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## Officers, Charter Will Be Selected By Young Adults

By SOPHIE DWECK

Eleven members of the Young Adult Council will be selected for a two-year term and a newly-drafted constitution for the Young Adult Division will be submitted for ratification at an election to be held at the Center on February 15, 16, and 17.

A ballot containing approximately twenty-five candidates and a proposal for ratification of the constitution will be available on those dates and all members of the Young Adult Division will be eligible to vote.

The constitution was drafted by Abe Shalo and has been approved by the present Council. The text will be sent to all eligible voters on February 5th for examination. On that day a meeting of all the candidates will be held and the final ballot will be prepared.

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## Center's Membership Drive Planned To Up Enrollment

By RUTH GINDI

The Center's second annual drive for members has been going along very satisfactorily. According to Abe Hidary, vice-president of the Center and Chairman of the Membership Committee, "two hundred families have already joined and three hundred more families are expected to do the same." Approximately three hundred families enrolled last year.

This year's membership drive is being conducted differently. In 1952, the Center began its canvassing earlier and, therefore, had the time to stress individual membership. In 1953, however, it is tackling the task from the view of family membership. Thus "we urge all the families to cooperate and join the Center," Mr. Hidary declared.

The young adults, it is hoped, will join through the program appeal and will not need sales talk. Over five hundred young adults are expected to join. Four

hundred joined last year.

In the teen age group, the two hundred members who joined last year are expected to rejoin.

Because of the added activities for the Juniors, two hundred Juniors will probably join instead of one hundred fifty.

The only disappointing factor about the drive was the small amount of volunteers who showed up to solicit.

"We found this year, that the canvassing was left to a few people. In order to have a strong Center, we must have the community's full cooperation," Mr. Hidary stated.

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## Center's Directors Set Election For Next Week

Election of fifteen new members to the board of directors of the Magen David Community Center will take place next week, it was announced by Isaac Matalon, president of the Center.

Voting for the new members will be by mail. Ballots with the names of the candidates have been prepared and will be sent to those on the Center's mailing list early next week.

Those elected will serve as board members for a term of two years. The sixteen holdover members of the outgoing board will continue to serve as members until February, 1954, at which time their two year term will expire.

The representation of the Young Adult Division of the Center has been increased from three to four. Its delegation will now consist of two males and two females.

In addition to the four young adults to be chosen, there will be elected two representatives from the married women's group and nine from the married men's group.

The ballot indicating the candidates' grouping and number to be selected is as follows:

**Married Men (9):** Eddie Azar, Marc Benun, Moe Catton, Joe Chira, Eli Dweck, Jack Gemal, Jack Hamway, Abe Hidary, Moe Rahmey, Jack Senior, Morris Setton, Leo Shamah, Abdo Sultan, David Sutton, Saul Sutton.

**Married Women (2):** Sylvia Mal Dweck, Frieda Hamway, Mabel Chabbott.

**Young Adult, Male (2):** Alan Azar, Eli Cohen, Abe Shalo.

**Young Adult, Female (2):** Harriet Cohen, Pat Doueck, Sarah Esses, Virginia Harary, Violet Mishaan.

The holdover members of the board are: Joseph Ashear, Joyce Betesh, Milo Bibi, Lou Diamond, Bert Dweck, Leo Esses, Pauline Grazi, Norman Jemal, Joe Kassin, Morris Levy, Isaac Matalon, Joe Saff, Abe Shamah, Abe Sultan, James Sutton and Joe Tawil.

### Almanac

Date	Lighting Of Candles
Feb. 6	4:48
Feb. 13	5:07
Feb. 20	5:15
Feb. 27	5:23

wer: Have you ever been in trouble — needing money? The Syrian Hebrew Aid Society will tactfully and quietly come to your rescue. If you are unable to send your son to Hebrew School—The Magen David Yeshiva will help pay the fee. This is a cause we can not do without.

According to Nissim Tawil, secretary of the Federation, these five organizations require a total of \$100,000 yearly from the Federation in order to balance their budgets. The Federation collects \$60,000 to \$65,000 yearly. This figure includes approximately \$30,000 which is obtained from "Kapot," with various members donating the other \$35,000.

These figures do not fulfill the Federation's goal of \$100,000 insofar as there is a deficit of \$40,000.

On December 29th, an open meeting was held at Club 26 in an effort to find a remedy to solve the problem of the five institutions and their upkeep. Among the sixty people present, seventeen new members volunteered to help the present committee. The speakers present were Rabbi Jacob Kassin, Mr.

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**Elections**

There'll be plenty of democracy around the Center this coming month of February. It is the month during which two important elections will take place.

One of them is the election of fifteen new members to the board of directors of the Center. The importance of this election cannot be overstressed. The board is the governing body of the Center and as such it determines the over-all policy of the institution.

It is incumbent on all of us to see to it that we elect not only those who are able, but those who also have the willingness to work hard and to dedicate themselves to the great responsibility the position entails.

**Another Election**

The same holds true for the other important election—that of the Young Adults. Here, also, those to be elected must have the disposition and industry required to handle the significant work of the Council. With the welfare of our youth a prime concern of the Center, the selection of qualified people for the Council is a necessity.

Also to be fully considered is the newly-drafted constitution of the Young Adult Division. Upon ratification, it will be the basis for the future government of the Division.

Thus the community—as voters—has some important thinking to do these coming days. Given the exercise of sound judgment, these elections will provide the community with the leadership that will effectively carry out the ideals and objectives of our Center.

**CENTER SPORTS**

With participation in athletics reaching the 2000 mark, lets look at the sports highlights of the fall-winter program.

Ruth Tawil, a member of the 63's, bowling 199 and pushing her team in the lead in the Monday night league. . . . Adele Esses, Renee Marshall, Annette Altaras, Mollie Shmalo, Nancy Beyda, Gladys Salem, Lilly Franco and Camille Heffes placing second in the girls junior division of the all city New York Mirror Basketball tournament. The first champs of our young adults program.

Hats off to the winner of the Y.A. girls basketball tournament, "The Knicks". . . To the Macabees, a team of teen age boys with enough guts to challenge all outside ball teams, ably coached by Eddie Levy. . . . To Ezra Hamway of the Hawks, who is averaging 15 points per game in four games.

Thanks, Tiny Cohen, Abe Sasson, Dave Sutton and Eddie Shamula, you made it work.

**Ping Pong Tournament**

Mrs. Frieda Hamway, who supervises teen age girls athletics has Jeanette Tawil instructing bowling on Monday afternoons, and Joyce Matalon supervising the girls' ping pong tournament, volleyball on Tuesday night and softball in the spring.

On February 3rd, there will be an exhibition game of an All-Opponents team vs. the Knicks. On the following Tuesday evening Violet Beda has planned for volleyball, with Esther Kassin supervising, and badminton. Make sure you are a participant.

With the Y.A. Men's Basketball Tournament reaching a climax, an exhibition game between the tournament winners and an all opponent team is scheduled for March. Eel Cohen, supervising men's athletics, is planning for wrestling and boxing Tuesday evening for those interested and softball and handball for the spring. Watch for the athletic questionnaire.

Jack Senior, chairing the Health Club Committee plans for a March opening.

To Abdo Sultan, chairman of the Athletic Council and all the above mentioned supervisors and participants, a job well done but there's a long way to go.

**Live Music Class**

By GASTON DWECK

Something unique in Center programming took place last Wednesday, January 14th, at Connie Abadi's house when a string quartet performed for some twenty members of the regular Wednesday night Music Appreciation Class.

The live concert included three string quartets by Mozart, Hayden and Ariaga. Leo Sutton, the class leader, gave some interesting facts about the composers' background and also explained the particular piece of music to be played. Thanks are due to Hy Esses for arranging to make the concert possible.

The audience was enthusiastic, and the concert was a success. It is hoped that more of the same will follow.

**What's With The C.B.?**

(Editor's Note: Don't consign the enclosed envelope to the waste-basket. After you've read the following, you may want to make good use of it.)

The response to my letter of a few weeks ago in which the C.B. subscribers were informed of the tentative decision to suspend publication was most encouraging and, at times, quite flattering. Truthfully, both young and old pleaded that the paper continue.

Well, as far as the C.B. is concerned, we may publish or we may not, depending on how much you, the reader, want the C.B.

Plainly put, this is the story: The paper will resume publication, with work previously done voluntarily to be paid for. Work such as soliciting, addressing, folding and similar menial and time-consuming work will be paid for. All this means more dough and more dough means a raise in the subscription price. We're no different from the subways.

At three dollars a subscription, the C.B. can, so to speak, do business. Actually, a dollar increase is not in itself extraordinary, when you consider the old rate of two dollars has been in force since the paper began publishing way back when.

With the new rate, we can provide a realistic incentive for people to go out and do the work of soliciting. Giving a solicitor a ten percent commission, or 30 cents a subscription, will attract more workers so that more people can be solicited. In this way, the C.B. can keep going and at the same time, some easy pocket money can be earned.

Now to get back to the envelope. At the bottom of this column, you will find the usual form of coupon, but as far as you're concerned, it is NOT that usual. On its use depends the future of the C.B.

This bit of advice may well be kept in mind: Don't disregard the coupon and depend on a solicitor to come a-knockin' at your door. There were many people who had not received the C.B. for months because they weren't solicited at the start and had to run all over the place to get their two bucks to the right party.

Remember, no mailing list is complete; many families will not get solicited. If you want the C.B., you can assure yourself of it (and save us a lot of work, to boot) if you make use of the coupon.

So get going—spread the word around to those who aren't subscribers—send in those subscriptions, coupons or no coupons. We will produce, as we have so faithfully done for the past four years. Now you must do your share.

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# Teenagers

By ANNETTE SULTAN

Well, that ball that has been rolling finally hit a strike! After several very successful affairs and outings in 1952, we're all ready to start the New Year right with lots of new and exciting events in view.

To begin with, the T.A.C. (Teenage Council) has been working ceaselessly in preparing for future fun. The Social Committee, ably headed by Julie Sultan and Sheila Hamwee, has planned for a Gala Festival to be held in honor of Tu Bi-Shvat (Eedijar). One of the main features of this special event is to be a Talent Show—with prizes to the winners. Morris Ashear and Dave (Hurdle) Tawil are to be our emcees, so any of you budding performers who wish to participate are welcome to sign up with them, and join in the festivities. The date to be remembered is Sunday evening, February 1st, at 7:00 p.m. sharp. There's to be plenty of song and dance, and loads of food provided by Youth Activity Mothers. We urge you all to come join in the fun, and bring your friends!

### Hats Off

Hats off to the wonderful work being done by Shellie Cohen and Sara Ashkenazi! They've done great work on the Program Committee, with our Program Director, Gene Perkin, and so far are beginning to start a Social Dance class for Teenagers. In addition, all Teenagers are invited to bowl in the afternoons (for reduced rates.)

Morris Ashear and Annette Sultan are in the process of forming a T.A. Dramatic group. Let's hear from all of you who are interested!

Due to popular request, another Swimming Party at the St. George is being scheduled for Sunday nite, Feb. 22nd. (No school next day!) After all the fun that was had on Thanksgiving, we expect more of you to join us this time. Tickets will be on sale soon — \$1.25, including price of chartered bus.

We hope you'll remember most of these dates and come and join in the fun! And don't forget that Wednesday nights are still Canteen Nites. See you at the Center!

# Ahi Ezer Opens New Social Hall

By MARILYN CABASSO

This is to announce the opening of the new social hall of the Ahi Ezer. It is located next door to the main building. This new hall is as beautiful as the original Ahi Ezer Social Hall but only on a somewhat smaller scale.

This hall can accommodate up to one hundred persons. It is an excellent place to hold small weddings, engagement parties, bar-mitzvahs, club meetings, and family get-togethers.

# Federation Assists Five Organizations

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Isaac Shalom and Mr. Joseph Ashear.

The question was raised as to whether it would be more advantageous to the community to dissolve the Federation altogether and to have every one of the five institutions take care of its own affairs. This suggestion was unanimously rejected. Therefore, if the Federation is to continue to exist, further cooperation is absolutely necessary.

There will be a series of dinner parties held by this organization. On Tuesday, February 4th, Club 100 will hold a party, at which no solicitations will be made. Club 26 will have a similar party at a later date, and still another one will be held at another location. The purpose of these parties is to publicize this organization and its doings.

"The Federation is the life of the community and each family should join and contribute to it according to its income," Mr. Tawil declared.

# Young Adults Vote For New Members

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Those holdover members of the Council whose terms will expire in February, 1954, are: Lorraine Betesh, Violet Beyda, Harriet Cohen, Sarah Esses, Norman Greenberg, Virginia Harary, Abe Hedaya, Sally Kassin, Julia Mamiye, Walter Serure and Abe Shalo.

# So What's New?

By DAVID I. COHEN

This marks the final month, and subscribers will be receiving a copy of the COMMUNITY BULLETIN. So with this last issue the staff members troop over to Woolworth's and return all the pencils to the stationary counter. And thus with this noble gesture, mark a fitting end to their literary aspirations.

It's gratifying to note the many loyal friends the BULLETIN acquired during its publication. In fact when news of its impending closing was made known a great hue and cry was raised round about. And many people were visibly affected and went about muttering what a horrible act it was to shut down such a venerable institution of long standing as the C.B. In fact these people got so riled up over such a thought that they looked to hang the editor up in effigy.

But of course there are no effigies of editors to be found this time of year. However, they evidently had decided on the next best thing, because rumor has it the very next day found Abe Shalo dangling under a street lamp by his big toes. But of course this is mere hearsay.

### Reconsider Their Stand

At any rate this spontaneous show of affection has caused a grateful editor and his staff to reconsider their stand.

As you know they manage to finance the paper by soliciting ads, by getting subscriptions, and by weaving mats.

So it has been decided that if enough people subscribe to the C.B. soon the staff will attempt to publish it again within a few months. If not there'll be nothing to do but gather up all the initials left over from the gossip column, hand it over to the Campbell people for their alphabet soups and go back to our fruit stand by the 20th Avenue station.

If such be the case however, we promise that faith will be kept with the spirit of this gallant little paper and that it will have a most worthy demise.

Already there is talk of importing professional mourners from Aleppo, Syria, to add some reverence and solemnity to the wake. Of course the costs would be exorbitant. But it is argued this could be defrayed some what, by maybe having them throw in a few Syrian songs, (sad ones of course) free of charge.

Some of the members have been so carried away by the idea, they're talking of adding on a couple of tamberine weilders and making a lot of money touring revival meetings.

If any of our readers have suggestions we'd be glad to hear from you. Simply write your comments on the back of a C.B. application blank and enclose three dollars.

P.S. As an added inducement this reporter has decided to bring his literary career to a close with this final article. . . . But we'll be seeing you around.

(Editor's Note: Thanks, Dave, for the joy you provided us with all these months. It has been a genuine pleasure to be associated with you and, believe me, we'll be missing you . . . plenty.)

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# Club Delphi Visits Home For Infants

By DIANE GRAZI

With the help of Mrs. Pauline Grazi, the girls of the Club Delphi brought to the children of the Infants Home of Brooklyn, toys and gifts, on Sunday the 28th of December.

What we saw there really made us thankful for what we have. It gave us a chance to appreciate our dear parents and it gave us the power to assist the children to the utmost of our ability.

Has anyone ever thought of going to visit these children or help them so that they may also learn to appreciate things as we do?

## Range Up To Six

The children range from newly-born to six years of age. They are taken care of by nurses and are supported by the money that is raised from the different leagues of the Infants Home of Brooklyn.

Mr. Saperstein took us around the building to show us the different rooms. He showed us the play room, dining room, infirmary, kitchen, etc.

On sunny days the children are taken outside to play in the park.

We wish that everyone would take time out to visit this wonderful building and see how the children are taken care of.

The girls in the Club Delphi are as follows: Priscilla Haddad, president; Shelly Diamond, secretary; Lorraine Benun, treasurer; Diana Grazi, Helene Chera, Paulette Haddad, Shelly Cohen, Carole Haddad, Germaine Nesser, Shirley Franco, Sarah Dweck, Helen Bibi, and Carole Cohen.

# MILESTONES

## MARRIED

Stella Haber ..... Nat Franco  
 Cynthia Jemal ..... Ossie Harary  
 Anna Marcus ..... Bob Mizrahi  
 Claudia Shalom ..... Jack Grazi  
 Anita Sultan.....Raymond Schweky  
 Rose Fallas ..... Julius Menaged  
 Nan Mizrachi .. Robert Hallmark  
 Ben Mizrachi .. Pearl Westerman  
 Nina Shalam ..... Morris Dweck

## ENGAGED

Nancy Ancona.....Ellis Dabah  
 Frieda Haber.....Jack Dweck  
 Renee Matut.....Paul Klein

## BLESSED EVENTS

Mr. & Mrs. James Matut.....Boy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Morris Heffes.....Girl  
 Mr. & Mrs. Irving Ashkenazie  
 Boy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Saka.....Boy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Tawil.....Girl  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cohen.....Girl  
 Mr. & Mrs. Herman Shrem.....Girl  
 (The last two of Florida)

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# THIS AND THAT

By EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE and MOE

**A Couple of Observations:** Those of you who haven't been attending the interesting programs put on at the Friday evening Forums are missing more than intellectual enlightenment. Could it be the cute girls who attend so regularly? . . . could be. . . The feeling generally seems to be that the treatment accorded our young folks at the Cove is something less than courteous . . . our patronage may be better appreciated elsewhere . . . the old hang-out at Meyer's seems to be getting popular again . . . we hear there's been a remodeling in both the place and its management.

**Some Needed Changes:** After much comment on the lack of a cozy atmosphere in the Center basement, there is talk that some re-arrangement of the setup down there will take place. Here is a second to that motion. . . Say, can anyone figure out why Mollie Mamiye and Millie Esses are mentioned hereabouts? . . . Well, we know, but we won't tell.

**On Matrimonials and Different Things:** There have been quite a few marriages taking place these past few weeks, and to all of the lucky couples we extend our best wishes. . . We know of a guy who disagreed with something which appeared in these parts, but when advised to put them on paper for publication, declined . . . whatsamatta Eddie, ain't you got the courage of your convictions?

**The Somber Side:** As one of the more sophisticated columnists puts it: scallions, (or is it onions?) are due to the Young Adult Council for not doing an effective job on the New Year's Eve affair . . . it is hoped that at the next big affair, with more help and better coordination of effort, the embarrassment and disappointment caused will be checked. . . Say, wait a minute, what are we going to do with the bunch of initials we have here? . . . Allright, we'll save them for next time—but when that will be is hard to say . . . we hope it will be soon.

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