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## Family Week Plans Gaining Momentum!



MRS. ARNOLD GOODMAN

### Center Women's Club Board Meets

The regular Board meeting of the Center Women's Club was held at the Jewish Community Center on Wed. afternoon, Jan. 7, with Mrs. Edward Rodman presiding.

Plans for the redecoration of the 4th floor lounge were revealed by Mrs. Ben Yormack. Mrs. Frank Laben, Mrs. Arnold Goodman and Mrs. Ben Yormack are in charge of this project. As a first step, the lounge has already been newly painted.

Mrs. Herman Hirsch, Program Chairman, announced that a surprise program is in store for the Center Women's Club during the Family Week festivities. Details will be available at a later date.

Mrs. William Stewart was named to assist Mrs. Harry Weisberg as co-chairman of Jamboree Week and added to the Center Women's Club Board.

Mrs. Philip Schilling gave a report on membership, and announced plans for a paid-up membership

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### Center Orchestra Presents Pop Concert January 28th

Co-chairmen Harold Potter and Gerald Sheriff announced their appreciation of the cooperation that they have been receiving as Family Week plans slip into high gear. Everyone asked to help has done so willingly, they reported.

A bright page in Center history will be added as plans for the Gay Nineties Pop Concert develop. This will be one of the outstanding highlights of the week. It is a must on your list of attendances. The reorganized Center Orchestra, under the capable direction of Syd Lerman, will make its debut on Wed. Jan. 28. Syd is readying the orchestra with a medley of light classical music and gay nineties hit tunes. A tuneful evening, rich in nostalgia, is yours for the asking.

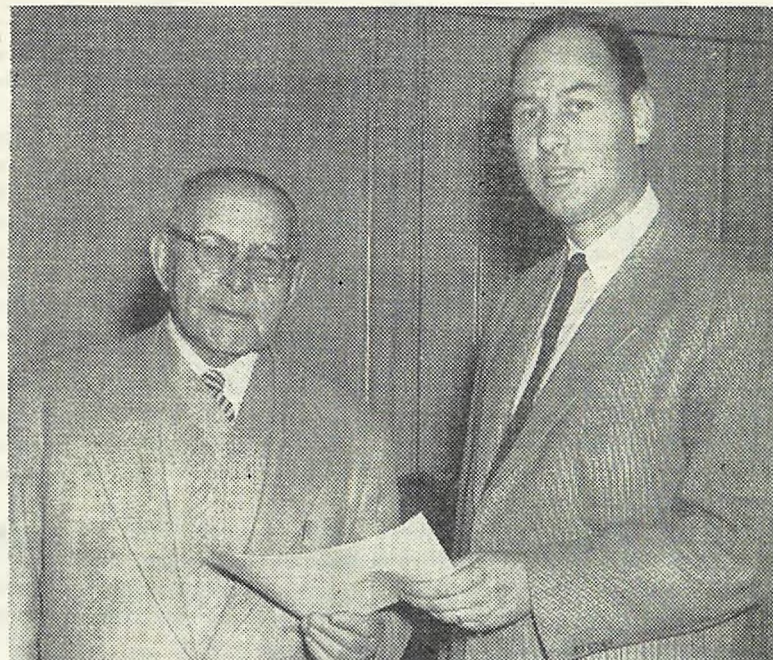
Zeke Rich, chairman, promises us a proper atmospheric setting with

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SYD LERMAN

### Charles Rosenbloom Winner Of Center's Monthly Award



The Center award of the month was given to Charles Rosenbloom by administrative Vice President, Dave Astor, presiding because of President Irving Small's absence. In making the presentation, Mr. Astor cited Mr. Rosenbloom — "for his untiring efforts and continued interest in the Center Day Camp as well as his wholehearted assistance with every available Center Committee."

### Drama Festival Plays Are Cast And Being Rehearsed

The three one-act plays that are to be presented by Workshop as its contribution to the Center's Family Week are rapidly rounding into shape. It has been reported by the three directors, Betty Sax, Dan Singer and Ben Webber that their plays have been cast and that rehearsals are underway.

Each play has a small cast but the lack of numbers on the stage is offset by the choice of the three plays. Each play is different in content and audience appeal.

Workshop is pleased to present this program for the enjoyment of the entire Center membership. The purpose of the Drama Festival is to introduce new workers and actors to our stage but we also hope to induce many of the Center's members to join the Workshop family.

All that is needed for attendance to the Festival is your paid up membership at the Center.



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*Across My Desk*

VICTOR H. TAYLOR

At a meeting of the Board of Directors recently the directors concurred with the recommendations of the house committee voting that the price for the use of the kosher kitchen was to be increased from 20c to 25c per plate. The increased cost of materials has forced the Center to revise its former policy.

The Center must put the kitchen and banquet hall in readiness for the caterer or organization, tables must be arranged, table cloths at 14c per cloth be given, linens for cleaning, plus the gas and lights for the food preparations as well as the absorption of the dish breakage must be borne by the Center for this 25c per plate fee. After the affair, the kitchen must be cleared, mopped and made available for the next user.

It is not the intention of the Center to make money on any of the community services we render, but we cannot continue to offer this accomodation without breaking even.

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**Family Week Plans:**

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sawdust on the floor, and tables set with the traditional red checkered tablecloths. Brass spittoons will be available for those who can still handle a 'chaw of tobacco.' Singing waiters will serve free beer and pretzels. In between the orchestral numbers and during intermission Zeke guarantees a bellyfull of laughter. For example, there will be a strong man act, a can-can chorus, community singing, and the opportunity to hiss and boo villains of old to your hearts content. Julius Elowitch will assist Zeke in carrying out these plans.

This will be the only event of the week where you will be expected to contribute. A small donation to the Center Day Camp will enable you to attend. For an evening of carefree pleasure and laughter make your reservations now. Call Mrs. Bertram Silverman, 2-5944 or Mrs. Jack Clayman, 2-1383 and assure yourself of a gala evening. Family Week opens on Sunday, Jan. 25. It will be open house and your opportunity to witness the events that your Children participate in so wholeheartedly.

Hard working Dorothy Goodman is in charge of the Playcenter and Childrens Activity Day. A brilliant program has been lined up. For the Adults it will be an exhibition of the activities your youngsters participate in every Sunday. Syd Lerman will conduct the music class. Mrs. Ben Mestetsky, chairman, with Dorothy Yormack and Lillian Rosen assisting, will supervise the Arts and Crafts Classes. Abe Venner is in charge of Stamp Book instruction. Hy Silver supervises the photography class. Gym will go on under the direction of Genial Bob Agger. Dancing school will be held as usual. Phil Rosen heads the volunteer committee. The game room will be open. Playcenter will close with film shorts for all children.

In short, Dorothy Goodman and her able committee have lined up a program which runs the entire gamut of your children's activities. It will make you proud, either as a Center member or as an individual, of the opportunities your Center offers to youngsters for healthful, constructive, and entertaining participation in group activity.

A Cub Scout pack meeting will follow playcenter. Attend and you too will be infected with the contagious enthusiasm of Henry Lamport, Cub Scout Leader. Pack Six will receive a special award from the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America for increased attendance participation, growth, and leadership. Only one other Pack has been so honored in this area. Awards will be made to individual scouts for their progress in scout work. This will give you an idea of the outstanding program offered to the scouts.

The details of the Drama Festival are not yet complete. We can tell you that one of the one act plays will be a stage adaption of an Arch Obler radio play. Betty Sax, Ben Webber, and Dan Singer, will each conduct a one act play. The Drama Festival will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25, and Monday, Jan. 26. No reserved seats, so come on time.

C.W.C. will hold its regular paid up luncheonette for its members on Tues. Jan. 27. The ladies will be entertained with humorous monologues on Jewish Family Life.

Yiddish night will take place on Thur. Jan. 29. Maurice Rubinoff has scheduled a Jewish Comedy film starring Molly Picon. Refreshments and additional entertainment will follow. This is a must for all Golden Agers and a golden opportunity for everyone with some understanding of Jewish.

On Friday Jan. 30 Center members have been invited to attend services at the Temple Beth-El. On Saturday the Congregation of Etz Chaim has invited the Center members to attend its morning services. The traditional Kiddush will follow.

In the afternoon an Oneg Shabat will take place at the Center. Dave Rubinoff is making plans that call for a musical program in keeping with the Oneg Shabat. In addition there will be the traditional Hebraic Dances. Plans for this outstanding event will be announced in greater detail in future issues of the Bulletin.

Saturday evening the Center Youthers take over and offer an evening of entertainment, dancing, and refreshments. On Sunday, Feb. 1, the annual Girl Scout Carnival will be held with 65 girls participating. There will be booths with games, hot dogs and soda aplenty, and a white elephant sale.

The grand finale of Family Week will be the second of this year's Entertainment Series. The Israeli Trio will bring us the essence of the music of Israel. The folk tunes, new songs, and shepherd melodies of Israel will be brought to us by talented artists. It is only fitting that a program of this nature should bring to a close the event packed Family Week. Mark the date! Sunday evening, Feb. 1.

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**Membership To Meet**

The paid-up membership luncheon of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Jewish Home for Aged will be held on Monday, Jan. 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center.

Mrs. Benjamin Lerman, Chairman, announces the following committee: Mrs. Maurice Livingston, Mrs. Thomas Levine, Mrs. Bessie Edison, Mrs. Gertrude Gordon, Mrs. Saul Branz.

The afternoon will be spent playing Beano and other card games. A door prize will be the feature of the afternoon. All life members are cordially invited to attend.

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## Sisterhood Plans Two Winter Events

Plans for a paid-up membership luncheon in January and a food sale in February were made at the meeting of Etz Chaim Sisterhood Monday evening in the vestry of the synagogue. Mrs. William Punskey presided and the invocation was by Mrs. Mendell Neiss. Mrs. Jacob Mack reported on the recent donor's luncheon.

Mrs. Robert Mack, program chairman, was in charge of Chanukah skit, A Lesson in Sisterhood, presented by Mrs. Bernard Freedman and Mrs. Jacob Levinsky. Hostesses were Mrs. Saul Branz and Mrs. Ida Levitan. Fifty members were in attendance.

Board of Directors of Sisterhood of Etz Chaim Synagogue will meet at the home of Mrs. Jacob Young, 38 Noyes Street, Jan. 14, 1953.

### CENTER WOMEN MEET:

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desert. Mrs. Donald Herman reported on Center Youth.

Hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Morris Cox, Mrs. Sidney Lerman, Mrs. Edward Caplan and Mrs. Bertram Silverman.

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## Federation Elects Leaders



SEATED, left to right—Mrs. Maurice Levine, Arthur M. Waterman, STANDING—David I. Rubinoff, Harold J. Potter and Edward D. Sacknoff.

Top flight leadership was elected to chart the course of the Jewish Federation during the coming year at the Federation Board of Director's December meeting.

President Arthur M. Waterman heads the officers, each of whom has distinguished himself in a variety of facets of Jewish community life. Arthur served the Federation during 1952 as chairman of its Budget Committee and chairman of the Men's Special Gifts Division of the 1953 campaign and is currently commander of the Jacob Cousins Post of the Jewish War Veterans.

Vice-President Harold J. Potter recently concluded a three-year term as president of the Jewish Community Center, chaired Federation's 1950 Budget Committee, headed its Men's Division in numerous campaigns and has been a tower of strength in many other Jewish

causes. Edward D. Sacknoff, newly-elected vice-president, served as chairman of the Board of Directors at Temple Beth El and is currently finance chairman of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Vice-president Mrs. Maurice Levine covered herself with glory as general chairman of the 1951 and 1952 Women's Division campaigns of the Jewish Federation and is currently financial secretary of Hadassah.

David I. Rubinoff was elected treasurer. Dave is currently chairman of the Board of Directors of Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue and vice-president of the Jewish Home for Aged.

Arthur M. Waterman succeeds Saul G. Chason, who completed his third term as Federation president.

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## To Hold Food Sale

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## Thank You

Irma and Sidney Carnam wish to thank Rabbi Bekritsky, Rabbi Bennett, the organizations and their friends for the cards and congratulatory messages sent them upon the arrival of their daughter, Linda Dale.

Mr. Abraham Lourie wishes to thank Rabbi Bekritsky, Cantor Zimelman, and his many friends, relatives and organizations for the kindness shown him during his recent hospitalization.

## Mazel Tov

Miss Sadye Kuvent and Irving Lourie upon their marriage which took place New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Benjamin upon the birth of a daughter, Karen Merle.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Carnam upon the birth of a daughter.

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# SCOUTING

## Troop 109

Beverly Loeb, Myra Pollack, Gail Fineberg and Ester Seigal put on a play called "The Three Little Kittens." Nancy Sax, Sharon Sher, Mona Loeb and Pamela Drogin appeared in a play called "Chanukah's Present."

Our leaders, Mrs. George Loeb and Mrs. Louis Pollock taught us how to make fudge and popcorn. We sang songs and danced for Mrs. Robert Loeb.

Pamela Drogin, Scribe

## Pack 6

### DEN 1

Den Chief Michael Rubinoﬀ introduced every one of us to Mrs. Earl Brand, our new Den Mother. She seems very pleased with Den 1. Our Den Chief and Eliot Rich tested most of us in knot tying.

We did not do so good in bowling. We all need practice in this sport. Allan Lampport scored highest single string - 60, Larry Finkleman - 51.

Allan Lampport

Keeper of the Buckskin

### Den 3

Norman Stern came in and showed us some model cars he made. He talked about old time transportation. We all enjoyed it very much.

We challenged Den 1 to a bowling match and beat the pants off them. Jeffrey Weinstein is still bowling champion of our den.

Stanley Elowitz

Keeper of the Buckskin

### DEN 4

Norman Stern brought a collection of model cars, in connection with our January theme of transportation. We saw pictures on Railroad- ing that were very interesting. We had an inspection and then completed our meeting with a living circle.

Myron Berman

Keeper of the Buckskin

### DEN 5

After Irwin collected dues, we held inspection. We all told stories about movies we had seen or something interesting that we did this summer.

James Silverman

Keeper of the Buckskin

### DEN 6

We opened our meeting with the collection of dues. After our game, Mr. Lampport came in and looked over our Wolf books. I think that most of us are ready to receive our Wolf at the next pack meeting.

Richard Fisher,

Keeper of the Buckskin

## AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS

To the Manny Brooks, who were in charge of dinner arrangements and made doubly sure that everyone was served; to the Lou Shellings, ticket chairmen and their helpers, Ruth Orloff, Celia Sibolkin, Bertha Passman, Fay Glick and Bea Zade, who did such a thorough job of delivering all tickets; to the Ben Yormacks, for the headache of arranging the tables to suit everyone and also provide ample space for dancing; to Evelyn Silverman and Gladys Potter for spending so much time on the telephone accepting reservations.

To Doc Woolf who came down to help, even tho he and Sylvia couldn't attend the party; to the Barney Zades, who, despite the fact that misfortune kept them from the Party, came down the night before to distribute all the Party favors and noisemakers on the tables; to the Lou Drogins, who got blue in the face blowing up the balloons for the Lucky Balloon Dance; to the Phil Rosens, the Robert Saxs, the Fred Sibolkins and Cy Briggs for being an efficient door committee.

To the Syd Lermans for providing us with the orchestra; to the Ed Rodmans for the swell publicity; to the Dave Novicks for the Checkroom; and to the Harold Ross' who were in charge of posters.

To all these we wish to present a big bouquet of thanks for their earnest cooperation in making the Center's New Years Eve House Party the success that it was.

And last but not least, we wish to thank each and every one of you who attended, because if you had not attended, we certainly could not have called it a success.

Sincerely,

Pauline and George Robinson



CARL SHIBLE

Sunday morning found an exceptionally good volleyball turnout. The number turning out has been increasing rapidly with Bobby Agger, Doc Briggs, Bill Kamber, Don Herman, Maish Rubinoff, George Fleischer, Alex Goldman, Sid Greenberg, Ben Glick, Don Cutler, Harry Lerman, and Sam Berman playing some hotly contested games.

The Cub Scouts are going to start a basketball league with six teams, one from each den.

Monday night, January 26, a foul-shooting contest will be held for girls. Here's your chance to show your stuff, gals. Pat Patchosky in practice last week shot a neat 17 out of 25. Not bad, Pat! This week Eleanor Reef was best with 12 of 25. Pat hit 11, and Nancy Davidson 10.

The Varsity lost two basketball players recently. Jerry Fineberg will be out of action for some time with a dislocated shoulder, while Sonny Reuben has gone to Florida. The Varsity played the Natural Seven Thursday night. The A's also played the same night in a prelim.

The B's and Tween Agers play their games on Tuesday night.

All those interested in playing handball should come down Sunday afternoons. We have one of the finest handball courts in the State. Let's put it to good use.

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# Center Youth

by Sunny Berenson

Remember how wonderful the Bar Mitzvah was last year? Well, this year the Center will sponsor another fun-filled week, Family Week, which will be the last week in January. The highlight of Family Week for the high schoolers will be a night club dance held on Saturday night for Center Youthers only. Bruce Nelson is chairman of the affair. I'll have more news about this later.

Congratulations are due to Jerry Sandler, chairman of the Room Committee, for really fixing up the Youth Lounge. Has everyone seen the beautiful new drapes there? The room is really beginning to shine.

If any of you underclassmen are having trouble with your studies or are in need of advice about your schooling, please feel free to contact Lenny Nelson. Professor Nelson has gathered together as his associates in this undertaking a number of our brilliant(?) Seniors who have offered their services to Center Youth.

See you next week!

## Notice To Aliens!

Attorney General James P. McGranery has announced that all aliens in the United States on the first day of January 1953 must, during the period from January 1 through 31, 1953, notify the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization of their current addresses. He stressed the new requirement of the Immigration and Nationality Act, effective December 24, 1952, that aliens give notice of any change occurring at any time.

Aliens residing in Portland may receive assistance in filing the necessary forms by communicating with Mrs. Harry Geller, 2-3061 or Mrs. Benjamin Troen, 2-7314 of the Council of Jewish Women's Service to Foreign Born Section.

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## PLAYCENTER

A special Arts and Crafts project has been prepared by Mrs. Ben Yormack, Mrs. Ben Mestetsky and Mrs. Philip Rosen as part of the regular Sunday afternoon Playcenter program. Just remember the change in starting time is 2:00 P.M. instead of 1:30 P.M.

The other regularly scheduled activities: Dancing school, Game-room, and Gym, will be available as usual.

## Dancing School

The new Dancing school session has begun for all children who were 5 years old by January 1, 1953 but who have not passed their 12th birthday by Jan. 1, 1953. Registration is required of every child who attends these classes.

See Mrs. Louis Pollack or Mrs. Morris Cox in the Little Theater on Sunday afternoon to register. The fee for the next session of eight weeks is \$1.00. Classes are limited to Center Members.

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## IN TUNE

BEN "Deems Taylor" ZOLOV

The first rehearsal of the new year found the entire Center Concert Orchestra brim full of enthusiasm —preparing for the "Gay Ninety" program, which takes place Wed. eve. Jan. 28, 1953.

Those in the "know" tell me that the evening will be packed full of surprises. My crystal ball tells me that the foamiest beer in town will be the "piece de resistance." All you "he men" might train the moustache well to strain the "bittersweet" on the 28th.

Nice to have Rose Berlowitz back with us on the first violin section again. Rose just weathered a mean virus infection, and is pleased as punch to be in the musical whirl once more. She was elected perennial secretary, a position which calls for a great deal of work, and very little glamor. Remember, Rose, the old guard appreciate all of your work behind the scenes.



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## Hebrew School Staffs

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The Council's purpose is to improve Jewish education in Portland by providing the teachers with an opportunity to discuss matters of common concern to them. Last year the group sponsored seminars on Hebrew teaching methods and on uniform Hebrew texts. It initiated and planned an Inter-School Picnic held on Lag B'Omer. It also gave consideration to the institution of a Keren Ami educational project in the two schools.

This year the Council has studied the place of audio-visual methods in classroom teaching. A full meeting was devoted to a demonstration of the film strip machine as an aid in dramatizing and creating student interest in Hebrew studies. A decision relative to the purchase of a film strip projector with funds made available by the Bureau of Jewish Education has been delayed pending further study. In the meanwhile the Council has taken steps to develop a library of basic Hebrew teachings texts and periodicals of value to Jewish educators. These will form the basis of study and discussion at future meetings.

An intangible though important contribution of the Educator's Council has been the creation of a community of interest in Jewish education by those who play the key roles in such an important community undertaking. An outgrowth of a community approach to Jewish education fostered by the Bureau of Jewish Education, it underscores the responsibility now felt by all of our teachers for all of Jewish education in Portland.

Members of the Council include Rabbi Ephraim Bennett, Rabbi Morris Bekritsky, Nathan Kops, Mrs. Nathan Kops, Mrs. Benjamin Hagai, Eser Davidson, Ernest Braun, Cantor Kurt Messerschmidt, Joel Korn, Edward Weisberg and Benjamin Band.

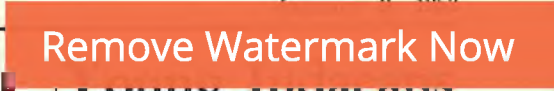
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## "Gefilte Snooze"

Hello Mr. and Mrs. Jewish Community Center and all the little Jay Cee Ceess; lets go to Press: Chalk off another social success for your Center. The New Year was ushered in in a spirit of merriment and conviviality at the "House Party" which was filled to capacity. . . . Between the Center Youthers in the Little Theatre and their elders in the Gym, the Center was really rocking with Rhythm. . . . Thru the grapevine we hear that Evelyn Silverman has completely recovered from her severe attack of telephonitis, caused by the avalanche of "Party" reservations. . . . Notice the starry-eyed gal seen dancing with her orchestra leader husband? 'twas the first time in 12 years that they spent New Years Eve together. "Loads of fun," sez Tina and Lou Fineberg. Take a lesson, Syd - you ain't doin' right by your Marion!!!!

**SEEN IN THE DANSE-AUDIENGE**  
 . . . Fay and Ben Glick who looked quite chipper despite the fact that they had moved to their new abode just the day before the "House Party." Lots of Luck. . . . Fritzi and Bob Cohen who lose their inhibitions when they dance a "Lindy" . . . . Gussie and Oscar Gottschalk say it takes "Two to Tango". . . . The Donald Hermans say "Congo Shmongo, Horra Schnorra, we still prefer a nice slow number". . . . Dot Goodman dancing without her shoes on. . . . .

**ATTENTION.** . . if there were any talent scouts at the party, they certainly found an abundance of it during the impromptu entertainment. . . Howdja like the jam session? . . . did you know that Arnold Briggs could tickle the ivories like that? . . if you thought that was a recording of Jolson you heard, let me inform you that it was only George Robinson giving his all to "All of Me" . . . Sam Fineberg was whooping it up at the drums. . . who needs outside talent when we have so much of it among our own Center members. . . Are you listening Vice President in Charge of Entertainment?

Our efficient office secretary received her first break of '53; her finger. Now, now, Eleanor, that's no way to start off the New Year!!! tch, tch, tch. . . **AN EXTRA TID-BIT** — celebratin' their 22nd anniversary were Ruth and Bob Loeb . . . . Dorothy Yormack complains that she got stabbed by the prize that Willie Weinstein won in the Balloon Dance. . . "there must be an easier way to test your voice," wails she . . . **ZOUNDS IN THE NIGHT** . . everyone is working on some committee for Family Week. . . . Wow!!! what a week its going to be!!!! something doing every day and nite. . .

## Dean Lord, Center Men's Club Speaker

The Center Men's Club held its first meeting of the New Year in a most auspicious manner with 55 members present. Dean Lord, dean emeritus of Boston University and former founder of the College of Business Administration of Boston U., was the first speaker of the new club to address the noon day members. The prominent educator, traveler and humanitarian related many humorous and true incidents of his busy life.

Roy Owsley, new city manager, accepted the opportunity to meet with the members and extended greetings to the new club.

Reports by Jules Greenstein, chairman of the Policy Committee. Barney Zade, Membership Committee and Sumner Bernstein, Nominations Committee Chairmen were heard. Bill Slade, chairman of arrangements reported on the clubs meeting plans for the coming session.

Another meeting is scheduled for Wed. Jan. 21st at 12:15.

## Hadassah Notes

We have been most fortunate to secure the talents of Mrs. George Rossyn, Past President of the New England Region of Hadassah, as our guest speaker on Tuesday afternoon January 13 at 2:15 P.M.

Mrs. Louis Gordon, Chairman of Child Welfare will introduce the speaker whose theme will be Vocational Guidance and Child Welfare. Most appropriate entertainment at this program will be piano selections by Paula Ann Rosengard and Vocal Selections by Stephen Novick.

All members are urged to attend.

## Watch For The Toastmistress Club

The Center builds for its future with programming designed for its members," quoth Jerry Sherriff when we talked with him about what's going to happen.

So long, and God Speed to Anne and Irving Rothstein who are Miami Beach bound. Come back to us well and happy and in good spirits. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Levey are basking in the Florida sun.

We caught glimpses of the "Tween Agers" last Tuesday night, and we think this newly formed group is very spirited and so eager to be a bright light in the Center. Watch Donny Gordon, Marty Garon, Patty Davidson, Donna Levenson, Ronnie Drogin, Lee Brooks, Jerry Fisher, Stevic Novick. They're campaigners, "extraordinaire." These gals and guys are going places, and don't say we didn't tell you.



## WORKSHOP MUSE-INGS

There's one very strong complaint that I have regarding Workshop and that is that I can't for the life of me pay my \$6.60 at a Broadway presentation and just sit back and enjoy whatever passes before my eyes.

This doesn't mean that Workshop has made a critic of me and that I demand utter perfection on the stage. It also does not mean that I am now a connoisseur of what is good or bad on the stage. It also does not reflect that I pay more than three times as much for one play as I must pay for my entire Workshop year. It simply means that due to my connection with many productions, on stage and off stage, I am constantly wandering from the actual acting to the other businesses that make the play. I find myself watching for the manipulation of the lights and the effects that are derived from their set-up. From this I check make-up and the little tricks that go with this art. The set is placed under my careful scrutiny and I try to delve into the intricacies that went into its making.

Next, I study the care and keeping of the stage furniture, while my ear is constantly tuned to the urgent whisper of the prompter. All this takes me a good two acts, and when the curtain parts for the last act, I can finally sit back and watch the performance.

But, no, it's still not the watching that I used to do before my Workshop days, for the actors are watched with the idea of picking up some of the expert direction they have received. I find my attention wandering to a bit player and noticing the way he handles himself for his few, but very important, moments on the stage. I notice the little tricks of eye-catching attention that are employed and then a faux pas occurs, perhaps not visible to the untrained eye. I find myself muttering, "They don't pull that stuff at the Workshop. No sir."

Yes it's a lot different attending a play out of town these days and I blame it all onto Workshop.

It isn't really a legitimate gripe but rather an awareness of what's going on. It allows me a much richer return for my \$6.60 because I've learned where to focus my attention for these many different problems; and when I applaud the finesse of a play I am not applauding the acting chores only. This awareness will come to those of you who actually partake of the

## Young Judaea To Meet Jan. 11

The first meeting of Young Judaea will be held at the home of Carol Feldman, 192 Clifton St., Sunday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m. All girls and boys in grades 6 to 8 are invited to attend.

Let's have a big turnout and start the year off with a bang.

Guest speakers will be present and refreshments will be served.

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physical problems of Workshop. Perhaps that type of awareness doesn't entice you, but, for myself, I feel that I get my full money's worth when attending one of these plays and my thanks is not due entirely to the play but to my association with Workshop.