

## M. D. Y. Science Laboratory:

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL EQUIPMENT

Final approval has just been received for a \$14,775.00 long term U.S. gov't. loan to cover the cost of the construction of a Science Laboratory in our present kitchen and lower grades' lunchroom. The approval plan calls for a large room with individual acid-proof and fire-proof work surfaces for 28 children, in full conformance with the best facilities available to Junior High School students anywhere. (Substantially better than what is currently available to New York City Public School children). In addition to the laboratory a special lecture and demonstration room is being constructed for use by all grades for science demonstrations and film-strip or movie viewing. The seating capacity of this room will be 30 children.

Among the \$10,000 worth of equipment that will be purchased for our improved science program, will be general science, biology, chemistry and physics demonstration and work materials.

There is no doubt, but that the completion of our science improvement program will result in superlative science instruction at the Junior High School level.

Rabbi Z. Dershowitz

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## AFTERNOON BRIDGE LESSONS

### ATTRACT OVERFLOW

The lessons in introductory Bridge, sponsored by the Magen David Center, have proven highly successful.

The class meets every Monday afternoon at the Center between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. for lessons in elementary Bridge. The class started with an attendance of forty women and after just three sessions, has grown to approximately sixty women. Soon, classes in Intermediate Bridge will be started. The fee for the course is \$15.00 for twelve lessons, all of which are conducted by renowned Mr. Ostrow an instructor from Brooklyn College.

It is not too late to sign up for this course. If interested, please notify the main office at the Center, BE 6-6587.

## Child Psychologist To Speak

### YOUR CHILDREN ARE THE TOPIC

The P. T. A. is happy to announce that on Monday evening, February 8th, at 8:30 p.m., a general meeting for all Yeshivah members will be held in the main Social Hall of the Center. An informative and interesting lecture by a noted child psychologist on Child Behavior will be the special attraction. A question and answer period will follow. This will be your opportunity

to raise questions about your children's behavior, that may at times have mystified you, and to benefit from expert advice and opinion on these questions.

Part of the evening will be devoted to a discussion of a resolution on the plans of the P.T.A. to spend the sum of \$400 which is surplus in their treasury, for the Yeshivah.

On the same program, we shall hear a speaker from the Fire Dept. give a short talk on Fire Prevention which should prove to be an eye-opener to possible hazards in the home. This talk is being sponsored by the City of New York as part of its Fire Prevention Week activities, and is of utmost concern to all its citizens.

At the end of the evening, refreshments will be served.

## NEW CLASSES FOR GIRLS

An announcement has been made that a religious-education class for girls from the age of 18 yrs. and up is being conducted every Sunday between the hours of 11:30 and 12:30 at the Sutton Cong., 2109 - 67th St.

Rabbi Epstein, from Beth Jacob, is freely devoting his time to this class and hopes that enough girls will take advantage of this chance to further their religious education. The class is especially geared to be of interest to young, unmarried girls and should prove very interesting.

Those young women interested should please contact Rabbi Epstein at the above synagogue at the time the class is in session.

## NATIONAL HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

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Plan to attend!

Call the office for details!

## FUN-FILLED DANCE COMING UP!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Are you suffering from the mid-winter doldrums? Looking for something to do with your evenings? We have the solution for you and all your friends. A bright and fun-filled dance, sponsored by the Magen David Sisterhood, is being held this Saturday night, February 6th at the Center.

According to Mrs. Flora Arking and Mrs. Esther Serure, Co-Chairmen of the Dance Committee, a wonderful time is in store for you.

Music will be supplied by the Hy Kraus organization. Plenty of delicious food is being prepared by our Sisterhood women. Tickets, at \$12 per couple, are now on sale and are going fast. They are limited to 100 to insure a good time and plenty of space. So hurry—if you don't have yours as yet, please contact Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Margie Serure at NI 5-5990. Hope to see you all there for a wonderful night.

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## NEW SPIRITUAL LEADER

It is with deep pride that the Ahi Ezer Congregation, at 2167 - 71st Street, announces that as of January 9th, 1960, their new rabbi and spiritual leader is Rabbi Sion Maslaton.

Rabbi Maslaton is making plans for revitalizing the spiritual and cultural habits of his congregation. We wish him good luck and success in all his undertakings.

## "MATURITY"

Editorial by

Rabbi Zecharia Dershowitz

"Some people grow up, others just grow older."

What is Maturity and how do we attain it? For individuals, it surely also involves physical maturity, but that is not all. People may look like adults, they may even be as old as adults, but often, we must sadly conclude, they are yet immature. In some way, yet not grown up!

The ingredient that must be added to age, to complete the process of growing up, is simply responsibility - a recognition that we are duty-bound to consider our actions in the light of the effect they will have upon ourselves, and upon those who are near and dear to us, today and in the future.

What I have said up to this point involves individuals - people, you, I, and our children. But, is it not equally true of institutions? Can it not also be said that some institutions grow up, others just grow older!

How do we rate according to this scale? Surely we possess enough years to be mature - but do we possess the concomitant sense of responsibility?

Do we attend meetings, if our own children are not directly involved? Do we attend lecture or discussion groups, even if we are not *sure* that we will learn something new? Do we participate in regional or national Yeshivah conferences? Do we as a group, do something for Yeshivot in Israel? These would be signs of a communal sense of responsibility - a recognition that we are responsible for the effects of our group action upon others, as well as upon ourselves!

Our most recent meeting "Meet your teacher Night" was well attended and enthusiastic. Our parents showed personal maturity - a personal sense of responsibility. Can we extend this maturity - to the school?

How nice it would be if *you* could attend the next Yeshivah Meeting - even if it's not only about your child! How nice it would be if you could attend the next National Conference of Hebrew Day Schools P. T. A.'s in Washington, D.C. - even if it does not only involve our Yeshivah!

If you do this, if others do this, if all of our parents feel this sense of communal responsibility, then we will be able to say: "We are grown up, and so is our school!"

## "TU B'SHVAT"

by Rabbi David Bitton

The cold wind mercilessly shakes the bare branches of the shivering trees. The ground is frozen, snowflakes tremble in the air.

Beneath this stark exterior there is a new life-force gathering. Soon it will spring forth: trees will be budding, tender grass will appear on a soft ground, flowers will start blossoming. Soon it will be Spring.

In Israel, where the climate is warmer, the first buds are appearing on the trees already to herald the coming of Tu B'Shvat, the 15th of Shvat, The New Year of the Trees.

This is an important holiday for Israel, for being an agricultural nation, Israel has lived close to nature, loved trees and protected them for their fruit, shade, and beauty. It is a modest unpretentious holiday, but it is celebrated by Jews in every corner of the earth because the longing to return to our country and once again rest each "Man under his vine and his fig tree" is burning in their hearts, consciously or subconsciously, though frost and snow may reign in the country they presently live in.

The Torah is compared to a tree, as it is written, "A tree of life it is to those who hold onto it". In another place, we find man compared to a tree, "... Man is a tree of the field." In the Psalms, the righteous man is compared to the tree, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water that brings forth its fruit in the season and whose leaf shall not wither."

During the Talmudic Period in Israel, it was a custom to plant a tree when a child was born, a cedar for a boy and a cypress for a girl. When the children grew up and got married, their "Chuppa" - the canopy under which the marriage ceremony is held - was made of the branches of these trees. Thus the appreciation of the tree, expressed in our Holy Scriptures, was reflected in the life of the people.

Tu B'Shvat was first celebrated by the Sephardic Jews, probably because they lived in a climate similar to that of Eretz Israel. The celebration takes place as follows: In the Synagogue or in the house of well-to-do people, immediately after Evening Prayer, the guests are served all kinds of fruit, mostly the seven kinds by which the land of Israel was praised. They recite a few selections from Bible, Mishnah, and Zohar in which the

name of that kind of fruit was mentioned, reciting finally, the blessing and eating it.

Tu B'Shvat is on the threshold of Spring; it is a holiday that symbolizes hope - the hope of rebirth. Perhaps it will awaken in Jewish hearts all those latent desires for returning to our land and it will bring forth a new spring and ideological rebirth, after the stormy winters of "Galuth."

## SISTERHOOD DOINGS

by Gladys Shabbot

Ladies, women, girls—We're ready for you! The Annual Sisterhood Membership Tea is in its final stages of preparation. Here are the details:

DATE: Wednesday, February 17

PLACE: The JCH

Bay Parkway & 78th Street

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 100% of the community's female population (we hope)!

As usual, we have a wonderful afternoon in readiness for you: delicious food, well-prepared by our members; and entertainment, in the tradition of previous years, provided by our own Sisterhood girls. This year's surprise offering is a three-act musical that we are sure you will enjoy tremendously. No further details for you now—come and see for yourself. All of our "stars" are familiar to you. Some you have seen before, and some are aspiring new thespians.

If you have not as yet become a member of Sisterhood (your price of admission to a fun-filled afternoon) please contact Membership Chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Sasson, at DE 9-3130 or any other Sisterhood member. They will be happy to take care of it for you.

Come and bring your friends. Remember, there is only one Membership Tea each year—don't miss out. We are all looking forward to greeting you. See you there!

## NOTE OF INTEREST

Rabbi Zecharia Dershowitz has been appointed Chairman of the Yeshivah Teachers Conference Day (a series of workshops for Yeshivah Teachers) sponsored by the Torah Umesorah and the National Conference of Yeshivah Principals. Rabbi Dershowitz is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Yeshivah Principals.



## THE CHILDREN WRITE

### OUR AWARD

by David Harari, Class 2-1

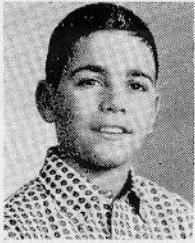


Class 2-1 got a banner. We feel very happy. We got it from the Dept. of Health. It says 100% good teeth.

I went to the dentist. He uses something and puts it in your mouth to fix the cavity. Then he puts air in your mouth to dry up the water. Then he puts the filling in. It is very important to go to the dentist. When you finish with all your cavities, he brushes your teeth. He took an X-ray of my teeth. I like to go to the dentist.

### A TRIP TO LA GUARDIA AIRPORT

by Elliot Serure, Class 5-1



I went to La Guardia airport on my birthday.

We went by car and parked it in the parking lot. When we got there we sat next to a large window and watched the planes come in and leave. I was impressed with the scenery.

We ate in the airport restaurant. They served the food on gold plates, with gold flatware.

When we left, it was beginning to get dark and the lights were turned on. The sights were beautiful.

### A TRIP TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE

by Abraham Kassir, Class 5-1



One day I went to the Stock Exchange with my parents. We saw interesting things. It is a large building. I saw hundreds of men buying and selling stocks and bonds. There were telephones there that when you lifted the receiver you could listen to the stock reports.

There were also postcards to mail to friends from there free. Later I saw a movie about early America.

I enjoyed being at the Stock Exchange very much.

## MY TRIP TO THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

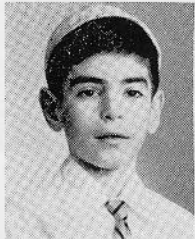
by Joseph Gindi, Class 5-1



It was a sunny clear day when I went to the Empire State Building. I went with my parents. We took two elevators to get to the Observation Tower on the 102nd floor. We could see most of New York City from the top. I saw New York's harbor, the United Nations and the Chrysler Bldgs. I would like to go back again someday.

### MY VISIT TO THE DENTIST

by Eli Haddad, Class 2-1



Magen David Yeshivah has a Dentist Banner Award from the Department of Health. Class 2-1 has the award.

On my visit to the dentist, he gave an anesthetic. The dentist gave me something to squeeze on. I felt very funny. When the dentist drilled, that's when I had the anesthetic. When the dentist took my tooth picture, he used an X-ray.

### LIMA BEANS

by Rochelle Rishty, Class 1-2



We planted Lima Beans in sawdust. We watered them. A plant grew.

## CHIT CHAT OF THE SCHOOL

### BUS SERVICE SCHEDULED

Most of the parents have already been notified that a free School Bus will be available to students starting February 1st. The bus is scheduled to make stops at Ocean Parkway and Avenues V, S, O and Foster Avenue, Dahill Rd. and Kings Highway, and Bay Parkway & 63rd Street. If you would like this service for your children, please contact the Yeshivah at CL 9-2827, as soon as possible.

### LUCHROOM CORNER

A special party in honor of Tu-B'Shvat is being planned by Mrs. Schiffman, our well-known "Cookie", for the children in the two lunch-

rooms. In addition to a festive lunch prepared especially for this holiday, each child will find a basket filled with dried fruits and nuts, suitable to this day, near his plate.

Not only that, but the lunchrooms themselves will be decorated for Spring with original paintings of fruits and flowers by "Cookie" who is quite an artist with paint brush and paints as well as with foods and table decorations. Her paintings, on the windows, of themes appropriate to Chanukah, are proof of her artistry with the brush - while the happy, satisfied looks on the children's faces after their lunches is proof of her artistry in the kitchen!

### GOOD TURNOUT - AT "MEET-YOUR-TEACHER" NIGHT

Our thanks to all who attended the Yeshivah on that cold and snowy January 12th evening! There was a good showing of parents interested in their children's school progress. It made the teachers and administration feel that the evening was well spent. This is the spirit we like to see from our parents. We hope and trust that all P. T. A. functions will be so well attended.

### B'NAI BRITH CORNER

The Magen David Chapter of B'nai Brith was very pleased with the turnout of over fifty women for the lecture and demonstration on the art of Japanese flower arrangements. The flowers and plants were set so attractively that every one of the demonstration arrangements were sold. In fact, the membership was so enthusiastic about the lovely designs that lessons may be given to those interested in learning more about this lovely art.

During the month of February, a special afternoon is being planned for the children, to see a Walt Disney show, plus other attractions. In the evening of February 10th, a hypnotist has been engaged to entertain our members at a large general meeting.

In March, a children's fashion show is being planned. This too should be interesting and amusing.

Please note that February and March have been designated as new membership months. New members who sign up during this period, plus old members who sponsor the new ones, will be entitled to see, without cost, a Bonwit Teller fashion show which will be presented at the B'klyn College Hillel building. It will be with the usual professional Bonwit Teller models and high fashion clothes. If interested in seeing this show and in participating in all the many activities of the B'nai Brith, please sign up now.

**MILESTONES****BIRTHS**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Sutton — Boy  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Mizrahi — Boy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Morris Cohen — Boy  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Leo Kassin — Boy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Isaac (Bozzy) Mizrahi — Boy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Dweck — Girl  
 Mr. & Mrs. Izzy Gindi — Girl  
 Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Safdieh — Girl

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