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Yeshivah Committee Chairmen Named

Mr. Leo Esses, President, announced the appointment of the chairmen of the Yeshivah's Standing Committees. They are:

Accountancy Joseph Beyda Ed Menaged

Build. Construct. Henry Shalom
Community Relations Joe Ashear
Education Com. Leon Sutton
Father's Club Moe Tawil
Finance Com. Sonny Gindi
Co: Ralph Tawil

These committees, already functioning at a "full steam" tempo, are made up of the best talent in the community, for their specific responsibilities, including many men who are not otherwise members of the Executive Committee,

"From all indications", Mr. Esses continued, "we are in for another banner year. The committees have really pitched into their work with gusto and are accomplishing so very much.

"It is the individual working committees, after all is said and done, that really run the Yeshivah. The success or failure of our programs is in their hands, and thank G-d", he concluded, "we have been blessed with top quality men on our standing committees, and with experienced leadership as chairmen."

At right: A recent foto of the Yeshiva shows the third floor at the half-way mark. The steel beams and roof are up and the scaffolding for the brick layers is being prepared. Story on Page 2. Photo by Pixie

IMPORTANT LECTURE BY PSYCHOLOGIST

The P.T.A. of the Magen David Yeshivah will hold an Open Meeting on Monday, Januray 15th, 1968, at 8:15 P.M. at the school auditorium to hear the well-known psychologist, Dr. Manny Sternlicht, discuss "Behavior and Discipline Problems of School-age Children and Warning Signals of Danger."

We know you will be eager to hear this lecture and to ask Dr. Sternlicht questions pertaining to the psychological growth of children. He is an expert in his field and we apprecite this opportunity to meet and hear him.

This meeting is open to all—parents, friends, neighbors—who are interested in children. Reserve this evening of January 15th and be with us.

Refreshments will be served by our hostesses at the close of the evening. There is no admission fee.

Expanding Program

Magen David Yeshivah has again expanded its programs. We now have a teacher of Remedial Reading, Mrs. Mari Lynn Buchman, and a teacher of Corrective Speech, Mrs. Charlotte Finkel.

Mrs. Buchman is a graduate of New York University and holds a New York City license. She has considerable experience as a specialized teacher of Reading.

Mrs. Charlotte Finkel, the teacher of Corrective Speech, is a graduate of Emerson College where her major was Speech Pathology. She also has a New York City license as a Speech teacher and has had experience in teaching Corrective Speech.

Both Mrs. Buchman and Mrs. Finkel have begun their work in the Yeshivah and all children having speech imperfections or reading problems are given special private instruction and remedial guidance by these highly qualified specialists.



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GUEST EDITORIAL by Rabbi Abraham Hecht

Our community has, thank G-d, mushroomed. Shaare Zion Congregation was host to approximately 2500 men, women and children during the High Holy Day Season, and hundreds more were turned away because of inadequate facilities.

On an average Sabbath morning approximately 1,000 men, women and children flock to the congregation. Many men and women don't even attempt to attend services, since they know there are simply not enough seats.

These are realities with which we must contend. Surely, then, the demand for more synagogue space is compelling. Yet, the urgency of a building to accommodate the youth is even more pressing and vital, and

should have first priority.

Hundreds of teen-agers between fourteen and seventeen are growing up without positive, planned activities. They haven't a place large enough to accommodate them, existing facilities being totally inadequate. They have no educational, physical or social programs, no professional leadership to guide them and plan activities for them; nowhere to go, and even less to do, in their spare time.

It is obvious that these youngsters, male and female, are alert, lively, vigorous, full of energy and the impatience of youth. If we cannot provide meaningful programs for them, they will find their own outlets. The vigor of youth cannot be bridled

with platitudes.

The clarion call of youth's desperation must be heard and answered. We must immediately embark on a crash program to build a large multistoried building capable of accommodating hundreds of teen-agers, young adults, and senior citizens.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

To answer all the questions as to what that construction on the third floor is all about, we interviewed Mr. Henry Shalom, chairman of the Building Committee of the M.D.Y. Executive Board and report the following:

The construction of the third floor foundations and extension are now complete. Workmen are putting in the room partitions, heating systems, wiring for electricity, plumbing, etc. A new type of wall, made of glazed brick, which is being used in the new \$20,000,000 N.Y.U. building is used here too, because of its nice appearance and ease of maintenance.

An intercom system from the Principal's office to each room will be installed. It will be a two-way system so that principals can listen in on classes as well as make announcements to the classes.

The third flooor will have, in addition to new classrooms that will enable the Magen David to expand to approximately 650 pupils, a special arts and crafts room, a shop room for older students, a large library, a teachers' lounge and a nurse's quarters. There will be several multi-purpose rooms with special expandable but sound-proof walls that can be used as the need arises.

Remodeling of the first two floors have allowed for additional storage space, new offices and an improved Science room.

All of this construction, remodeling and renovating is being done without disrupting or interfering with classroom work and classes are being conducted as usual. Construction should be completed by June and the decor with new floors, painting, desks, improved lighting, etc., will be completed by September in time for the New Year. Even the staircases will be re-covered during the summer.

Incidentally, the water pressure and heating problems have been improved. All materials used are of the finest quality and expert advice is adhered to at all times.

To sum up, "this building will be physically modern, and as up-to-date a school building as it is possible to have. It will be clean, attractive, warm, a pleasure for all to enter and work in."

Tunee Goldman

Progress . . . Progress . . . Progress by Rabbi David Bitton

"And he said, The Lord has made room for us and we shall be fruitful in the land." (Genesis, 26-22)

It is a great pleasure to witness the expansion and the progress of our beloved Yeshivah, both phys-

ically and spiritually.

1 — Physically we are witnessing wide-eyed the miracle of the construction of the third floor, thanks to the active Yeshivah Committee. We all wish them success in their holy endeavors.

2 — Spiritually, we are very happy to see the growth of our registration, which grew from 70, eighteen years ago, to 426 this September. An increase of 600% in eighteen years.

3 — We are also very fortunate to have parallel classes up to the 6th grade. This gives an opportunity to each group to study according to its own ability and a chance to others to take advantage of an intensive curriculum.

4 — Orientation Meetings are held semi-monthly with the new Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Leon Sutton. Many fruitful suggestions are inserted within the frame of the school curriculum.

5 — Special instructions of ta'amim (traditional Sephardia incantation of the Humash) are being given to the upper grades 4-8, for one hour and a half per week. Morning prayer is being held daily for 6,7 and 8th grades, and many more improvements are on the way.

6—Out of the 1968 graduating class of 22, 16 will probably continue in yeshivah high schools. Soon meetings will be held with parents and the students will be interviewed by the Principal, to help them apply to the yeshivah of their choice.

So it seems that "The Lord has made room for us and we shall be fruitful in the land."

A Wonderful Concert

Those lucky enough to have tickets for the Jo Amar concert, sponsored by the P.T.A., had a marvelous evening. Every seat in the Walt Whitman Auditorium of Brooklyn College was taken and the audience was warm and lively.

The songs were beautiful, the singing really out of this world.

The program also had a comedian and folk-singing guitarist Avram Grobard.

Many thanks to Mrs. Shelly Rahmey who handled the tickets and publicity for the P.T.A.

CLEANING SERVICE ENGAGED

Mr. Joe Mizrahi, Chairman of the Yeshivah House Committee, announced this week that the Yeshivah has engaged Globe Maintenance Co., a professional cleaning service specializing in college and office buildings, to keep the Yeshivah clean.

The company comes in with a crew of men every evening, after school is out, and goes through all three levels, including the dining room, with the efficiency and precision of an engineering team.

They leave after midnight, and the building is as bright and shining as a hospital. "It is more costly than maintaining our own crew of night porters", Mr. Mizrahi said, "but it certainly is well worth the difference in terms of results. We can depend on this company, which is more than can be said for the average porter."

Mr. Mizrahi said that the Yeshivah still has two day men, including one handy man, to maintain the plant in good repair and appearance.

Mothers In Lunchroom

To meet the pressures of expanded enrollment, and the larger number of children being served at one time since the new Dining Room has been opened, arrangements have been made with the Lunch Room Committee of the Parents Association to have a team of not less than three mothers on hand daily to help with the service of lunch.

The service is now on par with that in the finest cafeterias in the city. Everything moves along at a brisk clip and the children are much happier with the reduced waiting time, the neat, portioned trays, and the loving motherly care ("sorry, Ezra, no extra chocolate pudding until you finish the spinach" or "Joey, I'm going to tell your Mommy that you didn't eat your salad").

A vote of thanks to Phyllis Shams for her capable, efficient job of organizing the Mothers Lunch Room teams. More power to you, Phyllis.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO

RABBI and MRS. SOLOMON AIDELSON

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on the birth of their first child, a Son — November 26th "Mazel Tov" to all

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Leo Esses

SEPHARDIC STUDIES ACCENTED

One of the basic policies of our Yeshivah, as a matter of fact, a raison d'etre, is the perpetuation of our S'phardic traditions and religious practices.

We are not satisfied to create an Ashkenazic Yeshivah for S'phardic children. What we want is a school and a program that will keep alive and nurture the beauty, the inspiration, and the rich spiritual meaningfulness of our youth.

A serious hardship in this respect has always been the fact that too few of our own young men and women have made yeshivah education their careers. I hope that with the burgeoning numbers of our graduates who are going on to Yeshivah high schools and senior college level yeshivot, the teacher shortage will soon be eased somewhat. Also, by raising the professional standards and salaries of teachers we hope to attract more qualified young people who may otherwise have been forced to seek their careers in other vineyards.

Some Examples

In keeping with this policy we have instituted the following programs:

Pizmonim: A course in the religious music of all the Holidays and Festivals. The kids are terrific at it, and they love it too.

Ta'amim: Special instruction in the beautiful, lilting incantations for the Torah and Nebi'im readings.

Morning Prayers: Daily Services in Yeshivah to train the children in our Nussah, daily Birkat Kohanim, etc.

Pronunciation: We are in the process of securing a qualified Hebrew "speech therapist" to teach the children the proper Sephardic pronunciation of the alphabet. Especially the Het and Hai—the Alef and 'Ayin—the Sadi and Sameh.

TO OPEN HEARTS

Submitted by

Donna Gracia Soncino

Hearts, like doors, open with ease To very, very little keys;

And don't forget, that two are these:
"I thank you, sir," and
"If you please."

Author Unknown

COUNCIL ALERTS COMMUNITY

By Rabbi Moshe Greenes

In a special letter to all families of the Community the Rabbinical Council of the Syrian and Near Eastern Jewish Communities in America alerted its 2,500 Constituent families of dangerous encroachments being made upon the Sacred Missvah of Brit-Mileah.

The message, signed by Chief Rabbi Jocob Kassin and all the Rabbis of the Community, warns that many hospitals, wishing to secularize and de-Judaize this great Missvah, have been forcing Mohels "to use the forbidden clamp machine." All the Rabbis of the Community advise and instruct that in cases where the hospital stoops to such practice, "bring your child home and have the Brit performed at home". Also, "Always inquire of the Hospital Mohel", point blank, "whether he intends to use the clamp machine, and if in doubt, contact any of our Rabbis.'

Actually, the clamp was introduced because many physicians, not being proficient in the art of circumcision, have had to resort to the clamp as a crutch, to help them hobble through the Brit.

There are sufficient medical grounds to discourage its use. Firstly, it is guite painful to the infant, which a properly performed Brit, by a skilled Mohel, never is. Secondly, it prolongs the time between the beginning of the incision and the completion of the bandaging. This increases the exposure to infection, which is nil in a properly performed Brit. A lengthy expose of the clamp was published some years ago by the renowned physician and medical historian, Dr. A. Lefkowitz, in which he denounces the use of the clamp as being another indication of the medical profession's greater concern these days with their professional welfare than the true interests of their trusting patients.

It is interesting to note that some 18 years ago, when Queen Elizabeth of England gave birth to a lovely boy — bonnie Prince Charles — the Royal Physicians advised, because of medical considerations, that the Prince be circumcised. And, wonder of wonders, they suggested that a doctor not be trusted to do it. Instead they recommended that an experienced Mohel be summoned because, "None are so expert as these highly skilled Hebrew practitioners of the ancient art." Need more be said?

INQUIRING REPORTER

"Shut the television and get to work".

"No football until you finish".

"If you spend as much time doing homework as you do on the telephone you would be an A student".

Sound familiar? Cries similar to these have been heard in every home since schools were invented. Why? Because homework is here. The topic is so broad, we decided to get opinions from students, parents and faculty.

Rabbi Bitton — Principal, Hebrew Dept.:

Homework is an integral part of the learning process. By going over the day's work at home the student will retain what he has been taught. In preparing for tomorrow's work, he comes to class with a greater readiness to understand and absorb.

Mrs. Shprentz — Principal, English Dept.:

Homework is important in "fixing the work" in the student's mind. The child should get some reading and some written assignments every day. Because the school day is long and children seek time after school for outdoor physical activity, relaxation and television, homework should be meaningful rather than burdensome. Mrs. Goodman—Teacher, 2nd grade:

Homework assignments can be fruitful in developing a sense of responsibility in the pupil. Homework should not be given in excessive amounts. The parent should give assistance at the request of the child. Verna Moel — Parent:

I guess homework is a necessary "evil". I take an interest in my children's work and try to see that their assignments are done neatly and carefully. I help them when I'm needed. But, I question the value of homework for its own sake. Such as writing a single word over and over. My car pool—First to Third graders:

"It's fun to do homework."—A first

"I'd rather play football."—A third "Home work is good because it helps us learn — but I sure love to play football."—A second grader.

Phyllis Shams

The P.T.A. thanks

MR. and MRS. IRVING STEIN

for their gift of Hanukkah Toys for the students

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Report cards will be handed out December 15th. Parents are urged to study them, sign them and have the child return them to the teachers by the 18th, a Monday. Monday evening, December 18th, has been designated "Parent-Teacher Conference Day." Parents are invited to visit the school at night, between the hours of 8-10:00 P.M. and visit the classrooms where teachers will discuss their child's progress. It is expected that every parent will make an effort to see his child's teacher. It is important for him to learn of the child's progress in class work, in conduct, in social relations with his peers. Teachers will be glad to answer questions and give advice where necessary.

Mrs. Snyder Retiring

Mrs. Lottie Snyder, a member of the Magen David English faculty, is retiring after 12 years of service to our school. We shall miss her because she was devoted to her students, made the learning process a fascinating one and stimulated the children so much that they eagerly looked forward to their day in class.

A delicious farewell luncheon was given her by Mrs. Schiffman, attended by Mrs. Shprentz, members of the English faculty and representatives of the P.T.A. She was presented with lovely gifts — a chain and locket by her friends of the faculty and a 14k gold filigree brooch, from Jean's Jewels, by the P.T.A.

As an expression of the esteem we all held for Mrs. Snyder, we quote from a letter addressed to her by Rabbi Greenes and Mr. Leo Esses, the President, "The officers, staff, alumni and parent body join us in extending best wishes on your forthcoming relocation to Florida.

"We are all deeply appreciative of all that you have done for the school and our children during the many years you were with us . . . May G-d grant you you good health, and your usual good cheer, for many, many years to come . . ."

Best Wishes

for a Speedy Recovery to

MRS. EUNICE SETTON

on her recent ailment Her smiling face is missed by her many friends in the P.T.A.

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Cake Sale Time Is Here

This year the P.T.A. will hold its annual Cake Sale on Tuesday afternoon, December 19th, in the lunchroom. Children will be given time out of class to come down and purchase cakes of their choice. Mothers, too, and the general public, are invited to buy cakes from us that day, from 1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

P.T.A. thanks, in advance, all the mothers who lovingly bake cupcakes, cookies and other goodies for the school to sell and to all those who make donations of other kinds. This year, Mrs. Odette Harary will be Chairman of the Cake Sale and we know she will receive the usual fine cooperation from everyone whether it be to bake, buy, pick up or sell cakes. It's fun to work on such a project and the children anticipate it joyfully each December.

Classroom Libraries Circulate Books

Under the supervision of Mrs. Shprentz, Principal of the General Studies Department, a small library has been establishel in each classroom. Books have been chosen to accord with the age and taste levels of each grade and a number of them have been placed in each room. The P.T.A. indexed and made cards for the books and the pupils are now encouraged to look them over, choose one to read at home and return it after two weeks. Parents, as well as teachers, should encourage their children to read for pleasure as well as learning.

After-School Clubs

Mrs. Shprentz is in the process of setting up three different clubs to meet for one hour each after the school day. They are: Art, Orchestra, and Science. More details will be forthcoming. These clubs are undertaken on the initiative of the Fathers Club.

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From The Psychologist's Desk . . . by Dr. Manny Sternlicht

Parents, have you ever wondered how you could help your child be really creative? The secret lies in three words-consistently permissive discipline. No magic formulas, no special machines, just encourage free expression in your child. Let your child feel free to pursue anything that he may be interested in, and answer any questions that he asks as honestly and as directly as you can. But answer the questions on his level, not on yours. For example, if 5-year old Ezra asks where he comes from, don't assume that he's interested in sex already; maybe he just heard that his friend Menahem comes from New Jersey and he wants to know where he comes from! Also, try to give your child as many new experiences as possible, such as visits to zoos, museums, puppet shows, and so on. But permissiveness should not be mistaken for license; some limits are always necessary—more for the younger child, less with the older one.

Now, just a word about the meaning of limits in the psychological sense. We grow psychologically by meeting a difficulty and trying to master it. We grow by solving, or trying to solve, problems. The child who has everything done for him, everything given to him, everything forgiven him, is really a deprived child. A home that has no taboos, that makes no demands, that sets no reasonable rules and limits at all, is an unhealthy place, a breeding ground for trouble. A child's character needs some structure and, in the beginning at least, the controls must come from without, from the parents!

So; set reasonable limits, create home situations that help children think for themselves, and stimulate them by providing varied experiences.

Parents: If there are any child-rearing problems you would like Dr. Sternlicht to discuss in the next issue of the Bulletin, just drop him a line c/o Community Bulletin.

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a member
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YESHIVA BRICK FUND DRIVE UNDER WAY

This year's Brick Fund Drive is under way and has already brought in \$1,000. The competition among the children to see who can bring in the most bricks is keen, and no wonder! Great prizes are being offered to the "top ten."

The first prize is a 20-volume set of Jr. World Encyclopedia

2nd and 3rd prizes are expensive gold watches for a boy and girl 4th and 5th are boy's and girl's bicycles

6th is a transistor Tape Recorder 7th is a large transistor Radio 8th is a Phonograph Player 9th and 10th are Transistor Radios Help a child sell his bricks and he may come home a winner.

Installation Assembly

On Wednesday, November 22, the newly elected G.O. of Magen David Yeshivah took the Oath of Office at a special **Installation Assembly.**

Mrs. Frieda R. Shprentz, the principal, administered the Oath to each officer who then gave an Acceptance Address.

Rabbi Moshe Greenes, Executive Director, greeted the Assembly, and Mrs. Tunee Goldman, President of the Parents Association, spoke to the children.

The program was:

- 1. Color Guard
 Salute to the flag
 Star Spangled Banner
- 2. Reading from Scripture
- 3. Hymn—"Our Father's G-d"
- 4. Greetings-

Frieda R. Shprentz, Principal

- 5. Administering of the pledge to the officers
- 6 Acceptance Address:
 President—Joe Massry
 Vice-Pres.—Yacov Ben Haim
 Secretary—Albert Mossere
 Treasurer—Sam Cohen
- 7. Song—"America the Beautiful"
- 8. Greetings—

Rabbi Moshe Greenes, Exec. Dir.

- 9. Message—Mrs. Tunee Goldman, Pres., P.T.A.
- Taking of the Student Pledge by the Student Body

The speakers were received with great enthusiasm. The Assembly ended on a note of dedication as the Student Body pledged its support of their newly elected officers.



Models at the Sisterhood Fashion show were: Left to right: Freda (Cooky) Chire, Sarah Haddad, Sarah Sultan, Barbara Harary, Cheryl Shalom.

Sisterhood Sets Record

The Annual Sisterhood Luncheon and Fashion Show held at the International Hotel November 15, was the most successful one in their history. The attendance was almost 400 and the fashions were enthusiastically received.

Mrs. Sally Grazi, Toastmaster of the afternoon, thanked the wonderful ladies of the Community for their participation in all Sisterhood affairs. She attributed this to the "maturity of our community; we understand the cardinal importance of a yeshiva to our community's present - and above all, to its future. It is to the credit of our Ladies that they appreciate the importance of a Yeshivah Education not only for this generation, but for our grandchildren, and their grandchildren, unto eternity. And that is why the Yeshivah and the Sisterhood are so universally patronized.

"It assures the future of our Synagogue—without a yeshivah today, we will have empty synagogues tomorrow. It assures a generation devoted to charity and humanitarian deeds.

"In short, it assures the continuation of our wonderful Sephardic traditions. In the Yeshivah we are building future homes of Torah, of warmth, and of kindness and love. We are proud of our Community's ladies; that they understand and appreciate this and attach so much importance to our Yeshivah."

THE SEPHARDIC HOUR
Every Thursday Eve., 8:30 to 9

F.M. Radio — WHBI(105.9) MORRIS SHREM, M.C.

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BLOOD BANK DRIVE

The annual United Sephardic Blood Bank Drive is on again! Again you are asked to donate a pint of blood to be set aside by the Red Cross and used as needed by members of our community, here in New York and across the country. It is vital that the reserves of blood used during 1967 be replenished.

Mr. Sam Anteby, Chairman of the United Sephardic Blood Bank, has induced the Red Cross to set aside a Sunday, January 7th, 1968, to collect the blood so that both men and women over 21 years may conveniently come in and donate.

Date: Sunday, January 7th, 1968 Place: Magen David Yeshivah, 50 Avenue P

Time: From 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

A brunch will be served all day. All community groups support this important drive and urge all eligible members to be blood donors. In addition to this, all people, young and old, men, women and children, are asked to come in to take a simple blood test to be administered by doctors from the staff of John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore who are checking for possible blood deficiencies of various types.

The procedures are simple and painless. It is urgently requested that everyone respond to the call for both blood and for the blood testing and show up early that Sunday.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair held the week of November 16th was a success, financially and educationally. Many children purchased books for themselves for the first time in their lives and, surprisingly, their choices were good ones. Many bought for younger brothers or sisters at home as well.

We thank Mrs. Molly Cohen who so ably handled this year's Book Fair, and her assistants, the mothers of the P.T.A., who helped her in many ways. This cooperation made the Fair a gratifying and wonderful experience.

MORRIS SHREM

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THE SEPHARDIC HOUR Every Thurs., 8:30 to 9:00 P.M.

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MILESTONES

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rahmey: Boy Mr. and Mrs. Joe Massry: Girl Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zetooney: Boy

Bar Mitzvas

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harary (son Richard) Mr. and Mrs. Eli Tobias (son Abraham) Mr. and Mrs. David Mizrahi (son Isaac) Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hidary (son Jack)

Marriages

November 5th: Florence Shrem - Abraham Hasun November 12th:

Linda Susan Schemo Louis Allan Lessar

November 14th:

Norma Mayorah

Frederich H. Schazanoss

November 15th: Ruth Sitt - Victor Djorcejato November 21st:

Regina Abboudi Alberto Arakanchi

November 23rd:

Freida Adjmi - Stanley Cayra

December 17th: Pamela J. Sasson Morris D. Franco

MIZRACHI WOMEN OF AMERICA

The Sephardic Chapter of Mizrachi Women of America is holding a Membership Rally and Card Party on Tuesday, January 16, 1968, at 1:00 P.M. at Shaare Zion Congrega-

An interesting program is scheduled, to be followed by card games. Refreshments will be served.

All are welcome, so pleace come and bring your friends. The meeting is free to members. Let's see you then.

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HANUKKAH AT HOME

The Hanukkah Holidays begin this year on the night of December 26th, and continue through January 3rd.

We will light the first candle of the Menorah on Tuesday night and add an additional candle untill all eight are lit. This ceremony is performed at home in the early evening. Before the father has supper, everyone gathers round to hear the blessings and sing "Hanerot Ha'lal'luh" and the lilting "Maoz Tzur Yeshuati" songs after the candles are lit.

It's become customary to give each child in the family a small gift nightly and to serve special sweets in commemoration of the valiant fight for religious freedom fought 2,000 years ago by our forefathers against the Greeks of old.

Many families display an electric Menorah in a street window with the appropriate number of lights shining for each night, but this does not satisfy the law that oil lamps or candles must be used.

Be sure your loved ones understand and appreciate this Holiday and enjoy celebrating it together. And remember, it is a holiday when we re-dedicate ourselves to G-d and Torah, as did our ancestors of old.

TEENAGE TIDBITS

Hello!

As we fold up the 1967 calendar and get ready to roll out the 1968, we have many things to look forward to! For one, the Mizrachi group is going to see "Don't Drink the Water!" on December 27 and the price is \$3.90. For tickets, contact Ellen Mahana at ES 5-1545.

Good luck to Solomon Goldmanand congratulations, too-for being on his High School Bowl Team. His Yeshivah U. H.S. meets once a month in competition with another H.S. in such subjects as Bible, History and Literature. Same idea as the College Bowl games on T.V.

Boys, are you looking for an extra guitar player? If so, call Howard Husney at CL 9-7909 for arrange-

Listen, have the greatest New Year's and I'll speak to you next year!

Jean Sultan

P.S. If you have anything you would like printed or news of teenagers, just let me know!

Yeshivah Youngsters On Africa Safari

The boys and girls of Magen David's first through eighth grades had the time of their lives on an unusual safari through darkest Africa. They saw the wonders and beauties of the world's last unspoiled frontiers and marveled equally at the majesty of the beasts of primeval forest and field, and at the wholesome natives, so charming in their freedom from the neuroses and complexes weighing down "civilized" man.

The tour was conducted by the Yeshivah's English Principal, Mrs. Shprentz, in a play-back of narrated slides she photographed on her own recent trip through Africa.

The children oh'd and ah'd as they lost themselves in the darkened room and floated off to the world on the screen.

They watched a rhinoceros about to charge their landrover, an impala drinking water at a water hole, the giraffe stretching his neck and reaching for leaves on the topmost branches of trees in Kenya.

The elephants, mother and baby, the hippopotami, water buffaloes and monkeys intrigued the younger children. They were most excited by the lions walking close to the landrover, and by the open jaws of the crocodiles on the shores of the Nile River.

The children enjoyed the beauty of mountains, rivers, and water-falls; peaceful villages, and friendly natives, going about their daily tasks in West and East Africa. They were especially thrilled to see animals they considered vicious, eating, drinking, walking and playing peacefully in their natural environment.

The children expressed their interest and wonder not only in the auditorium, but in letters they later sent Mrs. Shprentz, some of which we reprint here.

Dear Mrs. Shprentz,

We enjoyed the slides you showed. I never saw such beautiful pictures before. I saw movies about Africa but they were all about fighting. This is the first picture I ever saw with peaceful tribes. I was also interested in the animals. I had never seen these animals or heard of their names. Thank you.

Marc Rosenn

FATHERS CLUB REPORT

By Moe Tawil, Chairman

After a slow start, occasioned by the late dates of the holidays this year, our Fathers Club has finally launched its 1967-68 efforts with an unusually ambitious program. Many committees have already turned in their reports, and from all indications this year will outdo even last year's grand-scale achievements.

In the one short year our Fathers Club has been functioning we have already earned the enviable reputation of being the most active Fathers Club amongst New York City Yeshivot. The committees who have thus far turned in reports are:

Social Committee: Allen Moel, Chairman.

They have scheduled the following events:

Sunday, November 28:

Trip to Hayden Planetarium Sunday, December 31:

Chanukah Party and Program

Sunday, January Children's Theatre

Weekend, February 16 to 18:

Grossinger's Hotel Thursday, March 14:

Purim M'Gillah, Prayers, Breakfast, and Celebration

Sunday, Early May:

Baseball Game Sunday, May 26:

Parents' and Children's Picnic: Games, Sports and Lunch

Sunday, June 9:

Father and Child Breakfast

The trip to the Hayden Planetarium was a rousing success, attended by 63 children with parents. The Social Committee welcomes suggestions and comments for further programs. Just call Chairman Al Moel, DE 1-5532. The Social Committee is also organizing a Cub Scout Troop for boys 8 to 11. For information: Saul Sultan, 645-7813.

Dear Mrs. Shprentz,

Those slides were sensational, magnificent, and also interesting.

Elliot Laniado

(How's that for an anti-climax?—Ed.)

Dear Mrs. Shprentz,

I want to thank you for letting me see those pictures of Africa, I appreciate what you did.

Morris Kassin

Dear Mrs. Shprentz,

It was very nice of you to show your pictures of Africa to us. I hope you will show us more films.

Joseph Tawil

Education and Religious Committee: Moshe Faham, Chairman (336-7659)

Realizing that the Torah education of our graduates is far from complete upon graduation, the Education Committee has undertaken to organize an extension course for those boys who for one reason or another could unfortunately not go on to a Yeshivah High School.

To fill another need, that is, keeping the adults up to par with their children's studies, the following courses are offered (also open to the

public).

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Athletic Committee: David Tawil, Chairman.

Our youngsters in grades 1 to 4 receive 2 hours of gym every Sunday. This includes Calisthenics, Body Development, and Competitive Athletics. All under the direction of Chairman Dave Tawil and his crew of athletic-minded fathers.

Clubs: In cooperation with Mrs. Shprentz we will soon have a choice of extra-curricular clubs for our students. As a starter the Fathers Club is organizing an orchestra, a Science Club and an Art Club. Interested students may register with Mrs. Shprentz.

Registration Open

In answer to many requests, Magen David Yeshivah is opening registration now for Nursery, Kindergarten and First Grade for the September 1968 school year.

Classes are limited in size.

Register now with Rabbi S. Himmel at the Yeshivah office, 50 Avenue P.

Do not be disappointed — Register Early!

B'NAI B'RITH NEWS

Beautiful girls, beautiful clothes, and a lovely tea table were the bywords of the day at B'nai B'rith amnual lengerie fashion show. Thanks to chairladies Marie Harary and Freda Sutton and models Francine Benun, Carol Franco, Jill Gindi, Frances Jemal, Adele Levy, Eileen Missry, Louise Sitt, Freda Sutton, and Mozelle Tobias. Muriel Hidary narrated to soft music. The display of art in all media by Alice Rishty added the right touch to an enjoyable afternoon.

The respose to our cook-book-inthe-making has been wonderful. Keep those recipes coming — c/o Muriel Hidary, 2144 East 3rd Street.

For a rewarding experience in volunteer work call Alyce Menashe, NI 5-4825. She is arranging for periodic visits to Coney Island Hospital.

B'nai B'rith Girls are busy with an exciting program. On December 24 they will participate in a B'nai B'rith Girls regional carnival. Hanukkah cards, stuffed animals, and papier mache jewelry will be displayed in their booth at the Hillel Building in Brooklyn College.

Used toys and games are being collected by the girls. They will take them to the Williamsburgh branch of the Y.M.H.A. for distribution to the children in time for Hanukkah.

Never know what to do with your old spectacles? Send them to Eyes For The Needy through the B.B.G.'s. Call Louise Antebi, NI 5-9093 for instructions.

"The Advantages and Disadvantages of a College Education" was the topic of a stimulating debate held last month. Divided into two groups, the arguments pro and con gave the girls food for thought as well as a heated discussion.

Results of this year's elections were: Senior Group President, Sarah Sutton; Vice President, Marilyn Hidary; Secretary, Bonnie Grazi; and Treasurer, Terry Sutton, Junior Group, President, Susan Maleh; Vice President, Leah Sultan; Secretary, Linda Serouya; and Treasurer, Ronnie Esses.

Many thanks to Muriel Hidary and Louise Antebi (Senior Group), and Jackie Esses and Barbara Franco (Junior Group) for doing such a splendid job.

Happy Hanukkah!

Alice Setton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 18th, Monday —
Parent-Teacher's Conference, 8-10
P.M. At Magen David Yeshivah
Dec. 19th, Tuesday —

Cake Sale, Yeshivah. From 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. In lunchroom, open to all

Jan. 7th, 1968, Sunday -

Blood Bank Drive at Magen David Yeshivah, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Open to all. Free Brunch

Jan. 15th, 1968, Monday — P.T.A. Meeting with Dr. Manny Sternlicht, 8:15 P.M. at Yeshivah Building Auditorium. Free

Jan. 16 — Rally and Card Party at 1:00 P.M. Shaare Zion, Sponsored by Mizrahi Women's Organization

We reintroduce our Milestones Column with this issue. Mrs. Grace Rossabi, at CO 6-8285, handles this column and you may contact her if you wish to put a fact in. However, for announcements or Personal Messages, contact our Advertising Manager, Mrs. Selma Cohen.

SHAARE ZION BOY SCOUT NEWS 901's FIRST 1967 HIKE

Boy Scout Troop 901 hiked over the steep mountains of Camp Pouch on Thanksgiving Day. For many Scouts it was their first overnight. Scoutmaster Ralph Setton and assistant Scoutmaster Isaac Sultan were assisted by several enthusiastic fathers who arrived in their old army fatigues. We reached camp wet but happy, to two large cabins, heated by a fireplace.

After drying out the wood, we had a delicious lunch. Not forgetting our religious duties, we held services in one of the cabins, with a flickering lantern serving as the eternal light.

A nature hike at night proved rewarding and when we returned, the older troop members prepared a council fire, around which they told jokes, sang and presented little skits.

The next morning, we awoke early and were told to go back to sleep, for a change. Uncle Sol (Sol Hedaya) served breakfast, took us around the beautiful lake and tested us on advancement skills.

After our last meal, lunch, the troop packed, losing half the equipment in the process. Everyone wanted to stay till Sunday, but we had to get home for Shabat. We're all looking forward to our next hike.

P.S. Troop 901 wishes Mrs. Ralph Setton a speedy recovery.

Bert Cohen

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Mrs. Rachel Shrem wishes to perpetuate the memory of her dear husband, Moses Shrem, by this holy gift.

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YOUTH GROUP FORMED

We are proud to announce the formation of a Youth Group, under the guidance of our own Rabbi Lieberman. The teen-agers plan a house party and a theater outing for the near future. On occasion, they will attend the activities of other Sephardic youth groups such as the one from the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue in Manhattan.

The boys and girls have elected the following as officers:

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