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A. M. Rudman, President of the Community Center

YOUTH COUNCIL SUMMER FORMAL

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 AT 8:30 P. M.

The Youth Council Summer Formal, to be held in the main auditorium of the Community Center on Tuesday, June 6, is—according to its sponsors—to be the crowning event of a social season of pleasant memories. The Variety Show, the Little World's Fair—each unusual, entertaining, successful; now the Youth Council Summer Formal—a glorious climax to the above.

The music for the evening will be furnished by Paul Monaghan's Orchestra. An entertainer will be on hand and several novelty dances will be introduced in the program. Both hall and front porch will be beautifully decorated, and will be air cooled. Every couple will be given a dance program. Refreshments will be served on the porch during the evening.

Weeks of careful planning and attention to detail insure a good time to everyone.


This affair is sponsored by the Youth Council, a body composed of representatives of our eight intermediate organizations—the A. Z. A., Hakoach, Junior Hadassah, Junior League, Sameach, Sorority, Mu Sigma, and the Youth Organization. By pooling their experience, resources, and efforts, these organizations have attracted wide attention through their successful affairs.

Mrs. M. S. Kominsky, New President of Sisterhood

Mrs. M. S. Kominsky was elected president of the Community Center Sisterhood at the last monthly meeting of the season. She succeeds Mrs. Joseph Emple.

Other officers elected are: Mrs. Maurice J. Fineson, first vice president; Mrs. Eugene Cummings, second vice president; Mrs. Edward Stern, secretary; Mrs. Louis Gotlieb, treasurer; and Mrs. Gordon Striar, clerk.

Miss L. Segal
138 Maple St
City



Mr. A. M. Rudman was acclamatorily reelected president of the Community Center at the general meeting of the membership held on Sunday, May 21. The Nominating Committee, consisting of A. M. Rudman, Joseph Emple, Mrs. Minnie Kominsky, Mrs. Gertrude Paul, Sidney Schiro, Myer Segal, Harry Stern, and James Viner presented a slate of Board of Directors which was carried with slight modification. A constitution was adopted.

This constitution provides that the association known as The Bangor Hebrew Community Center shall establish and maintain a community center in the city of Bangor which is to provide for the physical, educational, and spiritual welfare of its members; is to foster the Talmud Torah; is to help in every possible way to promote harmony and union; and is to foster and develop the highest ideals of American citizenship.

Membership in the association is open to men, women, boys and girls of all age groups. Organizations not constituent of the Center may become affiliated with the Center as a unit.

Members above the age of 21 are eligible to vote, to hold office, and to serve on the Board of Directors.

The annual meeting of the Community Center membership shall be held on the third Sunday of the month of May when the president and one-fourth of the directorate shall be elected. The directors shall serve for a period of four years.

The management and control of the association in

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Community Center Board of Directors

The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors will take place Wednesday, June 7, at 8:30 P. M.

In consonance with constitutional requirements the Board will elect a first, second, and third vice president, secretary and treasurer. The president will appoint chairmen for the various committees. A detailed review of the past year will be presented, recommendations will be made, and a budget for the coming year will be submitted. The same will be discussed and will be acted upon.

This is a very important meeting. All directors are asked to be present.

Annual Lawn Party Monday, June 12, at 2:30 P. M.

The Annual Lawn Party of the Bnai Brith Auxiliary will take place on Monday, June 12, 2:30 P. M. on the grounds of the home of Mrs. Leo Wise. Interesting prizes have been procured especially for this occasion. Bridge, prizes, refreshments, will afford interesting diversion and entertainment for all.

Mrs. Ruth Lieberman is chairman. She is being assisted by Mrs. Eva R. Brown and Mrs. Miriam Viner.

Creative Group

The Creative Group has witnessed of late some heated discussion. Henry Segal has stirred up a hornet's nest when he presented and even defended the English point of view on the Palestinian situation. His calm amidst the onslaught did not escape admiration. The legions were led by a stalwart visiting warrior. Mr. Josolowitz not only marshalled telling arguments but delivered the same in a telling manner, such as considerable forensic ability could command.

The June 1 meeting also promises to produce considerable discussion. Dr. E. Blank, during a hurried visit to Boston, became enamoured with, was wooed, and finally completely succumbed to the charms of a new organization which seems to have originated in the Hub City. To arouse similar admiration in the breasts of fellow Creative Group members is the noble task enthusiastic Dr. Blank has set before himself. Will they readily submit to the charms? Will they resist? How will they ward off in case of the latter? A real test in alertness and information—it bears watching.

Calendar

June 1	Thursday	8:00 P. M.	Creative Group Youth Council
		8:30 P. M.	Board of Directors of Talmud Torah
June 3	Saturday	10:00 A. M.	Junior Service
June 4	Sunday	10-12 A. M.	S. S. and Assembly
June 5	Monday	5:00 P. M.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 P. M.	Boy Scouts
June 6	Tuesday	7:30 P. M.	Sameach Club
		8:00 P. M.	Ladies Aid
		8:30 P. M.	Summer Formal
June 7	Wednesday	8:00 P. M.	Bnai Brith
		8:30 P. M.	Board of Directors of Community Center
June 10	Saturday	10:00 A. M.	Junior Services
June 11	Sunday	10-12 A. M.	S. S. and Assembly
June 12	Monday	2:30 P. M.	Annual Lawn Party Hadassah
		5:00 P. M.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 P. M.	Boy Scouts
June 14	Wednesday	8:00 P. M.	Junior Hadassah

New England Council Bnai Brith Honors Bangorians

At the meeting of the Northeastern New England Council of Bnai Brith held Sunday, May 14 at Portland, Mrs. Aaron D. Gotlieb was named vice-president and Mrs. Harry Broder, secretary-treasurer.

Mu Sigma 500th Meeting Celebration

The 500th meeting celebration of the Bangor Omega Chapter will be held in the banquet hall of the Penobscot Exchange Hotel, Sunday, June 4, 7 P. M. Many of the Alumni and all the fraters will be present. While a serious note will be struck here and there by some of the speakers, the occasion will be mainly a joyous one and a good time will be had by all present.

A guest speaker from the Portland Chapter is expected.

Information Service For World's Fair

The Jewish Welfare Board has established an Information Service for visitors to the New York World's Fair to be of help particularly to members of its constituent societies who will visit the Fair.

The office is located at the Young Men's Hebrew Association, 92nd St. and Lexington Ave., New York and is prepared to answer inquiries regarding transportation, Fair exhibits, restaurants, places of interest in New York City, etc. A room registry has also been established in conjunction with the Information Service.

This Jewish Welfare Board Service will extend every help and courtesy to visitors when they visit New York. Inquiries by mail addressed to the J. W. B. Information Service, care Young Men's Hebrew Association, 92nd St. and Lexington Ave., New York City, will be answered promptly.

BEST WISHES

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Epstein
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Singer
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Myers
Mr. and Mrs. E. Adelman who are now proud granddaddy and grandmama. May little Peter Michael fulfil your fondest hopes.

NOTICE

It is your preoccupation that makes it necessary for us to remind you that your Membership Dues are long overdue. Put this down on your Must list. I must pay it. I must pay it as soon as possible. The Center needs it.

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Our Talmud Torah

With the school year almost at an end, we pause to evaluate what has been done. We take the measure of our goal and note the distance to go yet. We carefully take stock of our baggage—to drop that which may impede the achievement of our end in view.

We are proud of the vision, foresight and courage of our leadership. Our educational system as was not only failed to transmit our heritage to our children—but...it succeeded most marvelously at estranging to the point of arousing a definite aversion to anything that had to do with Judaism and Jewish education. The Hebrew School was the nightmare of children and parents. It was the occasion of constant friction. Joined to its complete ineffectiveness—no wonder fathers and mothers, in spite of an inner consciousness of compulsion, would throw up their hands and let nature take its course. This meant one thing... parent and child bid their time, dilly-dallied up to within 6 months of Bar Mizvoh. Then, suddenly, there would be an awakening. The child, in spite of 5 to 6 years of Hebrew School instruction would begin anew his struggle with elementary reading. The traditional chant accompanied these words. To cap this great adventure, a speech was put into the mouth of the youngster voicing sentiments of devotion, loyalty, and complete surrender to principles and ideals, even the existence of which was unknown to the declaimant.

Within the short space of time of six months, our leadership changed this picture of complete futility to one of purposiveness and accomplishment. There is direction to our religious instruction. The work of one class leads up to that of the one following. There is progression. There is achievement. There is an end in view.

This awakened interest. Tardiness fell off. Attendance became regular. Disciplinary problems ceased to trouble. Students are not sent out from classes. Classes are no longer disturbing. Parents are becoming aware of changed attitudes on the part of their children. More than that—a change is taking place within the breasts of the little ones.

This is a record to be proud of. The sacrifices the leadership called upon the community to make is bearing fruit in the more healthy mental life of the youngsters.

Our task is only partially done yet. But given vision, courage, and the whole hearted backing of our parents, and we shall record greater triumphs the coming years.

A Message To Parents*

It has always been a surprise to me to note the rather lackadaisical attitude in general on the part of parents as regards the choice of a course by their children upon the latter's reaching the 8 or 9 grades. True enough, the average parent leads a hectic life what with keeping the wolf from the door, attending to domestic affairs and engaging in local social functions. Yet the future of children is at stake. A little thought to so vital a matter may mean all the difference between success and failure in a life. It would be a wise step indeed on the part of some people to drop "dollar diplomacy" and give more heed to the problems confronting the younger generation at certain critical times in their lives.

When a child approaches the 13th birthday or the close of the seventh school-year, the parents should try to ascertain its aptitudes. Nor should this responsibility be thrown entirely upon the mother's shoulders.

To help children and parents in deciding upon a career wisely, several people may be consulted—the vocational counsellor at school, the grade advisor, the official teacher and last but not least, the youngster himself. At this point, I want to voice my strong disapproval of forcing any vocation upon anyone or any course of study, or any particular school. Doing any of these things is like forcing water to run up hill. It can be done, but at what a cost to mental and physical welfare to the very ones whose best interests we are supposed to have at heart. In the long run, it is much more advisable to help and guide the child in making a wise choice. I also know from personal experience the inestimable value of knowledge of stenography and typing, the latter to boys especially. In high School and College, much time can be saved in doing assignments and better grades obtained than by employing longhand. Any student will verify that. Furthermore, it is a decided advantage to a young man when applying for a position to have facility at the typewriter. I know of a lawyer who made his good fee, \$100.00 because he was able to sit right down at a machine one evening and type off at a moment's notice a set of incorporation papers.

"What course or vocation should my child follow?" you may ask. That is a matter that can be determined only after careful study and consultation with the authorities mentioned above, but always with the boy's or girl's preference in the foreground. In this connection I beg to offer my services to the members of the Center. One final word of caution, dear parents, do not wait until you receive a form from school to be filled out for selection of a course, but give this vital matter much thought for at least a few months before this time to avoid making hasty decisions or doing anything that may be a source of regret later.

M. L. GREIFF

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its activities and in its property is vested in the Board of Directors which is to consist of not exceeding 35 members in good standing. The president of the Community Center Sisterhood is a member of the Board of Directors. A minimum of three women and a maximum of 6 shall always serve on the Board of Directors.

The *minimum* annual membership fees are as follows:

Family membership \$15.00 (includes husband, wife and all children under 18)

Ages 25 and over \$10.00

Ages 18 to 25 5.00

Under 18 2.00

Those contributing more than \$15.00 per annum will be classified as contributing members.

Because of their intrinsic interest in the Community Center and its objectives, because of their success in bringing the Center to the fore in a short space of time, and because of their harmonious working together, the original members of the board were re-elected to their positions of service and responsibility. The following were added to the list because of signal service to the community:

Albert Schiro—Vice-chairman of membership drive; initiator of Hi-Ho; co-chairman of U. J. A. Drive; dynamic personality.

Samuel Lieberman—Active and zealous captain on

membership drive; member of Forum Committee; ready and devoted worker at all times: beloved by all.

Pinchos Medwed—Member of Educational Committee: of considerable intellectual depth.

Shirley Berger—Chairman of Creative Group; active worker: popular.

Manuel Feldman and William Viner—Came to the fore in Hi-Ho activities. Much is expected from both of you.

George Zinn—A late comer in our ranks; volatile, energetic, public spirited and a ready worker: welcome.

Mrs. Molly Emple—Retains her seat on the Board of Directors. As president of the Sisterhood, her services to the Center were invaluable.

Mrs. Minnie Kominsky—New president-elect of the Sisterhood. We are happy to see effective work all along the line find recognition.

Mrs. Gertrude Paul—A veteran in the social field; rugged, honest, and straightforward.

Mrs. Hilda Goodman—Enjoys the confidence and

good will of all: charming and good natured.

Through the elevation of Mrs. Minnie Kominsky to the presidency of the Sisterhood, a vacancy has been created on the Board. The Community News hopes that the Board of Directors in filling this vacancy will see fit to give representation to the youth of the Center. Through the Youth Council, our youth organizations have become effective. Undoubtedly the ensuing years will see this effectiveness considerably increased. May not the chairman of the Youth Council be the voice of youth in the councils of the directorate?

GABBER - GABBER

Somebody told me---that the Beauty shops and Ye Dress Shops are benefitting from the number of parties being held for our prospective brides....that Shirley Berger makes a good nursemaid—ask Mrs. Gertrude Paul....that Rose Rudman would that it just as soon be another girl....that there has been a false rumor about the Podolskys....that a certain group of men went on what is called a "fishing trip"—each one brought back exactly four fish—looks of fish strangely similar....that our imported "Scotchman" created quite a stir at a Creative Group session....that our

married set is getting into the has been class—witness the attendance at the Hadassah Spring Festival. You may retrieve yourself at the Youth Council Summer Formal....that the Pilot Bar Mizvoh was the Party Supreme....that all our "young hopefuls" are on display at Auto Rest Park on Sunday....that a certain rumor about a certain young couple is true....that some women take their bridge seriously.

I wonder---why some of the fellows around here don't get hitched....why some of the girls cannot keep their stocking seams straight....why is one of the fellers from the neighboring village carrying a torch....why wouldn't Viner's Camp make an excellent Summer Community Center....why do Joyce Cohen and Edith Kagan wear such short skirts....why does everybody get excited at every new arrival....think ye our fair sex could get away with last summer's bathing suit....which suggests—will it ever warm up enuf to go a swimming....poor me, and I had to be the repository for all this information and had to wonder about all these things.

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