

# Community bulletin

A Monthly Newspaper —  
of, by, and for the  
Syrian-Jewish Community  
of Brooklyn.

VOL. IV—No. 4

APRIL, 1952

BY SUBSCRIPTION

## Center's Bazaar Opens May 3rd; Plan Kiddie Show

By SOPHIE DWECK

The Center's gigantic Mardi Gras Bazaar is only a few days away so everybody be prepared for the big event, starting Saturday night, May 3rd.

In addition to all the fun and entertainment, valuable gifts, including such desirables as washing machines, television sets and home freezers, are in the offing for lucky participants.

Not in any way forgotten are the children of our community who will have proepared for them on one of the Sundays a grand entertaining show that will be a real surprise.

Everyone's participation is needed, so come out and make the Bazaar a success and have a grand time also.

## Spring Festival

The Young Folks League of the Ahi Ezer Congregation is planning a grand Spring Festival for Sunday night, May 18, at their newly decorated Social Hall.

The free Wednesday evening socials are also being reinstated beginning April 23, and continuing until the summer months.

## Center's Youth Selects Twenty-Four To Council

By HARRIET COHEN

Twenty-four members of our youth were elected to the Young Adult Council in an election held recently at the Center. While more than half were formerly active in the original council, a large proportion are active newcomers to the young adult group.

Abe Hedaya was selected by the new council as it's president. In addition, Sarah Esses, Paulette Beyda, Pat Doueck and Ezra

Cohen, were chosen as vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and financial coordinator, respectively.

Other members of the new council include Violet Beda, Lorraine Betesh, Ralph Betesh, Harriet Cohen, Eli Cohen, Frances Dayan, Jack Dweck, Norman Greenberg, June Haddad, Virginia Harary, Al Jemal, Sally Kassin, Julie Mamiye, Nat Mann, Anita Mishaan, Walter Serure, Abe Shalo, Mac Tawil and Dave Tawil.

### Forms Six Committees

At it's first meeting the Council formed six committees to carry out the extensive program that has been prepared. These committees and their chairmen are as follows: Program—Walter Serure; Social—Julia Mamiye; Boys Athletic—Eli Cohen; Girls Athletic—Violet Beda; Fund Raising—Pat Doueck; and Publicity—Harriet Cohen.

Although each of these committees have three or four council members, their work is of such large scope that volunteers from the community at large will be necessary in order to carry out their task adequately for the benefit of our Center. Those wish-

## Center Youth And Local Police Participate In Mock Atom Raid

By M. M. HELALE

An unprecedented mock atom-bomb attack on the Center took place on Thursday evening, April 3rd, from 7:55 to 9 p.m. with a squad of local police and a group of youthful members of our Center participating.

With full permission from the Board of Directors of the Center, a police sergeant and his crew of fellow officers from the 62nd precinct, with the aid of some young air-raid wardens from the Center, formed a cordon around the building and allowed neither

vehicles nor pedestrians to pass. A huge searchlight, obtained from the Navy, was mounted and focused directly upon the Center where full air-raid activities were now taking place. Somebody was lowered from the roof in a stretcher and victims were being evacuated from the building. The victims were carried across the street and put on stretchers on the sidewalk.

## Slapstick Snack-Bar Suzie Secretly Slugged In Center

By FRANCES DAYAN

Uh . . . haah . . . isn't that funny. I can't seem to find my membership card . . . I'm sure I put it in my left hip pocket when . . . My name? . . . Snack Bar Suzie . . . you've got me branded somewhere in your file.

I come to the Center every night—that is, except Friday and Saturday. You see I like to see the boys and girls and boys so . . . What, I can go down? . . . OK, OK, don't push.

As I went flying past the eighteen steps to the Snack Bar, I signaled for a left turn but like a woman driver, turned right. Crash! Bango! Zapata! . . . Then I stopped. (I was tired.)

My flight (altitude two feet—ceiling dirty) proceeded through the showers, around the steam room, (Henry Lee's not there) and ended in the mythical swimming pool where I got very mythically wet.

When I finally dragged myself past the swinging doors of the Snack Bar, hung my greyhound-bulldog coat (made of travels plus a growl) over the telephone booths (that have no phone numbers but plenty of

people) to dry, I took a breath and looked around. . . Aaah!

Who's that girl talking to MY man (we went out once from a party)? They look awfully chummy, holding each other's shoes. Hum, sorta nice looking. Don't like that ring in her nose, though—I think it would look better around her neck.

As for him, I'll teach him a lesson—I'll ignore him. Let's see, should I go talk to "strike 'em down, put 'em up again" Bijanen? Um, no . . . he told me last night that the bowling alleys meet A.B.C. (American Bowling Congress) specifications until August 31, 1952 . . . I have plenty of time.

I'll go stand by the jukebox . . . maybe someone will ask

(Continued on Page 3)

## Federation Election Yields New Officers

The Magen David Federation, which represents every organization in the community, has elected a new set of officers. The new chairman is Joseph Ashear.

Abe Sultan was voted Treasurer, Morris Levy and Sam Sutton, Vice-presidents, and Isaac Shalom, Honorary Chairman.

The Federation incorporates the Talmud Torah, the Yeshiva, the Near East Aid Society, the Hebrew Aid Society and the Center.

For the first time, according to Mr. Issac Gindi, all members of the community are given the opportunity to become contributors of the Federation.

## Almanac

Date	Lighting Of Candles
Apr. 30	Israel Independence Day
May 2	7:33
May 9	7:40
May 13	Lag B'Omer
May 16	7:47
May 23	7:53
May 29	Erev Shabuot 7:58
May 30	1st Day Shabuot 7:59
May 31	2nd Day Shabuot

NOTE: Above times are  
Daylight Savings Time

**Community Bulletin**

c/o Magen David Community Center  
34-56 Avenue P.  
Brooklyn 4, N.Y.  
Telephone: BEensonhurst 6-6587

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Abraham Shalo

**Associate Editors**  
Ed Lahalon                      Arnold Labalon

**Business Manager**  
Harriet Cohen

**Staff**

Paulette Beyda	Grace Levy
David I. Cohen	Eleanor Malesh
Frances Deyan	Barbara Mathalon
Jean Dayan	Freda Safdeye
Gloria Esses	Connie Serouya
Marlo Fallas	Jeanne Shalom
Ruth Giadi	Norma Sutton
M. M. Helale	Rita Tawil
Eenie, Meenie, Minie and Moe	

**Credo**

After distribution of the last issue of the C.B., I was personally criticised by many of our community leaders for allowing the publication of a submitted column by Al Arakengy in which he commented on the background of the Center and Yeshiva.

To these and others who may have views on the propriety of allowing such articles to appear in the C.B., I wish clearly to state the policy of the paper.

**Policy Clearly Stated**

In an editorial a couple of months ago I clearly stated the policy of the C.B. on submitted articles. It is unfortunate that some failed to understand or appreciate this statement.

So long as I am editor of the C.B., my policy will be to publish any submitted articles by members of our community. I recognize the C.B. as this community's free press and if I believe in such freedom, then here is where my belief will assert itself.

It should be emphasized that free press means giving publication to all sides of an issue and in bringing to fore the significant controversial matters. As an example we are printing the article submitted by Mr. Matalon's answer to the question the previous article raised.

However some may feel about this, the C.B. will continue to publish articles, whether controversial or otherwise. It is its duty as a vehicle of free and responsible expression.

To those who have objected I say this: if the article by Mr. Arakengy were submitted again, it would be published again.

**ABRAHAM SHALO**

## Behind The News A Rebuttal

By **ISAAC MATALON, President,**  
Magen David Community Center

I have perused with apprehension an article appearing in the March issue of the C.B. entitled: "BEHIND THE NEWS". Because of the widespread interest in the topic discussed and the erroneous impression conveyed by the article, I deem it expedient to set the record straight and clarify the issue of all our people to know.

I happen to be one of the most ardent champions of youth activities. I was one of those who shot the opening gun for youths' center movement. During the more than eight years of planning and striving for our goal, I have been an officer of the organization and played a major role in every move. I believe that I am fully qualified to give a true and unbiased version of the working of the Community Center.

**Answering A Cry**

Answering an ever increasing cry of the community, the organization early in 1944 set out to raise funds and erect a Center and Yeshiva. At the first fund raising assembly and at every subsequent gathering, youths, recreational quarters and Yeshiva quarters have always been stipulated as our object. At no time has any responsible member of the organization suggested that one branch or the other branch take a minor role. Of course, it was our ambition to complete a structure that would comprise adequate quarters for both branches.

Our original plans sketched a structure of about 60,000 square feet. That would have given a space of about 25,000 for recreational activities, about 22,000 square feet for Yeshiva accommodations, and about 13,000 square feet for general community use.

Unfortunately, the slackening of funds stopped us dead in our tracks. After long and arduous mental and physical struggle, we had to face a choice of either abandoning the project, or being temporarily satisfied with a small project.

**Would Not Have Kept Faith**

Had we undertaken to complete an adequate recreation center, forsaking the Yeshiva, or vice versa, we would not have kept faith with our Community and with the people who contributed toward the building fund.

The Board adopted a course commensurate with the funds available to it, and compatible with the needs and desires of the Community. Our present quarters are about two-thirds of the space originally planned. In reducing the size of the Center, the Yeshiva and the recreation center were equally deprived of very precious space facilities. In spite of the fact that we have inadequate Yeshiva and equally inadequate recreation facilities, it is much better than to have nothing.

Our predicament is not traceable to the Board's submission to pressure groups, nor to any so-called "deals." Economic stringency compelled us to retrench.

Had everyone rallied to the cause, we would have completed a recreation center with a gym, swimming pool, large social hall, plus a greater

**To The Community . . .**

By **PAULINE GRAZI**

Now that the building of our Center is being completed, we must work to make this Center a place for our boys and girls to have their social advantages, and we must thank G-d that we are fortunate to have such a holy structure to use, enjoy, and benefit from.

This is one year of our dedication, or our year of decision. What we decide to plant now; a good school, a dignified synagogue, a properly equipped Community Center, will grow with the years. What we do not do now, our children will not have until later—when they will no longer be children.

**What YOU Can Do Now**

You and your friends can gather together and join the Center to make for extensive membership. You are the one who will plan and take part in the functions of the Center. Who will be the members if not you?—Nobody!

The more membership is the Center's gain. A neglected or memberless membership is the Center's loss. Who will benefit from increased membership?

You and your children and your neighbor's children—All who want to make this a better community to live in and want to afford our children with full benefit of religious, cultural and social development.

Yeshiva that we would all be proud of. We would be now carrying out a recreational, cultural and educational program that would have been the envy of the most progressive communities.

As is, we have to settle, temporarily I hope, with tightly squeezed quarters all around.

With all the difficulties thus encountered, our aspirations for a greater Center have not vanished. We are out to a good start. Perhaps now, the fathers and mothers in our Community can visualize what a brighter and happier future they can provide for their loved ones. And it is not so hard to attain. Let every one feel that the Center is his and his children's second home, let every one include in his budget a very small figure for the improvement and upkeep of this second home, let everyone lend whatever moral and material support he can to this great organization, then our Community would have written a glorious page in the history of American Jewry.

**Duty To Ascertain**

To refer back to the article written by our young friend, Mr. Arakengy, far from me questioning anyone's right to express his opinion, I say, that when one is reporting a topic of vital interest, it is a prime duty of the reporter to ascertain as much as possible the authenticity of his information. There were ample sources for Mr. Arakengy to seek light on his topic. I have grave doubt that he availed himself of any.

Such light reporting is bound to cause more harm than good. We all wish that our youths would interest themselves more and more in our Community affairs, then we would be sure that our Community would not lapse into a state of "decadence." I am sure that our leaders would be too happy to lend a helping hand so that the youth will be at the helm; that is the surest way that we will not lack leaders tomorrow.

## Snack-Bar Suzie Secretly Slugged

(Continued from Page 1)  
 me to mambo or even dance. Well, what do you know . . . they got some new records. "Be My Life's Companion," . . . "Since My Love Has Gone," . . . Patti Pages' "Retreating," "Come What May," . . . "A Guy Is A Guy" and "I Like It" . . . "Forgive Me" "Hambone."

An hour has passed and they're still talking. She must think her hair looks vogish over her baggy blue eyes . . . oh, oh, her slip's showing . . . should I go over and tell her? . . . or . . . should I let her suffer in ignorance? . . . Yep, I think I'll go play ping pong with Bijanen.

Golly, here comes that boy who's always trying to get me to join something . . . Why hello . . . How are you? What a beautiful tie you're wearing today . . . you want me to join the Art Class? . . . sorry, no talent . . . take Modern Dancing? . . . no, they don't sell size forty-two tights . . . Dramatics? . . . sorry, vocal cords too thin . . . Take a course? . . . my brains are getting their annual check-up . . . Buy a ticket to the social? . . . Now I'm really sorry . . . no money. Would you excuse me (ASIDE: you'd better . . .).

Hi Bijanen . . . How . . . an ice cream cone? . . . Sure, I'll take five scoops of cherry-vanilla with a walnut on top . . . you didn't make much on tips? . . . well, forget the walnut then . . . Have you . . . Ouch! . . . I've been murdered! . . . Call the police! . . . No, call Mr. Boxerman . . . Who's the character that slugged me? . . . I'm gonna . . . What was it? . . . a ping-pong ball . . . Catch me, I think I'm going to faint.

### Compliments of

Mr. & Mrs.  
**DAVID J. BEYDA**  
 and FAMILY

### Compliments of

**WHITEY SITT**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Young Adult Council will sponsor soon the showing of an educational movie entitled "Courtship and Marriage," in the social hall of the Center.

An open discussion will follow the exhibition. Everyone—both married and single—is invited. The admission price will be 25 cents for members and 50 cents for non-members.

## Teen-Age News

The regular Teen-Age Wednesday Night Canteen is rolling merrily along. Come down and join in the fun. The newly crowned Bowling Champs, Steve Franco and Mel Goldberg beat out Eddie Beyda and Bob Hanon in a hard fought finale to climax a thrilling tourney . . . Starting now are Ping-Pong and Singles Bowling Tournaments; still time to register . . . Medals for all the winners . . . Just starting is a T.A. Softball team, coached by Harry Esses. A full schedule against other Center teams is being arranged . . . What should prove to be an exciting election for the T.A. Council officers is currently taking place. You'll get your ballots in the mail. Be sure to vote and join in the swim! Square dancing and Social dancing for those interested . . . Our girls, led by Annette Sultan, Shellie Cohen and Adele Esses are doing noble work for our Council . . . There's work for all.

## So What's New?

By DAVID I. COHEN

Before condescending to write my usual article I should like to dispel the following rumors which have been circulating about the community in recent days.

1. The Center plans to partition its social hall into classrooms with leftover egg matzohs.
  2. The reckless consumption of rice by the Syrian community during the past Passover holidays had repercussions in the Chicago grain market causing a wave of wild speculation there.
  3. I inhale gasoline fumes before writing these articles.
- All these are rumors, of course, unfounded and unsubstantiated and should be judged as such. So with this minute piece of trivia adroitly dealt with we'll proceed with our regular hogwash—oops!! article.

Well, it's Spring again (which you may have easily deduced had you cared to notice that I had discarded my fur-lined, winter-weight spats) and once more the topic of conversation is baseball and vacation time.

Vacations should be taken for two very good reasons: it gives you money, which has been stagnating in a musty bank vault all year long, an opportunity to travel about the country, and gives everyone an excuse to peruse through those wonderful travel folders before finally packing up and schlepping it down to Bradley Beach. Vacations, in order to be enjoyed, should be well planned and thought out.

If, perish forbid, you should decide against going to Bradley Beach notify your acquaintances immediately—else they'll have the New Jersey State troopers scouring the country-side for you.

I found, through the vast benefit of my experiences, the following steps most expedient for insuring a happy, healthful vacation.

1. Negotiate a loan (five-year payment plan) with the Chase National Bank.
2. Let the boss know when you'd like your vacation.
3. When he's recovered his composure and stopped trembling have the boss let you know when he'd like you to have it.
4. Take it.
5. Itemize everything you absolutely feel is essential for your vacation.
6. Now pack up everything that's not on the list as you'll be needing them.
7. When it's time to go, travel up to the city and come running back like crazy cause it's going to rain like the dickens for the next two weeks.

## Essay Contest On Israel Freedom Will Open To Young Brooklynites

"What Israel's Independence Means to Me as an American Jew" is the subject of a 150-word essay contest for young citizens of Brooklyn under the age of 16, it was announced by officers of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council and the Brooklyn Division for State of Israel Bonds, co-sponsors of the contest. The contest is in connection with the 4th anniversary next month of the establishment of the State of Israel.

City-wide celebration of the 4th anniversary of Israel's independence will be marked this year at a giant rally to be held on April 30th at Ebbets Field.

First prize will be a \$100 Israel Bond, second and third prizes will be two \$50 Israel Bonds, all donated by several Brooklyn residents. The best essay received each week will be published in The Jewish Examiner.

Entries are to be submitted to: Israel Essay Contest, suite 402, 186 Joralemon St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y. Contest closes at midnight, April 29.

## Center Progress

The Board of Directors of the Center have contracted for the landscaping of the Center's grounds. This includes fencing the property and will provide space for volley ball and tennis.

A contract for cementing the backyard for handball courts will also be awarded and activities will be planned soon for the use of the new facilities.

The Financial Committee of the Board is trying to collect funds for carrying out the Center's objectives and needs the help of all in doing so.

The House Committee is presently working on plaques and room designations for donors. This work will be completed soon.

## United Jewish Appeal Collects \$40,000 During Holiday Drive

By **CONNIE SEROUYA**

The United Jewish Appeal (U.J.A.) drive in the Syrian Community this year was as successful as last year's with \$40,000 having been collected from all the congregations, according to Mr. Issac Mizrahi, president of the Shaare Zion Congregation.

The U.J.A. is the one organization sustaining the state of Israel; it is responsible for not only bringing refugees from all over into Israel, but it also feeds, clothes, educates and rehabilitates them when they arrive in the country. 250,000 of the 700,000 immigrants brought into Israel by the UJA during the past three years have been from Arab countries, Yemen, North Africa, and Iraq.

The UJA also aids the Israelis in building homes, roads, irrigation projects, industrial development, and in the defense of their country. Jews in other countries, some no better than barbarians, are prepared for life in Israel by the UJA which sets up hospitals and schools in these countries and teaches the people to be self-reliant.

Mr. Elias Hedaya, recently returned from a trip to Israel said, "It is remarkable, the work done by the UJA in the country. They have accomplished the impossible. Without the UJA there would be no Israel."

## MILESTONES

### MARRIED

Marilyn Sultan.....Joe Chira

### ENGAGED

Sally Ashear.....Freddie Tawil

Jacqueline Koopman.....

Marty Hirsch

Roberta Riegelhaupt.....

Roy Labaton

Regina Sedaka.....Daniel Halpern

### BIRTHS

Mr. & Mrs. Max Hidary.....Boy

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Mach.....Boy

Mr. & Mrs. Ike Shasho.....Boy

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cohen.....Girl

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hedaya.....Boy

Mr. & Mrs. Nat Shomer.....Boy

Mr. & Mrs. Al Cohen.....Boy

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Braha.....Boy

### Packages To Israel

Packages may now be sent directly to families in Israel through the facilities of the Magen David Congregation. All those who wish to send food or clothing are urged to contact the Center for information.

## Morsly Handkerchief Co., Inc.

329 Fifth Ave. New York City

### Community bulletin

c/o Magen David Community Center  
34-56 Avenue P, Brooklyn 4, N.Y.  
Return Postage Guaranteed

SEC. 34.66, P.L.&R.  
U. S. POSTAGE

Pa i d

BROOKLYN, N.Y.  
Permit No. 5283

## THIS AND THAT

By **EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE and MOE**

**Nobody asked us but:** Eddie Rahmey's bedroom eyes really send us . . . Claudi and Tex make a cute couple, and so do Reggi and Lou . . . Pat and Abe Rudy seem to always have so much to talk about . . . Old flames never die they just fade away C. A. and L. S. . . . Ike and Esther are always seen together and so are Abe and Gracie . . . Alphabetically, E follows F but what happened, Ed? . . . It seems as though Alfred can't make up his mind what he prefers, a Southern or Northern belle? . . . S. C. and S. D. makes beautiful euphony . . . We think Hicko has finally found a good one (R) . . .

**Cute Couples:** J. M. and J. D. . . . B. B. and N. A. . . . R. T. and E. S.

**Congrats Corner:** Isn't it wonderful about Freddie and Sally? . . . The jewel and the soldier were made from the same form . . . Aren't Gladys and Morris going to have cute children They were made for each other . . . Good luck and best wishes Rej and Dan . . . We have a beauty amongst us—Mazie Salem won A Queen of the Ball contest at the Tavern On The Green . . . Al Levy in New York with his new bride . . . Escorting Jo Jo and you know who, were J. G. and C. S. at the Copa . . . In answer to "When 'ja get in and how long are you here," Leon Setton said, "Two Weeks." . . . Which poodle was Abe Shweky decorating the bar with at the dance . . .

**Incidental Stuff:** I. A. and E. M. agreed to give us some gossip and left the Center together . . . So did Deacon and D. A. . . . Seen making alag-g-ing get away from the dance were M. F. and R. M. . . . who did M. M. keep up 'til all hours of the night that evening? . . . Good to see Moe Kishk around so often . . . keep it up . . . Good luck also to Stretch Cohen in Paris . . . Eddie and Jimmie would find it a lot more interesting if they made it a foursome. What do you say boys? . . . It seems that the B. T. O.'s are giving E. K. the eye . . . won't be long before there will be another subtraction from the K household . . .

**Setting An Example:** What proud father set a good example for other community fathers to follow when he accompanied his young son on a camping trip with the youth Boy Scout troop . . . (the father is known to his friends as: "Boy Scout") . . . It seems to be getting awful lonely in Camp Gordon, Ga. After the exodus of all the S.Y. boys that were stationed there, poor Staff Sgt. Morris Shames is the only one left . . . anyone in that vicinity cntract him for company . . .

**Dance Report:** Those members of the Young Adult Council who worked on the L'elt Hometz Dance were rewarded by the tremendous turnout. The crowd had a grand time, dancing to Syd Dweck's and his music . . . We hope this will presage many more successful affairs . . . What was doing with Sol H. and his beautiful blonde at the Copa . . . Look for the Ahi Ezer Spring festival which is planned for May . . . It looks like the Young Folks League of that congregation has a treat in store for us.

## GINDI

### TELEVISION SERVICE

Expert Television Repairs • Over Ten Years Experience

Ask Your Neighbor Whose Set I've Fixed

ESplanade 5-9304

**ABE M. GINDI**

501 Avenue R

Brooklyn 23, N.Y.