

# JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER BULLETIN

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Get Your  
Gang Together  
And Reserve  
Your Table  
For Wednesday Night!

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## MEET OLD FRIENDS AGAIN!

### Center Opens Social Season With Dance Yom Kippur Night

Mrs. Arnold Goodman and Committee Arrange Grand Evening For All Center Members

Dot Goodman and the peppiest committee we have seen around the Center in a long time have been busy arranging for the Yom Kippur Nite Dance, which will ring up the curtain of social activities for Center members this season. The general committee on arrangements, consisting of Mesdames Frank Laben, Martin Sprince, Shepard Cutler, B. James Cohen, Philip Rudek, Irving Etkoff, Harold J. Potter and Messrs. William Slade and Maurice A. Ross, are going all out to make the evening a real treat for all who attend.

All who attended and enjoyed the hang-up social events of last season, under the direction of Harold P. Nelson and his live-wire Center Social Committee, will certainly want to be "among those present" on Wednesday evening.

Dancing will begin at 9:30 P. M. and will continue until 1:00 o'clock. All the "fixin's" for your favorite

drink will be on hand (just bring your favorite drink).

The affair is presented as the first of an interesting series of events to which Center Members will be invited. There will be no charge of any kind for Center members, who are urged to make their reservations in advance. Members of the Reservation Committee will be happy to have you call and say that you plan to attend. Call one of the following: Mrs. Barnett I. Shur, 3-0168; Mrs. Harold J. Potter, 2-2255; Mrs. Alfred Herman, 3-6341.

So—we're looking forward to the pleasure of your company. It's going to be a grand evening for you and your friends. Start the season with some well-deserved fun and relaxation.

## Dancing School Offers Fine Program To Children Of Center Members

Center Women's Club To Supervise Project Under Chairmanship of Mrs. Albert Issokson

With the exciting announcement by Chairman, Mrs. Albert Issokson, that a splendid Center Dancing School will be offered free to all Center members this year, comes another

worthwhile project under the supervision of the Center Women's Club, which has taken a special interest in the development of this fine activity.

Mrs. Issokson and her committee, representing the Center Women's Club, have engaged the services of the outstanding teaching team in Maine—Mrs. Yvonne Webber Blanchard and her accompanist, Miss Doris O'Sullivan.

Following the suggestion of many parents, classes for the youngsters will be held on Sunday afternoon. The following schedule has been tentatively arranged:

Age 4 to 6—2:30-3:30 P. M.

Age 7 to 9—3:30-4:30 P. M.

Age 10 to 12—4:30-5:30 P. M.

The program of each class will be designed to meet the interest and needs of each age level, and will feature Ballet, Tumbling, Acrobatic Dancing, Tap, Singing and Dancing, games, etc.

Mrs. Issokson has stated that there will be two public recitals during the season; an informal presentation at Chanukah time, and a formal dance festival in May.

Parents, who wish to register their children, are invited to meet with Mrs. Blanchard and the committee Sunday afternoon, October



MRS. ALBERT ISSOKSON

1st, from 2 to 5 P. M. Parents are requested to bring the youngsters to meet Mrs. Blanchard. No registrations will be accepted by telephone.

## Center Members' Names Omitted From Bulletin Honor Roll

To err is human—so we know that the following friends will forgive us for omitting their names among the Honor Roll of Center members in last week's issue of the "Bulletin":

Cohen, William, Mr. and Mrs., and Son, Richard Jay  
Gordon, Abraham, Mr. and Mrs., and Son, Donald Scott  
Gordon, Louis, Mr. and Mrs., and Son, Joseph  
Jacobson, Melvin, Mr. and Mrs.  
Katz, Charles, Mr. and Mrs., and Daughters, Leah, Charlotte and Cynthia

Kymn, Dave  
Siegal, Harry, Mr. and Mrs., and Children, Tamara and Charles  
Leit, Myron, Mr. and Mrs.  
Blumberg, Milton, Mr. and Mrs.  
Brynes, Samuel, Mr. and Mrs., and Children, Marilyn and Arnold  
Cox, Morris, Mr. and Mrs.  
Cox, Sarah, Mrs.  
Kinsinger, David  
Klowitch, Maurice, Mr. and Mrs.  
Kupke, Dorothy  
Epstein, Rita  
Fineburg, Samuel, Dr. and Mrs., and Daughter, Phyllis Gail  
Goffin, Sumner J.  
Goodman, Lillian  
Korte, David, Mr. and Mrs., and Family  
Resenbloom, Charles, Mr. and Mrs.  
Stetnick, Anne

## Yom Kippur Schedule For All Synagogues

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Erev Yom Kippur  
Kol Nidre, 5:30 P. M.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Yom Kippur  
Morning Services, 7 A. M.  
Yizkor, 10 A. M.  
Conclusion of Yom Kippur, 7 P. M.

Sermons by

RABBI AARON GREENBAUM

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Kol Nidre at Eitz Chaim Synagogue

Topic—"THE NEW KADISH"

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Yom Kippur at the Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue, 10 A. M.

Topic—"CHERISHED MEMORY"

## Hebrew School Urges Parents to Register Their Children

By L. Bendow, Principal, Portland Hebrew School

Jewish Education Month, beginning September 20th and culminating in Jewish Education Week, which ends October 22nd, has been set aside this year by the Board of Education, as a special period to call attention of Jewish parents to see to it that their children be given the opportunity of an adequate Jewish education.

Every Jew who is interested in the preservation and survival of our people that has existed for upward three thousand years as a separate national unity must give his children a thorough Jewish Education and do all in his power to make the registration in the Talmud Torah for the ensuing year a great success. Instruction of Judaism to every child has become the most fundamental law of our religion.

Those Jewish parents who violate the commandment of the Bible "and you shall teach them to your children" are jeopardizing our future and are, consequently, guilty of complicity in the sinister work of all Jew-persecutors who sought to destroy the Jewish people by prohibiting the instruction of Judaism to our children.

Failure to transmit our national heritage to our children has always been considered by us as treason to our nation in the full sense of the word.

The President of the United States declared recently before Congress: "We are inspired by a faith which goes back to the first chapter of Genesis, 'God created man in his own image.'" THE AMERICAN WAY as interpreted by American statesmen and intellectuals is patterned after immortal ideas expressed in the Bible and the Hebrew literature. The ideals of twentieth century democracy have been the ideals of the Jews for twenty centuries.

The unmistakable obligation of the Hebrew School today, as never before, is to synthesize the ideals of the Jewish religion, and American democracy and to transmit the knowledge of these principles and institutions to our growing generation.

The course of study in the Hebrew School is, therefore, designed to give the American boy and girl the fundamentals of a Jewish education. We have framed the program of studies in our school so that the children are taught to read and understand Hebrew, the sacred language of the Bible and the Prayer Book, and the language that forms a bond of union with Jewish life of the past and of the present. They are taught the meaning of Jewish Customs and Ceremonies. They learn the history of the Jewish people, of our dramatic struggle to live for the sake of our ideals and of our miraculous survival despite all manner of adversity. They are made familiar with the current events in the present life of the Jews in America and all over the world. They learn to sing the traditional synagogue melodies and the modern Palestinian songs. In short, the program of the Hebrew School converts the physical Jew who is so by birth, into a spiritual Jew who is so by virtue of his growing understanding of the religious and ethical foundations upon which American freedom and democratic institutions rest.

Enroll your son and daughter in the Hebrew School now. Enable your child to appreciate the glorious heritage which has come down to him through the centuries. To insure our continued existence and growth as a nation, we must arouse a strong desire in our children to study the Bible, to learn the Hebrew language and know our history which will acquaint them with our spiritual achievements and colossal figures in every field of human endeavor.

In conclusion, let every Jewish father and mother always bear in mind the significant words of our sages who said, "God forgave the Jews all their transgressions, but he did not forgive them the sin of having failed to study the Torah."

## "Federation Feature"

Because of the ever-increasing importance of our Federation in the life of Portland Jewry, the Bulletin Committee feels that it will make a significant contribution by reporting in weekly features "Federation Highlights" in one of two forms: (1) "Federation Facts"—highlighting interesting items of interest to all contributors; or, (2) a "Federation Feature"—explaining some special program of the Federation and its beneficiaries. Readers will find in this issue a "Federation Feature" which we commend to you—and invite your comment.

David Novick, Chairman,  
Bulletin Committee.

## Federation Serves Every Worthy Jewish Traditional Institution Here And Abroad

At this season of the year many Jewish traditional institutions appeal by mail for contributions from individuals in the community. Answering many calls that have come to the Federation office, Mr. Sidney W.

Wernick wishes to remind all Federation contributors that every worthy Yeshiva and traditional organization, both in this country and abroad, have been studied by the Yeshiva Allocations Committee, headed by our Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum. If there is an agency which is not a beneficiary, the Committee will be happy to review its request. Federation contributors are urged to check all requests against the following list, which should be kept for future reference:

### American Institutions of Learning:

Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary & Yeshiva College  
Yeshivath Torah Vodaath & Mesivta Yeshivath Rabbi Yisroel Meyer Hachohen  
Yeshiva and Mesivta Rabbi Chayim Berlin  
Mesivta Tiphereth—Jerusalem  
Rabbi Jacob Joseph School and Yeshiva Beth Joseph Rabbinical Seminary Byahistok-Navardok  
Yeshivoh "Tomchei-Tminim" Lubavitch  
Ner Israel Rabbinical College—Baltimore  
Yeshiva Chafetz Chayim—Talmudical Academy of Baltimore  
Vaad Hahatzala  
Rabbinical College of Telsho  
Beth Jacob School for Girls—Baltimore  
Maimonides Educational Institute of the Boston Yeshiva Academy  
Histadruth Ivrit of America, Inc.—No. 1 Org. for Hebrew Culture  
Ezras Torah  
Yeshiva Or Yisroel—Building Fund

### Palestinian Institutions of Learning

American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, Inc.  
Federated Council of Palestine Institutions  
Great Charity Institutions of "Chaye Ohan"—Jerusalem  
Yeshiva Eitz Chaim—United Charity Institutions  
Hebron Yeshiva in Jerusalem, Palestine  
Yeshiva Meah Shearim in Jerusalem, Palestine  
Universal Yeshiva Merkaz Harov Kook of Jerusalem  
United Yeshivas Shatz Emeth in Tel Aviv, B'nei Brack & Jerusalem  
Yeshiva Torah Hayim in Jerusalem  
Yeshiva Beth Joseph Zol—Jerusalem  
Universal Yeshiva Hayshuv Hechdosh—Tel Aviv  
United Tiberias Institutions Relief Society, Inc.—"Or-Torah"  
Yeshivath Petach Tikvah, Palestine  
Slobodkor Yeshiva  
Yeshiva Chasam Soffer Jerusalem  
Yeshiva Ohel Moshe—Jerusalem  
The Holy Yeshiva and Talmud Torah Emeth—Jerusalem  
Yeshiva Rabbinical College Beth Joseph in Tel Aviv  
American Palestinian Society Chasam Soffer Kivdas in Safed  
Yeshiva Heichel Hatalmond in Tel Aviv  
Yeshiva Ohel Torah, Beth David, Jerusalem  
Yeshiva Or Hancelam—Jerusalem

## Jewish Home for Aged Expresses Wish For Happiness to All

The Officers, Directors and Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jewish Home for Aged wish to extend their season's greetings and sincere thanks to the members, friends and contributors who have during the year helped to maintain and support the aged residents. There isn't a higher ideal, nor a nobler aspiration, than to provide food, shelter and comfort to those who find themselves in the evening of their lives, unable to care for themselves. May God grant you a year of health and happiness and may this year unite you and your loved ones in victory and everlasting freedom.

Joseph W. Larkin, President,  
Jewish Home for Aged.

## Center Women's Club Opens Season With Membership Tea

Plans for a membership tea and musicale, October 11, in the Jewish Community Center, were made when the Executive Board of the Center Women's Club held its first meeting of the season Wednesday afternoon with newly-elected president Mrs. Julius Elowitz. Mrs. Louis Gordon and Mrs. Max Cooper were named in charge of the tea. Plans for a tea for new members with Mrs. B. James Cohen of Falmouth Street were also discussed. It was announced that Mrs. Yvonne Webber Blanchard will direct the Center Dancing School under the chairmanship of Mrs. Albert Issokson.

Mrs. Maurice Matson was named chairman of the Budget Committee.

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## To Direct Center Dancing School



MRS. YVONNE WEBBER BLANCHARD

## "G. I. GIBLETS"

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A SAILOR—and there certainly were enough to sink the proverbial battleship at our formal dance last Sunday night. It was really good to see so many boys who had not been able to share our hospitality for so many months.

THE LOVELY GOWNS ON OUR GALS, the food, which rapidly disappeared, and the excellent entertainment was just what the boys wanted. Sorry to hear that one of the coke bottles backfired all over our official opener of the bottles, Harold Potter. Remember to wear your b b next time, Harold.

AT THE NEXT FORMAL, we are going to give Rae Modes a billy stick to help her in her capacity as major-domo of the evening. Rae certainly stood her stand well in spite of the crush. Don't be afraid to put on your gowns for the next formal, gals, for we guarantee a humming of a time!!!

THE BOYS SURE WERE IN FOR A TREAT at the Aller-Jacobson wedding and the girls on canteen duty had it easy because the boys were and what knishes!! MMMMM!!! The USO spirit was nobly upheld by Lillian Aller Jacobson, even at her wedding!

PORTLAND CAME THROUGH AS USUAL with wonderful hospitality for the Jewish boys over Rosh Hashonah. The boys will raving for weeks about the delicious home-cooked meals, the soft beds and the genuine joy with which they seemed to be welcomed.

FOR NOW, HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all, and we'll be seeing you soon with more news and views.

By Edythe Palmer and Emma Broisman.

## The Dean's List

I. Dean Silverman

Dave Novick called us up and said, "We want a column. The deadline is seven o'clock Tuesday night." Now that you know why you have to suffer us another year, read on and suffer. If you read any farther than this you have only yourself to blame.

As we have the last two years, we'll bring you up-to-date by giving you a résumé of the softball season. We started the season with the likes of N. J. Godfrey and Bill Slade on the roster, and other handicaps; we finished with the strongest team in the league and new shirts. But let's get the details.

Very few familiar faces dotted the Center line-up this year; only Bobby Litman behind the bat, George Bress on first, and yours truly in shortfield finished last year. Lefthander Irv Zalcman took over the pitching from Alan (as in Ladd) Larkin and did a good job in his first year of league play. Jo-Jo Gordon took care of second, Hal Christensen was at short, and Robby Orr stepped into Carl Lerman's shoes when Uncle Sam picked up the latter's option (Greetings, Carl). Bud Coombs, former Capet baseball and track star of other years, played left field. Chet Holmes and Robby Simpson divided center field, and Harry Offenber, younger brother of the more famous Lou, was in right. Completing the line-up were Chuck Boxstein, Ray Trough, Alan Larkin, Bernie Larson, and Don Martin.

High point of the season was the game in which we beat the only remaining unbeaten team in the City by the largest crowd at the Oal Samson Clothes, by a convincing 13-6 score. Toughest game was an extra inning affair had to pull off three fast double plays, and from behind to tie in the last inning, and then score twice in the extra frame to win 6-4.

In the City playoffs two misjudged fly balls rattled Zalcman, and when he and the team settled down the game was beyond recall. Edwards & Walker scored six runs in the first two innings and kept that margin throughout the game to win 8-2. E&W went to the finals of the City playoffs, and was the only local team to get beyond the first round of the State Championships, losing in the semi-finals to the eventual State titlists.

All in all, the Center Club had a very good season, winning seven of ten in league play, two in the practice round, and dropping its playoff game to one of the top teams in the State. We finished in second place in our own league.

Altho six men in our line-up are Deering athletes, there is no truth to the rumor that the Center is a Deering farm club. It's vice-versa.

In closing, we want to wish you and yours the best of everything for the New Year. And may all be home before another year.

MR. L. WIENER

AND

MR. B. KROOT

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# TO OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

from EDDIE "אברהם שייק" SHAPIRO

\* You fellows have no idea what letters do for my morale, too.  
HOME ON LEAVES AND FURLOUGHS: Sidney Dvifinsky, Dave Diamon, Jack Branz, Eddie Albing, Arthur Waterman and Wave Rose Albing.

NEW ADDRESSES: S/Sgt. "Jake" Smith, U. S. M. C. R. A. E. S. 41. M. C. A. S., Cherry Point, N. C. . . . Lt. Lester M. Silverman, 62nd Field Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky. . . . Sgt. Sidney C. Kodis, Co. B, 311 Eng. (C) Bn., A. P. O. 459, Camp Cooke, Calif. . . . Simon Berenson, A. S. U. S. N. R., Midshipman's School, 330 Johnson Hall, New York 22, N. Y. . . . Pfc. Jacob Ackerman, Hdq. Btry., 35th A. A. A. Brig., A. P. O. 758, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . . Pfc. Abraham Ackerman, 418 Q. M. Pla., A. D. G. A., A. P. O. 528, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . . Mark H. Levine, Co. D, 26th I. T. B. Bldg. 463, Camp Craft, S. C. . . . T/5 David Farber, Hq. & Hq. Det., 38 Repl. Bn., A. P. O. 312, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . . T/Sgt. Bernard S. Chapman, Hq. 211 Tank Bn., A. P. O. 261, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . . Lt. Maurice Drees, Camp John K. Knight, S. C. U. 1835, Oakland, Calif. . . . Maurice W. Cohen, Mo M. M. 2/c, U. S. Naval Res. Barracks, Treasure Island, California, Barracks 209. . . . Sgt. Hyman E. Pluznick, Hdq. C. C. B., 20th Armored Div., Camp Campbell, Ky. . . . Capt. David Epstein, Dayton Sub Area, Winters National Bank Bldg., Dayton, Ohio. . . . Lt. Robert Weisman, Co. K, 289th Inf., A. P. O. 451, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. . . . Jane Kodis, Am. Red Cross, A. P. O. 465, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

\* Lt. Sumner Bernstein writes, "I'll take this opportunity to say thank you for the mid-summer newsletter. You know it is funny—of the two Portland boys whom I met in my stay at Camp Reynolds, Pa., one is now in England (Maury Comeras) and the other is in India (Myer Marcus). And I am now in the New Hebrides—we certainly got ourselves well distributed. Hats off to you and the 'Bulletin' for maintaining the local ties. As a specific favor, I wish you would ask Dick Carvel to send me further proof that he still knows how to use pen and ink—we Bolton Street Commandos seem to have lost touch somehow. Life in this quarter of the South Pacific is not marked by any front page stuff these days other than the visits of Bob Hope and Jack Benny. Our job is unspicacious, but we are one of the many factors adding up to the final victory in this theatre. My best to you and Norm Godfrey and to all those at the Center. I know it is the wish of us all that next year at this season, your column will be headed by a Welcome Home Section." (That's just what I'm waiting for, Sumner. Welcome Home.)

Dave Farber from France writes, "Let me try to tell you where I am and what has been going on in this end of the world. After I left the States I landed in England, where I remained for some time. While there I visited London twice and tried to meet some of the boys from Portland, but we couldn't seem to get together. Living conditions in England weren't too bad considering the circumstances, even if we did have Pyramidal tents for our homes. Soon we began travelling and after a time hit the channel and took another boat ride, but this time it was to France. We hit the beach in a landing craft with a drop front. What a thrilling experience. From here we are continuing on the move. Eating K rations and living in pup tents. We passed through St. Lo. If you saw this city in a Hollywood production you would say this is only a picture, but it is true and real. Even after we saw such scenes it was hard to believe. I never saw a more happy little that I studied in school would ever come to me, but it actually has. The little that I remember has enabled me to obtain fresh eggs, fruits and vegetables from the farmers. Chocolate and cigarettes are more valuable than money, so we use the barter system. Thanks for the Newsletter and keep the 'Bulletins' rolling." (Very interesting, Dave, and thank.)

AROUND THE TOWN: Gang already starting to get the kinks out at the handball court rightly. . . . A certain guy around the town smacking a six-footer and doing an awful job on the beanpole. And no charges pressed. More power to you, H. B. . . . The V. P. of membership going after a big job this year. Let's all get behind him and help put it over. A Bigger and Better Center is the goal. If a certain feller would read this certain sentence, he'd grease my palm with a five buck bill. Don't rush, kid, it's just a reminder. . . . Banjoes trying to get streamlined dieting. . . . Sgt. Mel Jacobson and Lillian Aller middleleasling Tuesday, Sept. 12th, at the Center. Mel had just returned from the Aleutians. Mazel Tov. . . . Ditto on Congrats to Corp. Hy Pluznick and Doris Lane, whose marriage took place at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, on August 26th. . . . George Bress was recently asked when he takes a vacation. He answered by asking, "Is that when one takes days off?" The humor that fellow dishes out with his food is really something. Then there's the time that a customer asked George how business was. George replied, "Not bad. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday it was kind of slow, but the latter part of the week it slowed up." Some guy.

SEE YOU LATER.

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