sports teams and directors for the lounge. Most clubs meet from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Thurs. except for the Karate which meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Sports are Wednesday night. Doors are closed at 10:00 p.m. and everyone is out by then.

Everything is carefully planned and supervised. Rabbi Rachlin is director and someone from the Ladies Auxiliary of Beth Torah is always on hand. Particular mention is given to Gitta Sultan, Sarina Shalom, Marlene Mishaan, Paulette Grazi, Jeanne Franco, Molly Djamal, Mozelle Tawil, and Adele Levy, who are behind

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this program. As Gitta puts it, "We wanted the kids to be in the habit of using the synagogue for their activities. They are at an impressionable age and their comings and goings should be to a synagogue."

She also emphasized that this program has received whole-hearted cooperation from other congregations and the community in general. The Shaare Zion's basketball team is being integrated with the Sports Club and the Ahi Ezer Cong. has put at their disposal its busses which are to be used to pick up the Shaare Zion

and Beth Torah teams and take them to P.S. 205 to play. Beth Torah has rented the gym and other facilities of P.S. 205 for their exclusive use every Wednesday night when the Sports Club meets.

There are very few rules and regulations. Membership is \$15 per year. No one may enter without a membership card. Good behavior is very important. Discipline must be maintained. "Respect the teacher or out you go!" warns the committee. A program for older teens of 16/up is being planned. Thus far, this group meets in the lounge from 7-10:00 p.m. Sundays.

There has been tremendous enthusiasm on the part of the children. To date it has

been a financial burden as membership fees don't cover half the expense. It's being done to fulfill a desperate need in the community for a supervised program for youth. The reward is seeing the happy, lively and healthy faces of the boys and girls in the Beth Torah program.

Due to an overwhelming enrollment in our children's Art Classes, we are opening a second series which will start Jan. 3rd. Hours are Sundays, from 10-12 and 1-3 for ages 6 to 12.

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