

# Bar Mitzvah Week Is Here--Mazel Tov

# President Potter Says First Bar Mitzvah Week Program Kost Enjoyable Program Ever Offered To Members 13 Years Have Proven Our **Center's Tremendous Value**

Thirteen years have proven the worth of the Jewish Community Center. I will not attempt to evaluate the tremendous impact the Center has made on all of our lives in the past. Rather I leave that, and fittingly so, to those who guided the Center in the formative years of its life.



HAROLD POTTER

In the many years that are before us, we must be ever alert to strengthen the ties that bind our Jewish Community together. To relax our efforts complacently would invite the chaotic conditions that existed before the establishment of the Center. It was not the four walls of the building that cemented the community. It was and must be the spirit that emanates from it. A democratic organization, founded with due regard to conflicting opinions, taking sides with none, can continue to serve the community best.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 8:13 P. M. - Center Youth Club 13 Dance

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 9:15-9:45 A. M. - RADIO STATION WCSH - "HEAR O' ISRAEL"

8:13 P. M. - "Bar Mitzvah Freilach" - 1st performance Open to paid-up Center members only.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28** 8:13 P. M. — "Bar Mitzvah Freilach" - 2nd performance Open to paid-up Center members only.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29** 

8:13 P. M. - Center Orchestra Concert

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:13 P. M. - Center Board of Directors Meeting and Social

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

8:13 P. M. - Golden Age Program and Social

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:13 P. M. - Services Dedicated to Center at Beth-El Temple

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 A. M. - Services Dedicated to Center at Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue 2:13 - 5:00 P. M. - Oneg Shabbat at Center 8:13 P. M. - Young Adult Musical

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:15 - 9:45 A. M. - Radio Station WCSH - "Hear O' Israel" 1:00 - 4:00 P. M. - Gymnasium 1:30 - 4:00 P. M. - Arts and Crafts 2:00 - 4:00 P. M. - Dancing Class 4:00 - 5:00 P. M. -- Cub Scout Program 6:13 P. M. - FOUNDER'S BANQUET

Have you cancelled all your dates for the coming week? Have you arranged for baby sitters? Have you told your maid she has to give up her night off because of the Center's Bar Mitzvah Week?

There will be something doing at the Center from Saturday night, Jan. 26, to Sunday, Feb. 3. There will be something for all age groups, from the 'teen to the Golden age, as your Center observes its 13th birthday with music, prayers, dancing, movies, athletics, Scout demonstrations and a Founders Banquet.

To Dave Astor the entire Jewish Community owes a tremendous, unanimous, rising veto of thanks for the hours and effort he has put into the greatest celebration in the Center's 13-year history.

Another big thank you is due to the hundreds of persons who have assisted Dave with the plans. Not one person refused Dave's plea for help. And don't forget the added burden the preparations were to Center Executive Director Victor Taylor, Activities Director Hal Schneiderman; the office staff, Eileen Slade, Marianne Fogel, and the Building Staff, Errol Goldman, Roland Garland and staff photographer Don Critchley.

Use this special Bar Mitzvah edition of the Bulletin as your guide to the events. This Bulletin required a great deal of work on the part of the Bulletin Staff, Editor Phil Schilling, Asst. Editor Ben Yormack, and Earl Aronson, Editor "emeritus" who temporarily ended his retirement.

The honor of opening the long and varied program falls to Center Youth-the Center's future leaders. They'll have a "Club 13" night club dance in their own quarters at the center on Saturday, Jan. 26.

This sparkling program will open (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)

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#### CENTER BULLETIN

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# CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, Jan. 25 — 4:22 P. M. Friday, Feb. 1 — 4:32 P. M.



## Citizenship Classes For Aliens Offered By Council

Relaxation of requirements for citizenship in the United States is reported by Mrs. Harry Geller and Mrs. Benjamin Troen, co-chairmen of the Service-to-Foreign Born Section of the Council of Jewish Women.

In order to become a citizen persons need not be able to read or write English if they are 50 years of age and have resided in the United States for a period of 20 years.

The Portland Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, in cooperation with the Jewish Family Services, is currently extending their help to all aliens who wish to prepare for citizenship. Citizenship classes are held Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00 P. M. to 3:30 P. M. in the Jewish Community Center under the direction of Mrs. Aaron Blumenthal.

Persons desiring to file citizenship papers may receive help by phoning Mrs. Geller at 2-3061 or Mrs. Troen at 2-7314.

# Major Louis Bernstein, First President, Recalls Laying of Center's Foundation

How interesting to turn the pages of history covering the Jewish Community Center!

Let us scan a few of these pages: On Nov. 1, 1937 the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the newly organized J. C. C. was held on Wilmot Street, and at that meeting it was voted to hold a mass meeting of the entire Jewish community to ascertain if a need exists for a new Community Center in Portland. Such a meeting was held fourteen days later. Only one subject was discussed, namely: "Do we need a new building?" After full discussion Portland Jewry unanimously voted that an urgent need does exist. Then it was voted that the board be increased from fifteen members to fifty members, and a second mass meeting to be held in January 1938.

In the interim a survey was made, and our present building was offered to us. A committee consisting of the president, Morris Sacknoff and Barbara Berman was appointed with instructions to obtain an option on our present building at the price of \$17,500.

On January 30, 1938 the second mass meeting was held for the purpose of accepting or rejecting the option to purchase. At this meeting a new Community Center was born, and with this birth, our financial problems started.

At a meeting of the new Board of Directors held on Feb. 7, 1938 in our old building on Wilmot St. a campaign goal was set at \$29,600. Sparked by Sidney A. Davidson, David Ebenstein, Louis E. Weiner, and Leon Herman, the campaign was given a terrific impetus, and before this meeting was adjourned \$15,000 was raised. What a memorable meeting!

From then on committees were appointed and began carrying out their respective assignments. Portland never witnessed such wholesome and enthusiastic cooperation. The city was ignited by the flame of the Center.

The building was purchased. The campaign was on. Over forty thousand dollars was raised in pledges and our Center was guaranteed a solid foundation.

On June 28, 1938 Norman I. Godfrey, of blessed memory, was duly elected as our first executive director. From then on our Center was rolling in high gear and Portland Jewry was a united one.

No more powerful display of this united front need be related than to give as a statistic that each Board of Directors meeting found an average of forty-two members in at-



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tendance.

"Work and more work" was the slogan in 1938 and the fruit of these efforts on the part of many committee members blossomed into full bloom in November of that year when this building was opened and dedicated as the Jewish Community Center of Portland. That dedication week which has been memorialized in book form can never be forgotten. It is only fitting and proper, therefore, that we are celebrating the Center's Bar Mitzvah by reenacting the events of thirteen years ago. In this manner we hope to rededicate our building and reemphasize its aims and ideals and pray to the Almighty that the next thirteen years prove to be as fruitful to the city at large as the past thirteen vears.

Time and space do not permit me to pay tribute to all of our loyal and devoted brothers and sisters who made this undertaking possible. I feel certain that our Bar Mitzvah Committee will! May God bless our undertaking.

## TICKETS

for the

## FOUNDERS' DINNER

May be obtained by calling Mrs. Harold Nelson Tel. 4-5085 or Mrs. Clarice Shur Tel. 3-0168.

# United Hebrew Charities To Consider Transfer Of Assets At Meeting Feb. 3

Philip Reuben, President of the Portland United Hebrew Charities, announces that the Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday morning, Feb. 3, at 11:00 a. m. at the Jewish Community Center. The entire Jewish community is invited to be present.

The meeting will consider the transfer of the assets of the United Hebrew Charities to the Gmilas Chesed or Free Loan Committee of the Jewish Family Services. The Jewish Family Services was formed in December 1950 as a result of the amalgamation of the welfare activities of the United Hebrew Charities, the Portland Section, National Council of Jewish Women and the Jewish Federation. The United Hebrew Charities formally approved the amalgamation plan which contained the following provision:

"A special trust fund is to be created which shall embody the present assets of the United Hebrew Charities and Hebrew Free Loan Association and all future contributions to be made for the purpose of free loans. This fund, to be known as the Hebrew Free Loan Fund, shall be used only for the purpose of granting free Loans and for no other purpose. The principal of the fund shall not be diminished through losses on loans. Any and all such loss or losses shall be replaced through the treasury of the Jewish Family Services. The fund shall be administered by a committee of the Jewish Family services known as the Free Loan Committee which shall be a standing committee of the agency appointed annually by the president of the agency. The committee shall be specifically required to elect its own officers. The powers of this committee shall be limited to those purposes expressly conferred by the trust instrument creating the fund."

The Legal Committee of the Jewish Family Services, consisting of Sidney W. Wernick and Samuel J. Shatz, has prepared a trust agreement to carry out the above provisions for the Hebrew Free Loan Fund. The agreement will be presented to the community at the meeting.

The Jewish Family Services has been functioning with benefit of professional counsel in the handling of all welfare matters during the past year. Mrs. Israel Bernstein will report on its progress. Reports will also be presented by Jesse Rosenberg, treasurer, Myer Lerman and Jacob Sapiro.

# **Bar Mitzvah Freilach Will Be Hilarious**

# Workshop Collaborates In **Producing Unique Program;** Huge Cast Participates

Ever hear of guaranteed laughter? Your ticket to the Center's Bar Mitzvah Freilach on Sunday and Monday nights, Jan. 27 and 28 at 8:13 o'clock - will be your certificate.

Some of the Center's entertainment experts who have seen everything in the 13 years gone by insist that the Big Show Dave Astor will bring you is the funniest thing that has appeared on the Center stages.

You will see some of the community's most dignified gents shorn of every vestige of dignity dancing and singing to the ditties dreamed up by Syb Cohen and Dena Cutler.

Down below you'll see a list of the cast of stellar entertainers, who will crowd the stage in collaboration with Center Workshop, which is playing a major role in the Freilach.

There is a cast of 85 participating in the show. We understand that several of the Center's most sobersides have attended every rehearsal and have gained several pounds from "shockling" with laughter.

Here are a lot of the reasons why the Freilach is recommended for extermination of the blues: The director is Dave Astor who fathered the Past Presidents' night and guided some of Workshop's most successful programs; The production secretary is Doris Laben, one of Center's mostest and hardest workers; stage manager, Jerry Sheriff; musical director, Morrie Cox; pianist, Ruth Greenberg, who follows the singers like a shepherd and vice versa.

Harold Woolf heads the properties committee. Marion Lerman is costumes chief - and she does the same terrific job she did for Workshop in the recent major production "Two Blind Mice." Marion will be aided by Lillian Ross, Annamerle Taylor, Lenore Schneiderman, Sylvia Rosenkranz, Evelyn Kaplan, Sophie Hirsch and Esta Astor; Al Joachim, Erwin Kaplan and Carl Webber are handling construction; Ed Sacknoff is business manager.

James Glassman is assistant stage manager, and Golden Aronson, Workshop's peachy "ponim" painter, is makeup chairman, assisted by Grace Sapiro, Doris Laben, Harriet Small, Betty Sheriff, Estelle Brooks, Mildred Kaplan, Honey Cox, and Faye Golding.

Tickets for the big show are \$1 William Webber.



plus tax. Proceeds will be used to pay off the mortgage on the Center Day Camp. Only 600 tickets have been printed, 300 for each night, and no more will be sold. The Little Theater will hold only so many people and we have to leave room for the expansion when you laugh that's the word from Dave Novick, Workshop president, Center Veep and liaison man for the show.

Here is the cast for the Freilach: Syb Cohen, Dinny Cutler, Jane Glassman, Rose Joachim, Harriet Kaplan, Gladys Potter, Betty Sheriff, Clarice Shur, Fran Ward, Sylvia Woolf, and Frances Zolov.

Ed Berman, Ben Brilliant, Manny Brooks, Dr. Jimmy Cohen, Morris Cox, Yudy Elowitch, Mel Golding, Sid Greenberg, Louis Gordon, William Glovsky, Szloma Pasciencier, Harold Potter, Henry Pollard, Harold Nelson, George Robinson, Mike Rozenkranz, Maurice Rubinoff, Ed Rodman, Jerry Sheriff, Barney Shur, Joseph Taylor, Victor Taylor, Mike Weisman.

**Reciprocity Chorus:** 

Sharon Cohen, Barbara Cope, Minna Davidson, Beverley Potter, Cynthia Rudek, Cynthia Sacknoff, Sharon Turitz.

Larry Goldfarb, Larry Lewis, Stephen Novick, Barry Robinson, Michael Rubinoff, Michael Sandler,

# Plotting The Bar Mitzvah Freilach

Left to right: Gerald Sheriff, Stage Manager; Mrs. Frank Laben, Production Secretary; Dave Astor, Director; Mrs. Shepard Cutler, Co-Author; and David Novick, Workshop Liaison.

# Center Youth Dance Opens Mazel Tov Bar Mitzvah Celebration

The honor of opening the Jewish Community Center's Bar Mitzvah celebration is that of Center Youth, which will have its "Club 13" dance on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 8:13 p.m.

Lenny Nelson is chairman for the affair. Mrs. Freda Schilling is liason chairman. The event, in typical night club fashion and atmosphere, will be held in Center Youth room of the Center.

Providing music will be Dave Huff's Orchestra. There will be other entertainment. The refreshments will include pizza, prepared by the pizza king himself, Jack Angelone. Tickets are \$1.25 per couple.

Here are the committees for the "Club 13" dance:

Posters, Ginny Posner; Decorations, Frannie Silver; Refreshments, Marilyn Blumenthal (Young Judean boys and girls serving); Dance programs, Lennie Nelson; Tickets, Malka Loew and com-Entertainment Chair., Buddy Finberg (Being done by sororities and fraternities and outside talent); man, Lennie Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Seligman on the marriage of their daughter, Myra, to Billy Branz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Branz.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber upon the birth of a girl at the Mercy Hospital.



mittee; Publicity, Marilyn Levine and Lennie Nelson; General Chair-

## **Edward J. Berman Recalls Center's Problems During The War Years** 1942 - 1945

Time passes with such speed that events soon become obscured by fresh and current experiences. Such seems to be my dilemma. Looking backward over the past decade there seems to be little of lasting note to which I can point as outstanding achievements during my administration.

Our first President, Louis Bernstein, underwent the pains and heartaches of bringing the Center into existence and holdings its hand during its early infancy. In 1942 when Lou answered the call to arms and entered the service of his country, the Presidency of the Center was conferred upon me. This honor was mine until 1945. I have often referred to these years of the Center as those in which we experienced growing pains. As is usually true with public institutions of limited means, dependent upon the generosity of the community, the problems of financing at times seemed almost insurmountable and the officers and directors of the Center spent much of their time and energies in devising ways and means of meeting capital and current expenses.

It was during the year of 1942 that the idea of a Veteran's Honor Roll was conceived and put into effect. It was likewise during this period that the idea of a men's club was first conceived. Unfortunately, although such an organization flourished for a period of time, for unaccountable reasons, the venture was not a successful one. It was likewise during this period that the mortgage on the Center property, amounting to \$8,250.00, was paid off. The money for this purpose was loaned to the Center without interest, by George I. Lewis. When this mortgage was paid, the officers and directors solemnly vowed that never again should there be a mortgage on the Center, and it is gratifying to know that to this day that pledge has been faithfully kept.

It was likewise during this time that the Center organized its most active and efficient Army and Navy committee and engaged in U.S.O. J. W. B. activities under the chairmanship of Julius Greenstein and the professional directorship of Mildred Schwartz. It was likewise during this period that we, in the Center, became cognizant of the needs of our youth and organized Center Youth activities, under the leadership of Mr. Max Fishmann.

In 1944, with our boys and girls commencing to return from the service, free membership was extended to all returned veterans. In 1945 Center activities once again began



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to assume normal and down to earth proportions. We began to look about us for ways and means to improve our facilities and, as a result, the Center was successful in obtaining an allocation, from the Federation, of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of improvement and enlargement of its physical facilities. This fund was zealously guarded by the trustees to whom it was entrusted until the proper time when it was used for the improvements which the Center so greatly needed.

During all these years the Center continued to expand and grow, with membership constantly increasing. In May of 1945, with mingled feelings of relief and regret, I handed the gavel to my successor, Barney Shur, and took my place on the board of directors to watch our institution flourish and grow under his able and inspiring leadership and of all those who succeeded him.



# Jewish Federation Elects 15 To The Board of Directors

A plea for a strong, well-organi- | gether to meet common problems zed Jewish community life was issued by Saul G. Chason, Jewish Federation, at the organization's annual meeting held Jan. 15 in the Jewish Community Center.

The meeting elected the following fifteen persons to serve threeyear terms on the Federation's Board of Directors: Lewis Bernstein, Louis Bernstein, Mrs. Aaron Blumenthal, Saul G. Chason, Joseph W. Cohen, Samuel J. Cohen, Mrs. Arnold Goodman, Mrs. Maurice Levine, Dr. Henry Pollard, Mrs. Joseph Schatz, Saul Sheriff, Irving Small, Dr. Henry Tabachnick, Lester Willis and Dr. Benjamin Zolov.

Awards were presented to the following leaders of the 1951 campaign: Louis E. Weiner, William Goodman, Arthur M. Waterman, Maurice Sandler, David Rubinoff, Louis R. Bernstein, Mrs. Maurice Levine, Mrs. Edward J. Berman, Mrs. Benjamin Troen, Jordan H. Wine and Malka Loew.

"Our people need strong institutions, if life is to have meaning for them," Mr. Chason stated. "We need thriving houses of worship to give meaning to Jewish existence, well-attended Hebrew schools to transmit that meaning to the young, a well-functioning Jewish Family Services and Jewish Home for the Aged to restore dignity to those whose lives have been threatened by adversity. We require a healthy and vital Jewish Community Center to give positive meaning and substance to the leisure hours available to young and old."

Mr. Chason went on to add that Portland Jewry needs to feel an affinity with Jews throughout the world, an expression of which is found in the diverse philanthropic projects of the organizations in the community and by the Jewish Federation through its annual campaign.

Calling for harmony and the support of all of these worthwhile projects, Mr. Chason stated: "Any weakening of the fabric of Jewish community life threatens the whole of Jewish community life in Portland. Failure of any of these agencies to fulfill their objectives affects the ability of all, singly or collectively through the Federation, to realize their objectives. By the same token, any failure to give proper moral, physical and financial support to any of these agencies undermines the position of all."

Tracing Federation's evolution from a central fund raising agency to an organization concerned with all community needs, Mr. Chason said that the Jewish Federation is the Jewish community acting to-

and needs. What those needs are varies from day to day and from year to year. The only way to guarantee that those needs will be met in a dignified and orderly way is "by strengthening that instrument of community planning, action and betterment which we have created, namely, our Jewish Federation," he continued.

Expressing complete confidence in the success of the coming 1952 campaign, Mr. Chason listed the "real wealth of the community" which he predicted will assert itself. "That wealth is not counted in dollars and cents. It consists of clear vision, undimmed by malice and greed; good hearing, attuned to human distress, however near or far; a sound heart, prepared to reach out to all in need; a sound mind, able to understand that if we do not care, no one else will."

One hundred and fifty persons attended the meeting.

## Thank You

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levinsky and family wish to thank their friends. relatives and organizations for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.



# **Concert By Center's Fine Orchestra** January 29th Will Feature Jewish Music

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# IN TUNE

## BEN "Deems Taylor" ZOLOV

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We eagerly await your listening pleasure at the special concert, celebrating the "Bar Mitzvah" year, which takes place at the Center, next Tuesday evening, January 29th, at 8:13 p.m. Several musical surprises are in the offing, so you can't afford to stay away.

I can't help commenting on the excellent program given by the rejuvenated Portland Symphony Orchestra last week. The string section particularly, playing under the fine guidance of Conductor Burgin, showed expert bowing and precision, besides being alert to the rapidly changing tempo — revealing unusual warmth and feeling. The pleasure was all the more appreciated with many of our Center Symphony players well represented in the group. The enthusiastic audience attested to the fine program.

Our last rehearsal was thinned out by mid-year exams, which kept the high school players on the tardy list for the evening. If the midnight oil hasn't caused any retinal casualties, we should rate a fine attendance this week. If it's music to be ranked, we'll put them all on the honor roll.

Rabbi Morris Bekritsky is going to conduct a class in conversational Yiddish. Anyone wishing to enter this class, or for further information, please call Mrs. William Sidman, at 3-1086.

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# Center Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, January 29, 1952



#### DIRECTOR: CLINTON GRAFFAM

#### PROGRAM

Athalia — Overture —	Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn
L'Arlesienne — Suite	Georges Bizet
Vidui — Contrition	Ernest Bloch
Migun — Improvisation	Mrs. Sylvia Harwood, Violinist

The Jewish Orchestra at the Burgomaster's Ball Michael Gnessin Palestinian Folksongs

Yofim Malleles (Beautiful Canaan Nights) arr. by A. W. Binder R'isiko (Arabian Love song) arr. by A. W. Binder Laylah Hod'mamah (Silent Night) arr. by A. W. Binder sung by Mrs. Sidney Levine S'u Sh'orim Samuel Naumbourg

Temple Beth El Choir

Adonoi Moloch A. Nadel Cantor Kurt Messerschmitt

V'al Y' De Avodecho Cantor Messerschmitt and Temple Choir Medley of Jewish Folk Songs Kammen

#### PERSONNEL OF THE ORCHESTRA

Violins Sara Caplan Rose Berlowitz Allison Hill Daniel Singer Carolyn Adams Ada Greenblatt Louis Rapaport Dr. Benjamin Zolov Maurice Rubinoff Geraldine Oliver Willam J. Cooper Barbara Lamb

Viola

Dr Saul Polisner Cello Katherine Hatch Graffam Lawrence Hatch

Alice Abbott Bass

Gloria Armstrong

#### PERSONNEL OF TEMPLE BETH EL CHOIR

Basses Maurice Elowitch Edward Shapiro Tenors Louis R. Bernstein Boris Shainman Joseph Stillman Altos

Molly Finkelman Mrs. David Nectow Mrs. Boris Shainman Priscilla Shaw Clarinet Janet Hall Joan Graeff

Flute

Percussion Dr. Samuel Fineberg Shirley Littlefield Joan Page

Saxophone Jack Levine

French Horn Nancy Bridge

**Trumpet** William Gaudet William Gagnon

**Trombone** Myron Gold

Sopranos

Mrs. Max Cooper Mrs. Maurice Elowitch Mrs. Ben Finn Mrs. Louis Kriger Mrs. Maurice Mersky Mrs. Edward Sacknoff Mrs. Abe Simonds

Mrs. Jack Spiegel

Emphasis will be on Jewish content in the music when the Center Orchestra presents its Bar Mitzvah Week Concert on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 8:13 p.m. at the Center, according to Chairman Harold Karl Halpert.

The orchestra, under the splendid direction of Clinton Graffam, has achieved distinction in the Community for its interpretation of contemporary Jewish music.

For this concert, they are to present Michael Gnessin's delightful "Jewish Orchestra at the Burgomaster's Ball," and Kammen's warm, spirited "Medley of Jewish Folksongs."

Mrs. Sylvia Harwood, whose skill will be apparent with the intricate rhythms and atonal harmonies of Ernest Bloch's Baal Shem music, will present two violin solos, Vidui, and Nigun, accompanied by Harold Halpert.

Cantor Kurt Messerschmitt will sing the "Adonoi Moloch" and, with the Temple Beth El choir, he will do two other liturgical selections.

An unusual and lively group of three modern Palestinian love-songs arranged by A. W. Binder, will be sung by Mrs. Sidney Levine, accompanied by Harold Halpert. These songs shed a new light on the quality of folksongs that have been growing in modern Israel.

The concert will awaken memories of other Jewish songs, and will introduce new ones to its Center members. It will remind everyone of the role the Center is playing in the Cultural life of the Jewish community. And those who are arranging this type of concert are to be congratulated for it.

Following the concert, a reception will be tendered to the personnel of the orchestra, the choir, and the soloists by the following hosts and hostesses:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Halpert, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. David Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kriger, Dr. and Mrs. Saul Polisner, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Zolov, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caplan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rapaport, Dr. and Mrs. David Berlowitz.

Center Vice President Maurice "Bud" Cohen is assistant chairman for the concert.

Usherettes for the Music Night are: Jeanette Shatz, Marjorie Livingston, Arlene Weinstein and Marilyn Schwartz.

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#### MAZEL TOV:

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) at 8:13 p.m.-just as will most of

the other evening events. The first formal event will be Open House, starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27. The chairman is Dr. Henry Pollard, Center vice president. There will be a pictorial display in the Center lobby, including an array of pictures of the past. It is hoped also that there will be music as you tour the building to watch the Girl Scout Carnival, athletic events in the gymnasium and the dancing classes.

On Sunday night, Jan. 27, the first of two performances of Bar Mitzvah Freilach will be presented at 8:13 o'clock under the able direction of Dave Astor, with Center Workshop collaborating. There will be a cast of 85 presenting original songs and dances. The second performance of this fantastic frolicthe gayest, funniest show ever perpetrated at the Center-will be given Monday at 8:13 p.m.

Tuesday night, Jan. 28, will be music night, with a fine concert by the Center's own orchestra under the baton of Clinton Graffam. Harold Karl Halpert is chairman for the program, which will emphasize Jewish music. The Temple Beth El adult choir will sing under the direction of Kurt Messerschmidt. Soloists will be Mrs. Sidney Levine, soprano, and Mrs. Sylvia Harwood, violinist.

On Wednesday night the Center will turn back the hands of time at the meeting of the board of directors. Invited to attend are all the men and women who have been board members in the past 13 years. Center President Harold Potter will preside. A reception will follow. Chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Davis.

The Thursday night program is for the Golden Agers, with Abe Seigal and Leo Golodetz in charge. There will be Jewish monologues by Mrs. Marion Taylor and a Jewish film, 'Di Klatche', which will run almost two hours.

Services at Temple Beth El on Friday night will be dedicated to the Center. So will the services on Saturday morning at the Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue.

Anne and Irving Rothstein have arranged the program for the Oneg Shabat on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 2:13 p.m. at the Center, Rabbis Morris Bekritsky and Ephraim Bennett Nelson. will participate. There will be music and refreshments.

A big Founders' Day dinner will be held at 6:13 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Center. On this occasion, it is hoped that the mortgage of the Center Day camp may be burned. The winning essay in a Center Youth contest will be read at the it." And they did.

# **Center Aims To Serve Family** and Improve Youth Programs

When the Center was first founded the leaders hoped to have our building serve as a family agency. This pattern has been followed since its inception and was continued upon my arrival to Portland. Our emphasis started with the development of children's programs. The winter Jamboree, a week of fun and varied activities during vacation time has increased from a mere 60 youngsters to a present enrollment of approximately 200 boys and girls.

The inaugaration of a Day Camp project at Sebago Lake for a 4 week period was another step forward. The rigors of transporting our equipment daily to this site 32 miles from the center were forgotten in the enthusiasm evidenced by the campers.

Parent participation in both the Jamboree and Day Camp projects laid the foundation for our parents' campers club which helped later in the planning and purchase of our present camp site and building.

Our entertainment series for paid up center members was inaugurated and the revival of our center orchestra assumed greater significance.

Portland was host to the New England Center Youth conference and our teen agers gained considerably from the experiences of the deliberations. The revitalization of our center youth programs gained momentum from this conference.

Shortly afterwards, our center leaders welcomed delegates to the New England Annual Convention which was housed in our building. The hospitality and warmth engendered at these conferences are still topics of conversation at annual meetings throughout New England.

One of the outstanding projects of the Center is our dramatic workshop. Participation for its productions have been recruited from all age levels and its membership has reached a new high in enrollment. participation.

dinner. The essay subject is "What presidents, Louis Bernstein, Edward

Major Louis Bernstein, unable to attend the banquet, told members of the general Bar Mitzvah committee at a meeting that the event will be a "rededication to the ideals years," he concluded. and purposes of the Center." "If you realize this," he added, "you will put every bit of effort into



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The Center takes pride in its harmonious relationship with the Workshop.

Programming in the Center Women's Club took on another aspect. Membership participation replaced professional and outside performers. An active interest in meetings was renewed. The willingness and untiring efforts of the Center Women's Club in all major center functions have given impetus and added meaning to Center philosophy.

The emergence of the young adult program in our building has been a source of inspiration. We look to this group as our potential center and community leaders.

Athletics, scouting, crafts and all the arts have kept pace with our aims for family participation.

With the acquisition of an activities director we have been able to broaden the scope of all our Center programs.

Community leaders are continuing to share their interests and responsibilities to the Center.

We look ahead for even greater future family planning and

The Center's first president told the Center Means to Me." Judges of the fine results of the Center's of the essay contest are the past place in the community - even as liot Rich, and Bunny Goldfarb. the scene of romance - and in Berman, Barnett Shur and Harold the building of youth to assume adult leadership "as we step out." "This is a healthy thing for the Center," he declared. "I am confident that the next 13 years will be just as fruitful as the past 13

> Center Women's club, one of the bulwarks of the Center through most of its history, is taking a big part in the week-long program.



Beginners handball play saw its most exciting match of the year when Normie Bress and Ronnie Drogin edged Jerry Fisher and Larry Aronson last Sunday, 21-20. In a comparative walkaway Larry Cohen and Steve Bornstein turned back Harold Grunes and Geoff Rice, 21-14. This Sunday at 2 o'clock top duo Steve Gordon and Ed Richman face Larry Cohen and Steve Bornstein. Don Gordon and Carl Richman meet Geoff Rice and Harold Grunes at 2:30.

Midyear exams put a slight crimp in the basketball activity locally, leaving the stage almost wholly to the Varsity. Their first outing of the week saw them travelling to Windham where they won the game, 49-39, but lost the services of Sam Kaklegian for the rest of the year. Sam tore the ligaments in his ankle in the first period. This one game winning streak was broken the next time out when the Varsity bowed to Bernie's Fashions, 56-47. The locals went on what might be called a scoring rampage, tallying 58 points but the West End Barnstormers toured basketward for 89 of the same.

The Center A's, in their worst showing of the year, pulled through in their third consecutive squeaker, 55-53. The loser of this inter-State battle was the Temple of Israel team of Portsmouth, N. H. The A's travel to Portsmouth this Sunday for a return match.

The Center Frosh won their second game of the year, beating the half-pint sized St. Lukes, 65-41. The Frosh looked like monsters to the little losers.

Teddy Cutler and Ronnie Drogin tied for top honors last Sunday in further foul-shooting preliminaries. Each made 5 of 10 shots good. Barry Slosberg, Normie Bress, and Mike Simpson were locked in a threeway tie for second place with 4 each. Others shooting were Alan Lamport, Stu Potter, Larry Shapiro, Barry Potter, Geoff Rice, Joe Cohen, Jerry Fisher, Bruce Schatz, Larry Aronson, Mike Sandler, El-

The gym will be closed Saturday night following the Midgets game. There will be no volleyball this Sunday morning, but other classes will be held as usual the rest of the day. There will be no gym Tuesday night because of the Orchestra Concert.

Be A Bar Mitzvah Guest

Join The Center

# Sharing in Bar Mitzvah Week Preparations



## - LEGEND-

- Dancing School recital rehearsal
  Center Freilach Agony Quartet
  Sunday School 1952

- 4. Swimming check at the Day Camp
- 5. Orchestra Planners and Soloists
- 6. Playcenter Arts and Crafts

Turns Bac 1938-39 Center Early Center Activities ENTE SNTE ENTE

- LEGEND-

- 1. Girls Gym Period
- 2. Frolic at the Purim Carnival
- 3. Center Library
- 4. Early Athletic Aces

- 5. Girls Club entertains Brookline
- 6. The Banquet
- 7. Remember The Bazaar?

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## Campaign Committee for Raising Funds to Purchase, Remodel

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Norman I. Godfrey EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

SUNDAY,

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NOVEMBER 13, 1938 PROGRAM

Dedication Day

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1938 Dedication Leaders

1951-52























CHAIRMEN FOR D	EDICATION WEEK				
LOUIS BERNSTEIN Sunday, Dedication Day	JACOB CITRIN Friday, Community Religious Program				
ABRAHAM SEIGAL Monday, Jewish Cultural Day and Hadas- sah Reception	EDWARD J. BERMAN Saturday, Youth Program—Fraternity an Sorority Dance				
AARON DAVIDSON Monday, Dedication of Recreation Floor MORRIS SACKNOFF	LEO GOLODETZ Sunday Morning, Sunday School Reception				
Tuesday, Y.M.H.A.—Old Timer's Reunion JOSEPH WIGON	JACOB RUBINSKY Sunday Afternoon, Junior Rally MRS. ISRAEL BERNSTEIN Sunday Evening, Mother and Daughte Banquet				
Wednesday, Organization Day—B'nai Brith ISRAEL BERNSTEIN Thursday, Community Dance—Council of Jewish Women					



New Jewish Community Center-2:30 P.M.

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#### ENTRANCE OF GUESTS

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Inspection and tour of the building will follow immediately after the exercises

# Lending their talents to Bar Mitzvah Week

















## - LEGEND-

- Oneg Shabbat Committee Young Adults musical rehearsal
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  Young Adults musical rel
  Dainty Freilach Dancers
  Cub Scout Award Winners

- Girl Scout Carnival Committee 5.
- Club 13, Board of Strategy 6.
- Jewish Book Month Lobby Display 7.
- Men's Athletics 8.

# Gefilte "Snooze" Harold Nelson Sets Forth Center's

My first attempt at Gefilte Snooze. Probably my last. Frances Stern will go down in

history as being the "historical" member of the Freilach cast. This gal 'laughs for ages', yak! yak! Must be funny - come and see for yourself.

Donny Cutler and his script reading committee are really on the ball getting the annual Center Youth production in shape. Lil Brilliant, Shirley Pollack and Ruth Loeb, with the aid of perennial-master Bea Shatz, are working out the "Vacation Jamboree" plans for the youngsters. You will probably be called to help, and you can't say "no".

Don't fret gals - Hal Schneiderman is wearing a sweater that Lenore took one and one-half years to make - Such endurance Such a size! For a million laughs, see the pictures in the lobby the Bar Mitzvah Freilach version of Guys and Dolls. Catch those beautiful dolls - Frances Stern, Clarice Shur, Jane Glassman and Dinny Cutler. Faces and positions the likes of which you have never seen. The Young Adults, including "Mush" Romanow, "Toboggan" Gordon, "Ski" Kaatz, and "Snow-Shoe" Perlman, with the aid of a snow plow, made it to the Day Camp site for a Sunday of winter fun. What was cute Shirley Weiss doing in the office with Harold Potter and Maurice Davis the other p.m.? Until the wee hours? Does her mother know?

Syb Cohen was surprised at rehearsal with the gang reminding her it was her birthday. Just became of age - 21. So glad that all is well with Minna Lewis. At the Bar Mitzvah planning breakfast, Harold Halpert was heard to remark "Did Tallulah Bankhead arrange the Oneg Shabat? So much in such a short time - !" Wasn't it thoughtful of the Edward Rodman's to plan their wedding 13 years ago to coincide with the Center Bar Mitzvah year — Even then they had the Center at heart.

Sidney Lerman can't boast of all the talent in the family. His wife, Marion, is doing a terrific job making some of the costumes for the "effeminate" chorus of the Bar-Mitzvah show. Speaking of talent, wait until you hear Harold Ross, George Robinson and Ben Brilliant.

Did anyone notice the sporting red bow tie that Phil Reuben wore at the House Committee Meeting? Did the girls whistle!

Sue Gezunt

### Be A Bar Mitzvah Guest Join The Center

The Fourth Administration of the Jewish Community Center took office in June, 1947 and served until June 1949. The Officers were as follows:-

Harold P. Nelson, President; Harold J. Potter, Vice President; Sumner Goffin, Vice President; Mrs. Casper Sutton, Vice President; Arnold Goodman, Vice President; Phil Reuben, Vice President; Maurice Davis, Vice President; Jules Greenstein, Secretary; Sam Cohen, Treasurer.

This Administration was blessed with a most progressive Board and its accomplishments will live for many, many years. The leadership was enthusiastic and sincerely interested in adding to the strength and security of the Center. Membership participation was encouraged and Center Membership took on additional values.

The Center Director, Mr. Victor Taylor, had now been here long enough to familiarize himself with the Community. His capacity for hard work and his understanding of his fellow men added immeasurably to the success of this Administration.

This Administration was filled with many firsts and most of them are still with us and securely established today. For it was during this Administration that Dave Astor sparked a movement to found a permanent Center Day Camp. It was then purchased and the money even raised to pay for it. The Center's new kitchen, the most modern in New England was purchased and installed. The Arts & Crafts Room was built and equipped under the direction of Mrs. Abraham Simonds. The Photograph Room was established and had its first meeting under the able instruction of Mr. Sidney Wernick.

The Center assumed another responsibility in the Community when it formed a blood bank, under the direction of Mrs. Harold P. Nelson and David Astor. The Center founded the first Gift Shop, with the cooperation of the Center Woman's Club. The Community began to realize the need of adult education and the Center, under the direction of Mrs. Casper Sutton, inaugurated the first Adult Institute.

The new modern safety elevator was completed. The safety of our membership was helped immensely when firescapes were improved and fire crash doors were installed.

Another notable achievement that took place at this time was the Center's decision to establish a Symphony Orchestra and this was dent, Mrs. Frank Laben, aided conaccomplished under the direction of Dr. Saul Polisner.



This period saw the termination of U.S.O. at the Center and everyone concerned felt that here the Jewish Community had risen to great heights and could certainly say — "that was a job well done!" Another progressive step was developed at this time when the Board voted to make the youth an active part of future Center Boards. Emphasis on youth was strong throughout this entire Administration and it can be remembered that the first "Youth Week" was held at this time.

Who will forget the President's Night which was held on March 27, 1948? A night of fun, frolic and laughter! The first family picnic took place under the direction of Dr. Henry Pollard......Retirement and insurance benefits were extended by the Board to all eligible Center employees......A Parent's Committee was founded by the Center Day Camp and the first Chairman, Mr. Ezekiel Rich, was elected.

And, above all, membership reached unprecedented height under the leadership of Irving Small. Who can forget the Center's cooperation with all state-wide agencies, when the forest fires were rampant throughout Maine.

The custom of making monthly awards to outstanding Center individuals was started......The Center Bridge Tournaments grew and flourished.

Much of the success of this Administration can be attributed, not only to the Administration, and the Board and to the able Director, but also to the Center Woman's Club who, with its dynamic Presisiderably in every worthwhile Center activity.



**Gladys Ginsburg** 

On Jan. 19 Center Youthers sure had their share of fun. In fact, they had so much fun at the splash party that they decided to have another in the spring. Marilyn Brynes was the chairman of the splash party committee. We hear that Marilyn Brynes and Bernie Perlman can really swim like fishes.

The second part of the evening was from the swimming pool to the Center. There a movie, portraying the splendid job youth did in building their center, was shown. A most successful evening was rounded out with a social and gab session.

Don't forget the Nightclub Dance this Saturday evening. Sadie Hawkins invited a boy, why don't you? A special program will be put on for your entertainment at the Center's own "Club Thirteen." It will consist of many types of acts from a comedy to a drama. Each act will be put on by a different sorority, fraternity, or club. The group staging the best act will be awarded a trophy. From what I hear, the judges are sure going to have a tough time awarding the trophy because the competition will be strong.

Center Youth wishes the Center Mazel Toy on its Bar-Mitzvah this week, and hopes that when Center Youth opens Bar-Mitzvah week on Jan. 26, it will be the beginning of another successful era in the history of the Center.

## Thank You

Mrs. Flora Reef wishes to thank Rabbis Bekritsky and Bennett, all her friends, and the organizations, for their thoughtfulness during her recent illness.

Mrs. Fritzie Cohen wishes to thank Rabbis Bekritsky and Bennett, all her friends, and the organizations, for their thoughtfulness during her recent illness.

The family of the late Max Brown wishes to thank all its friends, relatives, Rabbi Bekritsky, Rabbi Bennett ,and the organizations for their kindnesses during its recent bereavement.

The family of the late Harry Dalton wishes to thank Rabbi Bekritsky, Rabbi Bennett, the various organizations, and its many friends for their kindness during its recent bereavement, and also for the many kindnesses shown Mr. Dalton during his illness.

# Mrs. Millie Nelson Writes Letter to Her Friend Center Banquet On Feb. 3 On Organization Of The Center Women's Club Will Honor Center Founders

#### Dear Bess:

I'm thrilled to hear that your city is now to have a Jewish Center. In your letter you ask me just what the women can do in their part to help in the building and programming so that a Center may truly deserve it's name of Community Center.

At this time our own Center is thirteen years old, and we are having a big celebration in the form of a "Bar Mitzvah Week." Needless to say, this brings back a raft of memories as to our beginning, and also our accomplishments over the years. As we get together in groups, we find ourselves saying, "Remember when? — And with this, I'll try to highspot some of the activities that we were either directly responsible for or in which we indirectly assisted.

First of all, I must go back 13 years and tell you a few things about us as a group. We had the usual officers, of which I was one, a board of directors of 25 women, and a general membership. Our big job that year was getting organized and trying to arrange a program for the women in the Center. We found that an interesting social meeting for the general women's membership was necessary at least once a month. This taxed our imagination no end — no money! But nothing daunted, we have over the years tried everything from book reviews, style shows, card parties, speakers, plays, and even once had an artist do a pencil portrait of one of our members, plus cosmetic demonstrations, Jewish holiday accents, and countless others. Some good, some awful, but we keep trying. Very often, our least costly programs were our best received. These were usually the ones in which our own membership participated.

The Board of Directors of C.W.C. worked like Trojans. They were and are active in all the programs of the Center itself, and acted as liason between the Center and the Center Women's Club, which included age groups from 4 to any age the oldest would admit to.

We started a Sunday school for the youngsters that year and it is still going strong. We had study groups and gym classes for those who wanted them. But, and a great big But, we had one fund raising activity after another. Well do I remember the bazaars and parties, all to raise money — but it was fun, and it was stimulating to see our membership grow and grow so that now nearly every Jewish family in the city is a member.

## Center Women's Club Leaders



Here are the officers of the Center Women's Club: left to right, standing, Mrs. Ethel Cohen, Mrs. Doris Herman, Mrs. Sophie Hirsch, Mrs. Frances Davis. Seated, Mrs. Polly Rodman, Mrs. Arnold Goodman, president, and Mrs. Freda Schilling.

Notice I said family. It is important that you remember to program toward interesting a whole family. You notice I don't mention any of the names of people doing all this work. I'd get lost. This wonderful cooperation and community effort speaks for itself.

To return to family memberships: Starting with the youngsters, I will mention some of their activities. There is a wonderful Center Youth group that has it's own clubroom. We have direct contact with them concerning all their problems, and we also supply hostesses for their lounge whenever necessary. We have girl scouts, dancing school, special children's holiday affairs, vacation jamboree, play center, Center Day Camp, and other activities for which we supply hostesses, leaders, refreshments, and countless services. Are we busy? - I'm not thru yet.

As for adult programs, there isn't a center activity in which we aren't directly active. We have a whizz of a telephone committee. Our group helps supervise the building and has over the years kept busy decorating and maintaining the many rooms and the two kitchens.

You know, I could go on and on, but as I write and you read, you can see that the women are quite necessary to a Center.

The Center has a fine orchestra and our gals are hostesses to the group. We also supply refreshments for a group of oldsters who meet at the building. We call them our

Notice I said family. It is imortant that you remember to rogram toward interesting a whole movies and activities.

The Center Women's Club runs a gift shop which supplies objects of Jewish interest to the community. During any civic drive we supply

buring any civic drive we supply workers, and during emergencies our members are on hand to lend a hand. The Center has a Blood Bank very efficiently run by C.W.C.

You know, I myself who have been so close to the Center over the years am surprised as to number and versatility of our activities. Of course, all the aforementioned did not begin that first year, but as we have gone along, each administration has added its work, imagination and ideas to the whole as I have tried to picture it. Even thus, I haven't been able even in this long letter to really give you but a light touch of all that we really do. Somehow, I'm quite impressed with our women, and all I can say in closing is, "God bless them all, the Center really needs them."

Cordially yours, Millie

Get Your Tickets NOW

for the

Bar Mitzvah Freilach Here's an invitation to the entire Jewish Community of Portland to attend the Center's Bar Mitzvah Dinner at the Center on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 6:13 p.m.

If you have not received an invitation — and you're a Center member in good standing — pick up your telephone and call Mrs. Harold P. Nelson, 4-5085, chairman of the Committee on Reservations and Hospitality, or Mrs. Clarice Shur, 3-0168, co-chairman.

The Center Board of Directors will honor the past presidents, Major Louis Bernstein, Edward J. Berman, Barnett I. Shur, and Harold P. Nelson.

There will be a Bar Mitzvah ceremony, but the identity of the "Bochor" must remain a secret until ceremony time. Rabbis Ephraim Bennett and Morris Bekritsky will officiate at the ceremonies.

The entertainment will be furnished by one of the most popular teams ever to appear at your Center, the Marlin Sisters. These two talented and lovely young women appeared at the Center two years ago this month with the Malovsky family. The Marlin Sisters, Trudy and Gloria, are "English-Yiddish Swing exponents." They are daughters of Cantor Samuel Malovsky. When the Malovsky family performed at the Center, the Marilin sisters appeared as a separate act.

The winner of the Center Youth essay contest on the topic, "What the Center Means to Me," will be announced at the Founders' Banquet.

The Center hopes at the dinner to be able to burn the Center Day camp mortgage.

The co-chairmen of the affair are Harold P. Nelson and Barnett I. Shur. Members of the Reservations and Hospitality Committee for the dinner include:

Mrs. Bertram Silverman, Mrs. Harry Weisberg, Mrs. Frank Laben, Mrs. Samuel Kates, Mrs. Joseph Schatz, Mrs. Phil Schilling, Mrs. Edward Rodman, Mrs. Maurice Davis, Mrs. Edward Berman, Mrs. Harold Potter, Mrs. Arnold Goodman, Mrs. Herman Hirsch, Mrs. Edward Sacknoff.

Chairman of Decorations is Mrs. Donald Herman, assisted by Mrs. Ben Yormack. Chairman of Food Arrangements is William Slade. Chairman of General Arrangements is Sumner Bernstein. Chairmen of Program are Harold P. Nelson and Barnett Shur.

The Toastmaster of the evening will be Barnett Shur. Chairman of Day Camp Ceremonies is Edward I. Sacknoff. CENTER ATHLETES IN ACTION

# SCOUTING Pack 6 - Den 1

We are timing our Den Program for the pack meeting which will be held Feb. 3. The cubmaster checked every boy's achievements and electives on his chart. Cubs will receive their awards. We hope all the boys will be able to be at the meeting next Sunday.

Allan H. Lamport Keeper of the Buckskin

## Pack 6 - Den 2

Last week some of the boys brought the cards for the children in the hospital. Then we rehearsed for the pack meeting that we are going to have in two weeks. Then we ended our meeting with the Living Circle.

David Blumenthal Keeper of the Buckskin

## Pack 6 - Den 3

We opened our meeting and collected dues. Our den chief made inspections.

We rehearsed our skits and then played games. All the Cubs had a good time.

> Allan R. Levine Keeper of the Buckskin

## Pack 6 - Den 4

We stood for inspection after the opening ceremony. A game was played, after which we began rehearsing for our pack meeting program. Don Critchley took pictures of the boys who will get their Bobcat pins and Lion Badges at the next pack meeting. Our meeting was closed with the Living Circle.

> Norman Fineberg Keeper of the Buckskin

## **Troop 6**

At our Jan. 17, meeting opening exercises were followed by announcements and comments by our three leaders: Bernie Freedman, Mr. circle. Brand and Mr. Shatz.

During the test passing and study period which followed the announcements and comments, Reuben Slotsky, Ellis Goldman, Louis Bornstein, Albert Abbey, Martin Morris, Geoffry Rice and Gordon Simmons passed Artificial Respiration under Bernie Freedman. While this was going on, Elliot Rich, Tommy Brand, and Your's Truly passed the Citizenship Merit Badge with and Taps Sung. Mr. Brand.

Barry Robinson, Scribe

## **Troop 83**

We started our meeting by collecting dues. Mrs. Hannaford taught us a song for the Girl Scout Carnival. We are planning to do a dance too. We closed our meeting by the good night circle.

Marlene Baker, Scribe

## **Troop** 124

Girl Scout Troop 124 met last Wednesday. After collection of dues. Don Critchley took pictures of the entire group.

Jean Gyger then taught us a song and dance that we are going to use at the coming Carnival. After that we had the good night

> Deborah Loeb Scribe

## Troop 109

Our meeting started with the Flag Ceremony. Arrangements were made for a dress rehearsal. We practiced our program for the Carnival. Dues were then collected

Myra Pollack Scribe



#### **ROBERT AGGER** Athletic Director Building sound bodies and teaching good sportsmanship is the job

of Bob Agger, whose genial personality works wonders with all age groups.

**KEEP IT GOING KEEP IT GROWING** JOIN YOUR CENTER

## PRESIDENT POTTER SAYS:

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The link that has been established with the rest of the community must be continuously strengthened. Civicly we must continue to perform the functions that have made the Center a valuable adjunct to the Community Chest and Council of Social Agencies.

We must recognize that failure of segments of programming is not necessarily a blot on the planners or participants, but rather that we must be conscious of change in thinking, and have an awareness and complete readiness to keep pace in an ever changing world.

In the future years it should be the function of the Center to coordinate Jewish national programming, so that more of the richness of our heritage can be participated in by all.

We must persist in our efforts with our youth, attempting at all costs to impart to them the necessity of continuity of Jewish life. Thus an enlightened leadership will come from their ranks, ready and willing to assume the burden from tired hands.

A continued expansion of programming for those who have reached the Golden Age is vital. Better health standards and living conditions are posing a challenge which can be met intelligently and fruitfully. The entertainment of those who have reached mature years is a concern for all.

To all of you, I extend the greetings of the Center Board of Directors at the conclusion of 13 years of active community service - our Bar Mitzvah year.

My wish is that the next 13 years prove equally productive.



#### Page Fourteen

January 25, 1952

# Four Big Steps Of Regime Are Traced By Barney Shur

The war years were over and the Center prepared to resume its peace-time program of service to the community. As the result of the extensive activities of the Center members in the War Chest, the Center was admitted to the Community Chest family of social service agencies. This acknowledgment of the value and importance of the Center in our city not only filled us with a great deal of pride, but also made us recognize the responsibilities that went hand in hand with Chest membership.

However, after all too short a time, the smooth functioning and ever progressing program of the Center was interrupted by the tragic illness and death of our first executive director, our beloved Norman Godfrey. During the few years that he was our leader, his high ideals, his unbounded zeal, his incomparable spirit, had left an unforgettable imprint on the whole community.

In recognition of the debt that this community owed to Norman, the membership devoted itself to the task of maintaining and conducting the Center program. It will always be a tribute to Norman that his leadership stood the Center in good stead during his illness, and that his friends carried on his plans.

No president had a more loyal membership, or received greater cooperation from the people who believed in the Center movement during this critical period. For one and one half years, the lay leadership undertook the responbilility of conducting the affairs of the Center.

Whatever success was attained during that time was due to the officers and members of the Board. Many and long were the hours that were spent in the supervision of the building and its program. Without in any way minimizing the work of others, I should like to mention the names of the officers who served with me. They were:

Vice-president in charge of finance — Hyman Mersky; Vicepresident in charge of building -Philip Reuben; Vice-president in charge of membership - Maurice Ross; Vice-president in charge of program — Harold Nelson; Treasurer - Sam Cohen; and Clerk -Morris Greenberg.

In October, 1946, Victor Taylor was selected to succeed Norman Godfrey as Executive Director of the Center. Through the years Vic has certainly proven to all of us his ability and devotion. We hope that he and his family have been



#### **BARNETT I. SHUR**

as happy with us as we have been with them, and that he will continue to serve us for many years to come. It was my good fortune to serve with Norman and Vic, two of the finest persons I have ever known. They represent not only everything that is good and purposeful in Jewish life, but also have raised the Jewish stature in our city.

It was a privilege to have served this Center as its President for two years, and to have followed such leaders as Lou Bernstein and Ed Berman. The succeeding presidents, Harold Nelson and Harold Potter, added to the growth of the Center, so that today the Center holds an enviable position among the group work agencies of our city. The war years were over and the

Center looked forward to the future.



Be a Paid-Up Member!

LEO GOLODETZ

evening's entertainment will be a two-hour motion picture, Taylor.

A social hour will follow, with refreshments. Co-chairmen for the evening are Abe Seigal, and Leo Golodetz.

Arnold Goodman.

ABRAHAM SEIGAL

The Golden Age program of Bar Mitzvah Week, on Thursday, Jan. 31, will be keyed to the older folks of the Center. The features of the Klatche" (The Horse), and Jewish monologues by Mrs. Marion B.

Golden Age Refreshment Committee: Mrs. Martin Sprince, chairman, Mrs. Melvin Finn, Mrs. Sam Fineberg, Mrs. Joseph Schatz, Mrs.

# Earl Aronson Is Appointed Maine Associated Press Chief

Golden Age Co-Chairmen

EARL ARONSON

Hear **BARNET I. SHUR** on the HEAR O' ISRAEL program this Sunday morning JAN. 27-WCSH-9:15-9:45 a.m.

It is with great pride that we, of the Center, note the appointment of Earl Aronson as acting correspondent in-charge of the Associated Press service in Maine.

We have always been aware of the very capable work which Earl has done for the Center. Earl is a member of the Board of the Directors of the Community Center, Vice-president of Workshop, and Editor Emeritus of the Center Bulletin.

The recognition of his worth by the Associated Press will come as no surprise to those Center members who have worked with him. Earl Aronson joined the Associated Press in 1929 and served as an office boy in Boston while attending Boston University. Later he handled the telephoned news report, worked in the AP's Vermont legislative bureau and resigned in 1936 to join the staff of the Springfield (Mass.) Union. Four years later he returned to the AP in Portland. We all wish you the best of luck, Earl.

Join The Center

# Big Girl Scout Carnival Center's Big Bar Mitzvah Week Offers Afternoon Of Fun

At 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, the banquet hall doors open to the public, and the Girl Scout Carnival begins. Between the hours from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. you will be able to enjoy the games of chance and skill. Mrs. Ruth Loeb will operate the change booth for your convenience. Articles, hand-made by the Brownies and Girl Scouts, will be on sale. You will get a great kick out of the "White Elephant" auction sale. Arnold "Commodore" Briggs and Harry "The Great" Garon will amuse you so much with their antics as auctioneers that you'll laugh and laugh, and before you know it, you'll be the possessor of several "White Elephants."

At 4:00 p. m. the "Pageant of America" will begin, with all Brownie and Girl Scout troops participating. Carol Feldman, troop 124, will act as Mistress of Ceremonies. Dances, in colorful costumes, and songs representing all four principal compass points of the United States will be presented -and mothers and other relatives and friends of the performers will have a chance to "shep naches" as they watch the children in action. Assisting the various troops with their dances is Miss Ruth Daniels, Portland City Recreation Department.

Hot dogs, tonic (soda to you), and other refreshments will be on sale, so you won't go hungry while you are enjoying the many features of the Carnival program.

Admission is five cents for children and ten cents for adults. Come early, so you won't miss any of the fun.

The Brownie and Girl Scout program is sponsored by the Center Women's Club. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Ben Yormack and Mrs. Louis Drogin; Mrs. Dave Orloff and Mrs. Donald Herman, cooperating. Participating in the Carnival will be the following troops;

Troop 83 - Leader - Mrs. Samuel Goldfarb.

Troop Committee: Mrs. B. Yormack, Mrs. V. Taylor, Mrs. H. Potter, Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. H. Gershenson, Mrs. H. Bogg.

Troop Members: Barbara Appel, Nancy Bogg, Marlene Baker, Maxine Gershenson, Myra Gershenson, Ann Manganello, Cynthia Potter, Joan Taylor, Roberta Yormack.

Troop 104 - Leader - Mrs. Ida Cohen; Co-leader - Mrs. Ruth Modes.

Troop Committee: Mrs. B. Webber, Mrs. H. Potter, Mrs. G. R. Loew, Mrs. L. Lerman.

Troop Members: Lois Bernstein, Phyllis Cohen, Linda Elowitch, ber, Carol Weisberg, Barbara Yorra.

# Co-Chairmen For Oneg Shabat

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rothstein, Co-chairmen for the Bar Mitzvah Week Oneg Shabat.

Joyce Hyman, Carol Kates, Donna Levinson, Maxine Nathanson, Beverly Potter, Patricia Singer, Sheila Tarnoff, Susan Turitz, Nancy Vinick, Wilma Webber, Ruth Ann Sidman, Barbara Zade.

Troop 109 - Leader Mrs. Ben Mestetsky; Co-leader - Mrs. Louis Pollack

Troop Committee: Mrs. Ruth Loeb, chairman; Mrs. H. Jacobs, Mrs. B. Loeb, Mrs. S. Merdek, Mrs. Sabalkin, Mrs. E. Weinman, Mrs. H. Weisberg, Mrs. D. Siegal.

Troop Members: Sandra Bernstein, Ronnie Dalton, Pamela Drogin, Gail Fineberg, Joyce Finklestein, Anita Finn, Marlene Goldberg, Annabelle Jacobs, Marilyn Jacobs, Nancy Karlin, Beverly Loeb, Mona Loeb, Bonnie Levine, Annette Lyons, Cynthia Merdek, Myra Pollack, Frances Shatz, Sharon Sher, Esther Siegel, Barbara Silverman, Dena Slotsky, Dianne Sabolkin, Rhoda Weinman, Constance Weisberg.

Troop 124 - Leaders - Miss Helen Lerman, Miss Bernice Wesler, Miss Shirley Levine.

Troop Committee: Mrs. A. Yorra, Mrs. G. Loeb, Mrs. L. Newman.

Troop Members: Elaine Appel, Carol Feldman, Linda Gerber, Ruth Greenberg, Elaine Krasnick, Elaine Lerman, Judith Levy, Deborah Loeb, Lorna Modes, Janice Newman, Eleanor Pachosky, Cynthia Rudek, Anita Spector, Bryna Web-



The biggest city-wide Oneg Shabat in Portland's history will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 2, as part of the Center's Bar Mitzvah observance. The time is 2:13 p.m.

Here is the entertaining program arranged by Anne and Irving Rothstein, co-chairmen:

2:13 - Get-together Period.

Includes City-Wide Oneg Shabat

- 2:30 Welcome by David Astor, Bar Mitzvah program chairman;
- Anne and Irving Rothstein. 3:00 - Temple Children's Choir
- 3:10-3:15 Birdie Judelshon -Recitation.
- 3:15 Rabbi Ephraim Bennett
- 3:35 "Hear, O Israel" Choir 3:50 — Szloma Pasiencier — Hu-
- morous Presentation
- 4:00 Junior Hadassah Choir 4:15 Rabbi Morris Bekritsky
- 4:35 Tea and Cake
  - (Maariv for those who wish to say Kaddish.) Community Singing, Alfred Goldman, leader. Humorous Jewish Melodies -Quartet
- 5:00 Pinchik Zimelman Havdallah

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Gordon are vice-chairmen for the Oneg Shabat. Hosts and hostesses for the event are: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lerman, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Richman, Mr. and Mrs. William Punsky, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wernick, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sandler, Mrs. Joseph Zulofsky, and Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Goldberg. Others on the committee include Mr. Abraham Seigal and Mr. Leo Golodetz.

Mrs. Lerman is president of the Anshe Sfaard Sisterhood, Mrs. Punsky heads the Etz Chaim Sisterhood, Mrs. Goldberg the Shaarey Tphiloh Sisterhood, and Mrs. Wernick the Beth El Sisterhood.

Usherettes will be Barbara Sohn, Esther Sohn, Gladys Ginsburg, Barbara Nevins and Marilyn Levine.



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# **Center To Honor Directors of 13 Years**

## Center's 13 Year History Will Be Reviewed At Board Meeting

A resume of the Jewish Community's 13-year history will be given at the Bar Mitzvah Week board of director's meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 8:13 p.m. Guests at the meeting, which will be followed by a social program, will be the men and women who have served as elected directors at any time in the past 13 years.

Center President Harold Potter will conduct a brief board meeting. The resume will be read by Maurice Davis and Morrie Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Davis are chairmen for the Wednesday night program marking the Center's 13th birthday. Host and hostess for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Harold Potter.

> There are stalwarts among the Center Directors who have served continuously through the 13 years of the Center's constant growth. Here they are:

> Edward J. Berman, a past president; Mr. and Mrs. Israel Bernstein, Major Louis Bernstein, Samuel J. Cohen, Mrs. Maurice Davis, Leo Golodetz, William Goodman, A. S. Levey, Philip Reuben, Abe Seigal, Barnett I. Shur, a past president, Julius Greenstein, and Maurice Davis, whose record includes one year as an associate member.

Mrs. Evelyn Silverman is chairman of the refreshments committee, assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Yormack. The Cake Committee includes Mrs. Millie Nelson, Mrs. Lillian Rosen, Mrs. Gladys Potter, Mrs. Frances Davis, Mrs. Sylvia Elowitch, Mrs. Esta Astor, Mrs. Frances Elowitch, Mrs. Lillian Ross, Mrs. Eva Mae Sacknoff, Mrs. Sadie Reuben, Mrs. Gitelle Golodetz, Mrs. Barbara Berman, Mrs. Polly Rodman, and Mrs. Estelle Brooks.

Mrs. Ida Cooper is Coffee Committee Chairman, and Mrs. Doris Herman has charge of table decorations.

> A brief memorial service will be held at the Center directors' meeting for the following Board members of the past 13 years who have passed away:

> Norman I. Godfrey, the Center's first executive director; Samuel Novick, Oscar Tabachnick, Addie Wasserman, Joseph Wigon, Joseph Brenner, Philip Abrahamson, Abraham Goodside, Leon Herman, Annabelle Pollard, Morris Sacknoff, and Benjamin Clayman.

Here is a list of directors who have served during the past 13 years, including the current directors:

Earl Aronson, David Astor, Jack Agger, Edward J. Berman, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Bernstein, Lewis Bernstein, Louis (Major) Bernstein, Louis R. Bernstein, Jacob Berman, Dr. Cyrus Briggs, Dr. David Brownstone, Hyman Boxstein, Mrs. Louis Black, Dr. B. James Cohen, Maurice (Bud) Cohen, Samuel J. Cohen, Morris Cox, Saul G. Chason, Jacob Citrin, William Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Davis, Robert Clennott, Mrs. Leo Cohen, Aaron Davidson, Sidney Davidson, Dr. David Diamon, Mrs. Samuel Dorfman, David Ebenstein, Julius Elowitch, Molly Finkelman, Mrs. Norman I. Godfrey, Sumner Goffin, Leo Golodetz, Arnold and William Goodman, Mrs. Arnold Goodman, Julius Greenstein, Dr. Solomon Golodetz, Ida Goffin, Mrs. Leon Herman, Albert Issokson, Hyman Jacobson, Silas Jacobson, Alexander Kaatz, Mrs. A. L. Kramer.

Mrs. Frank Laben, Joseph Larkin, A. S. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Nelson, Eli Livingston, Harris Lait, Ralph Lamport, David Lavin, George I. Lewis, Julius Litman, Louis Matson, Hyman Mersky, Louis Oransky, Dr. Henry Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Potter, Jacob Potter, Samuel Pinansky, Philip Reuben, Zeke Rich, Edward Rodman, Phil Rosen, Charles Rosenbloom, Irving Rothstein, Jacob Rubinsky, David Rubinoff.

Edward Sacknoff, Abe Seigal, Mrs. Philip Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett I. Shur, Bert Silverman, Dean Silverman, William Slade, Irving Small, Meyer Sacknoff, Mrs. Anna Sacknoff, Sidney P. Schwartz, Mrs. Samuel Seiger, Max Simonds, Edward Shapiro, Mrs. Casper Sutton, Ben Edward Berman.

## Officers of the Community Center



Standing, left to right, Maurice (Bud) Cohen, vice president; Morris Cox, clerk; Irving Small, Vice president; David Astor, Vice president; David Novick, Vice president; Lester Willis, treasurer; seated, Mrs. Philip Schilling, Vice president; Harold Potter, President Leo Golodetz, Vice president.

# Original Music and Dance Offered by The Young Adults

How original can one celebration be? The Center's Young Adults will do their best — and their best will be something — to show you with their sprightly musical skit and dance Saturday, Feb. 2, at 8:13 p.m., at the Center.

Miriam Kaatz is chairman. In the group planning and writing the musical events are: Rita Schwey, Jean Gordon, Helene Fink, Joanne Shible, Lollie Levenson, Shirley Weiss, Samuel Crasnick, Sidney Levine, Edward Weisberg, Arnold Cooper, Samuel Mintz and Harry Modes.

Other committees for the dance include:

Refreshments — Sylvia Punsky and Jean Gordon, Chairmen, Joanne Shible, and Helene Fink. Decorations — Ben Romanow, Chairman, Sid Levine, Sylvia Punsky, Sam Crasnick, Harry Modes, Lucille Stiman, Charlotte Cutler. Publicity — Shirley Weiss.



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The following is a list of the Associate Directors for 1951-1952:

Sumner Bernstein, Mrs. Sumner Bernstein, Mrs. Brewster Branz, Mrs. Manny Brooks, Mrs. Sara Caplan, Edward Carp, Charles Cohen, Max Cooper, Mrs. Shepard Cutler, Mrs. Louis Drogin, Mrs. Louis Gordon, Mrs. Donald Herman, Miriam Kaatz, Henry Lamport, Mrs. Sidney Lerman, Neil Loeb, Mrs. Ruth Loeb, Dr. Saul Polisner, Louis Rapaport, Ben Romanow, Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. Edward Rodman, James B. Ross, Dr. Howard Sapiro, Phil Schilling, Ben Troen, Mrs. Ben Yormack, Mrs. Edward Berman.