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## B'nai B'rith Donors Hear Supreme Lodge Representative

The night of March 16th are magic words for all members of Pine Tree Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women. At 6 p. m. at the Jewish Community Council the Eleventh Donor Dinner of the group will be celebrated and final plans completed by Mrs. Maxwell Rapaport and Mrs. Neil Glazier, co-chairmen, promise the outstanding event of the season.

Mr. Sidney Rakita, representative of the Supreme Lodge of Washington, D. C. will be the guest speaker and his interesting background bespeaks a thrilling and informative address.

A former Public Relations Director of the March of Dimes, the Red Cross and the American Legion, Mr. Rakita, a graduate of Columbia University, was an accredited correspondent to the United Nations. A war veteran of ten years service, he was a Captain in the Air Force, and as a combat flyer, completed 33 missions. Mr. Rakita was also a news analyst over short wave radio to overseas troops.

Mrs. George Silver, program chairman, has secured the services of members of the Bangor Civic Theatre who will present the mirth-provoking comedy, "Suppressed Desire." A finished performance is assured by the members of the cast: Lt. Rai Imrie, A/1c Richard Sheppard and Miss Joyce Silver, all of whom have given excellent portrayals in past endeavors of the theatre group.

Mrs. Morris Pilot, whose musical ability has added to past functions will again be heard and Mrs. Milton Elephant and Mrs. A. H. Freedman will participate in the ritual attendant upon the opening of the program.

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## Council Officers and Board Members To Be Voted Upon At Annual Meeting

Mac Lacritz, chairman of the nominating committee of the Council announced today the following slate of officers and board members to be presented at the Annual Meeting in April.

Dr. Howard Kominsky, president; Mac Lacritz, vice president; and David Rudman, treasurer.

For election to the Board of Directors, one year term: David Rapaport, Neil Glazier and David Rapaport.

Two year term: Gerald Rudman, Morris Pilot, David Rosen, Sheldon Sokoll and Jack Friedman.

Three year term: Samuel Rudman, Samuel Rolsky, Edward Gross, Max Kagan, Dr. Howard Kominsky, Dr. Joseph Ornstein, Leo Kupsenel, Dr. Benjamin Shapero, Julius Gass and Mrs. Myer Minsky.

Persons wishing to have their names placed on the ballot may do so by forwarding 15 signatures to the chairman of the nominating committee.

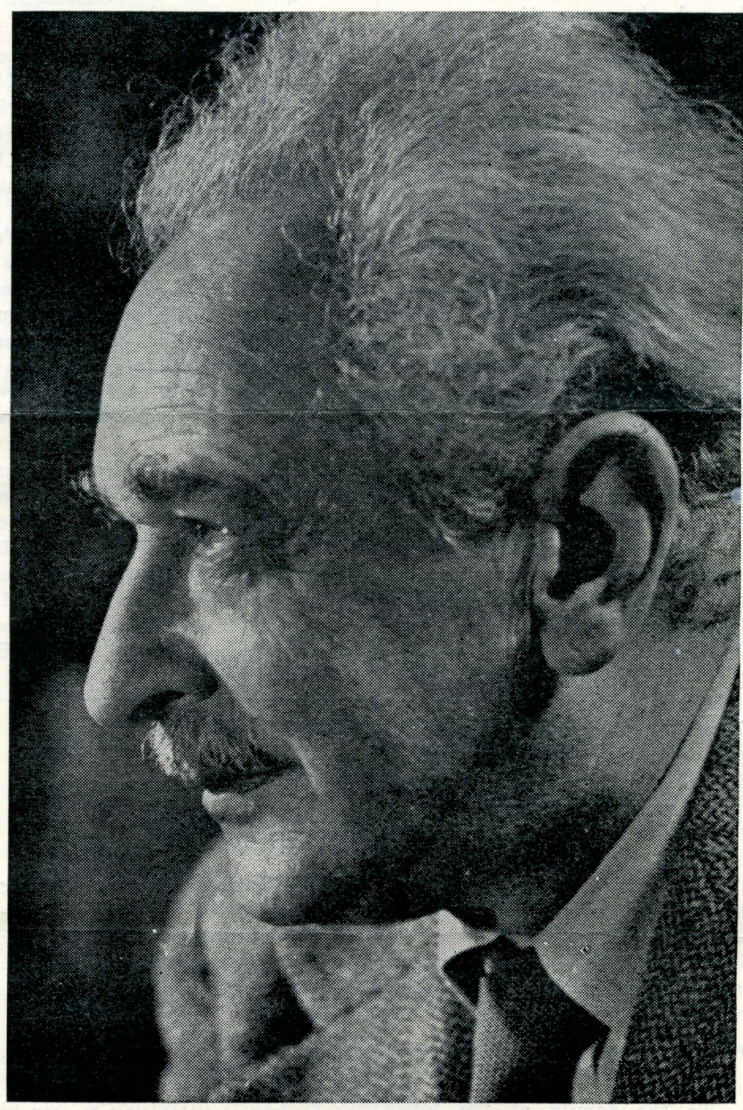
Final plans for the annual meeting will be announced in next month's *Community News*.

## Bangor Youth Assembly To Be Host To Maine Assembly Of Jewish Youth

The Maine Assembly of Jewish youth will convene for the last time this season at our Center, the week-end of April 22. Members of our youth assembly are busily engaged in working out details and arrangements for the gathering of young people from all points of our State.

The second meeting, held at the Lewiston Center, the week-end of February 25th, saw 108 young people participate in a complete program of religious, cultural and social activities.

## Marvin Lowenthal To Speak At Center



Marvin Lowenthal, one of America's outstanding Jewish historians and biographers, will speak at the Center, Tuesday evening, March 22nd, at 8:15.

Mr. Lowenthal is the author of seven books, including "The Life

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## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT FROM UNITED CAMPAIGN

(Editor's note: We present here in capsule form a digest of the work of our local organizations who receive allocations from our United Jewish Campaign).

### Portland Home for Aged:

Modern medical science has made great strides in prolonging the life span of the individual. With more people living to fulfill the biblical three score and ten years, our society must plan for the aged.

The Home in Portland is the only agency in our State prepared to give needed services to our aged. In an atmosphere of Jewish living our elder citizens can live out their lives in dignity and usefulness.

True, many of our readers are members of the home, but the cost of providing shelter, medical care, and food, necessitates additional sources of revenue and this needed financial support is granted by our United Jewish Campaign.

### Hadassah:

Our grant to Hadassah is forwarded to Israel to help support and maintain the Hadassah Hospital. Hadassah Hospital has received recognition by many nations as the foremost hospital in the Middle East.

The staff and building facilities have been at the disposal of the hundreds of thousands of new comers to Israel and the service rendered by this outstanding hospital has helped eradicate disease and misery. The continued expansion of its facilities and services will guarantee the building of a healthy populace.

### B'nai B'rith:

To the more than 450 members of our Lodge and Chapter the philanthropic and educational work of B'nai B'rith is foremost in their minds. Our grant to B'nai

B'rith is used to further the program of Hillel on campuses throughout our nation; support the B. B. Y. O. program in its work with A. Z. A., B'nai B'rith girls and young adult groups; support the vocational services, aid the many orphanages and hospitals supported by B'nai B'rith and further its philanthropic work in Israel.

### Joint Defense Appeal:

The J. D. A. is the fund raising arm of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee. Recognized during the past forty years as the "watchdog" of civil liberties the A. D. L. and A. J. C. have been in the front lines in the battle against bigotry, discrimination and un-American attitudes.

Through its research departments, it has uncovered incipient anti-social trends and through educational and legal means have been able to combat these trends.

The values of the work of both of these agencies has been acclaimed by leading educators, social scientists, and governmental officials as outstanding in developing a positive approach to the eradication of bigotry and intolerance.

The work of all of the above groups and agencies strengthen our community and our personal lives. The impact of their contribution to a healthy Jewish community deserves our support.

## CONDOLENCE

To the family of the late Samuel Kominsky.

To the family of the late Barney Pepper.

To Sol Berman upon the death of his sister.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday	March 16	B'nai B'rith Donor	7:00 p. m.
Tuesday	22	Lowenthal Lecture	8:15 p. m.
Wednesday	23	B'nai B'rith Chapter	8:00 p. m.
		B'nai B'rith Lodge	8:00 p. m.
Thursday	24	Theatre Guild	8:00 p. m.
Saturday	26	Spring Fling	8:00 p. m.
Monday	28	Beth Israel Rummage Sale	
		Toldos Itzchock Sisterhood	8:00 p. m.
Tuesday	29	J. C. C. Sisterhood	
Sunday	April 3	Model Seder	2:30 p. m.
Monday	4	Hadassah Board	2:00 p. m.
Tuesday	5	Yiddish Film	8:00 p. m.
Thursday	7	Beth Israel Community Seder	6:30 p. m.

## Lowenthal To Speak Tuesday Evening

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and Letters of Henrietta Szold," a portrait of the founder of Hadassah, the women's Zionist Organization of America.

Another important work of Mr. Lowenthal is "The Jews of Germany, a Story of Sixteen Centuries," which received critical acclaim for its stirring account of Jewish experiences in Germany prior to the rise of Hitler, and the position of the Jews in Germany today.

Mr. Lowenthal also is the author of "A World Passed By," the first comprehensive book in any language on Jewish antiquities in Europe and North Africa, "Our Fathers That Begat Us," an imaginative genealogy which carries his family history back to Abraham, "The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hamelin," a first translation of this classic into English, and as his most recent work, he is co-author of "This Was New York—The Nation's Capital in 1789."

Mr. Lowenthal is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Harvard University. A frequent guest speaker on the Columbia Broadcasting System program, "Invitation to Learning," he is also the former director of the Zionist Bureau of the Pacific Coast, and associate editor of the Menorah Journal. He represented Jewish minority interests in the League of Nations, and was Secretary of the World Conference for International Peace Through Religion, and an Editor of the New International Year Book.

Mr. Lowenthal's appearance at the Center is part of our Center's observance of the Tercentenary of American Jewry and was arranged by our Adult Activities Committee and Philip Lown, president of the American Association of Jewish Education.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## "Spring Fling" To Be Held At Center Week-End of Mar. 25

The Fourth Annual Spring Fling, sponsored by Omega Chapter of Mu Sigma and Chi Chapter of Iota Phi Sorority, will be held at the Center on March 25, 26 and 27.

Young people from Lewiston, Auburn and Portland have already accepted their invitation to join in the week-end.

Arnold Gordon and Sheila Striar have been appointed as co-chairmen, assisted by the following: Booster book, Melvin Gotlieb, chairman, Nancy Ashmon, Joan

Cummings, Jerome Gotlieb and David Sclair; dating, housing and transportation committee, Susan Rolsky, chairman, Elinor Rapaport, Stanley Schneider, Jerry Rolnick, Merrill Allen, Max Allen; tickets, Benjamin Gopan, chairman, and Susan Rapaport; publicity, Bernard Alpert, chairman, Elinor Rapaport, Bernard Brickel; decorations, Joan Cummings, chairman, Susan Rapaport, Benjamin Gopan, Melvin Gotlieb, Jerry Rolnick, Jerome Gotlieb, Judy Singal and Bernard Brickel; refreshments and hospitality, Jerry Rolnick, chairman, Ruth Singer, Max Allen, Joanne Kopelow, John Paul and Eleanor Epstein; religious services, Joanne Kopelow, chairman, Stanley Schneider, Max Allen and Eleanor Epstein.



**Tween-Age Club Visits Governor At State House**

Education and fun were combined recently when members of our Tween Age Club spent a day at the State House.

Leaving the Center by chartered bus, 19 boys and girls sang and cheered themselves hoarse on the ride to Augusta. The day at the Capitol began with visiting two committee hearings and then adjourning for lunch.

The afternoon was spent in autograph hunting and picture taking. Interspersed with this activity was a visit to the Senate Chambers where our young people were welcomed by the President of the Senate and a visit to the House where greetings were extended by the Speaker of the House.

The highlight of the highlights was the tour through Blaine House and a visit with the Governor in his office where every youngster was greeted personally and had their request for his autograph granted.

All in all our Tweens had a memorable day.

**B'nai B'rith Donors**

A capable committee is assisting the co-chairmen of the event and all in attendance are assured of the ingredients of an outstanding evening—a dynamic and thrilling speaker, an entertaining and enjoyable program, and a delectable dinner menu prepared by the culinary artists of the chapter.

**Community Seder Planned By Beth Israel Sisterhood**

Beth Israel Sisterhood is now making plans for the Community Seder to be held on Thursday evening, April 7th. Members of the congregation will soon receive reservation forms for this outstanding yearly affair.

A rummage sale will be held on Monday, March 28th. Persons having bundles to be picked up are urged to call Mrs. Ruth Epstein.

**Maine Youth**

This new state wide youth organization now appears to have hurdled the obstacles of experimentation and newness and settled down to continued growth and development.

**Successful Party Held By Sisterhood of Beth Abraham**

Beth Abraham Sisterhood held a successful card party at the Center recently. Mrs. Elsie Brickel and Mrs. Violet Gordon express their thanks to their committee members and the community for their wonderful support.

Mrs. Jean Striar, chairman of door prize committee, announced that Mrs. Maurice Shindler won the door prize.

The April meeting has been postponed because of Passover.

**HADASSAH COMPLETES PLANS FOR CONCERT**

Hadassah held a regular meeting on Monday, March 14. Following the business meeting a card party was held.

The date for the Little Symphony Concert, sponsored by Hadassah has been postponed to Sunday, May 1st. This concert will be held at the City Hall and will also commemorate Music Appreciation Week. Tickets may be purchased from members of Hadassah.

**Youth Week Acclaimed By President Eisenhower**

President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today that Jewish Youth Week "serves to remind the entire nation of the contribution which Jewish people have made to the development of the United States." Jewish Youth Week, to be observed from March 18 to 25, is an annual project of the National Jewish Welfare Board-sponsored National Jewish Youth Conference, the largest representative body of

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**J. D. C. AID YOUTH ALIYAH PROGRAM**

The Joint Distribution Committee and Youth Aliyah of the Jewish Agency have reached an agreement whereby JDC will help to subsidize the preliminary training of North African boys and girls in France before they leave for Israel, it was announced in Paris last week by Moses W. Beckelman, JDC Director-General.

The youngsters selected by Youth Aliyah will be taken to the Herbert H. Lehman Home in Cambous, near Montpelier, in the southern part of France where, for a minimum of three months, they will be provided with instruction in Hebrew, geography, Israel history and agriculture. They will raise their own fruits and vegetables on farm plots totalling 50 acres. After their preliminary training they will leave for Israel where they will be assigned to Youth Aliyah institutions and agricultural settlements. The Jewish Agency and JDC are both beneficiaries of funds raised in the United States by the United Jewish Appeal.

The Herbert H. Lehman Home is a children's village which was set up by JDC three years ago at a cost of approximately \$250,000. Both the climate and soil of the region approximate conditions that the newcomers will find when they arrive in Israel. The village is administered by Youth Aliyah and currently houses 250 boys and girls ranging from 13 to 16 years of age. In addition to financial grants for maintenance of the children in the village, JDC will also provide food supplies from surplus stocks of the United States Department of Agriculture.

**U. J. A. Initial Pledges Soar To New Record**

An all-time record for support of a philanthropic cause was set here this week as the United Jewish Appeal got its 1955 nationwide campaign under way with \$17,650,000 in individual contributions. The campaign opening came at the close of a three-day national inaugural conference.

This record-breaking figure represents gifts pledged and is the result of a strenuous pre-campaign solicitation of larger contributions that has been carried on since the first of the year.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, hailed this outpouring of gifts as "a dramatic and unprecedented response to human needs." He pointed out at the same time that the \$17,650,000 in gifts tops a more than \$14,000,000 campaign opening total of two years ago and that contributions this year "acted almost to a man in giving more than they did in 1953 and '54."

Avraham Harman, Israel's Consul General in New York, told more than the 600 campaign leaders that "Israel is surrounded by countries marked by internal instability, in which parliamentary institutions have given way to military dictatorships or degenerated into impotence." In contrast, he said, "Israel has successfully maintained its democratic character and stability and has been developing its institutions upon the basis of the rule of law and justice."

Mr. Harman, in the major address at the closing session, stated that in seven years "Israel has emerged from the stage of improvisation and is today a solid and unshakable part of the Middle East scene." In its next seven years, he stated, Israel faces the two-fold task of realizing its goal of economic self-reliance and of "continuing to offer homes and rehabilitation to Jews striving to come to Israel."

**CONGRATULATIONS WEDDINGS**

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sklar upon the marriage of their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Flash upon the marriage of their daughter.

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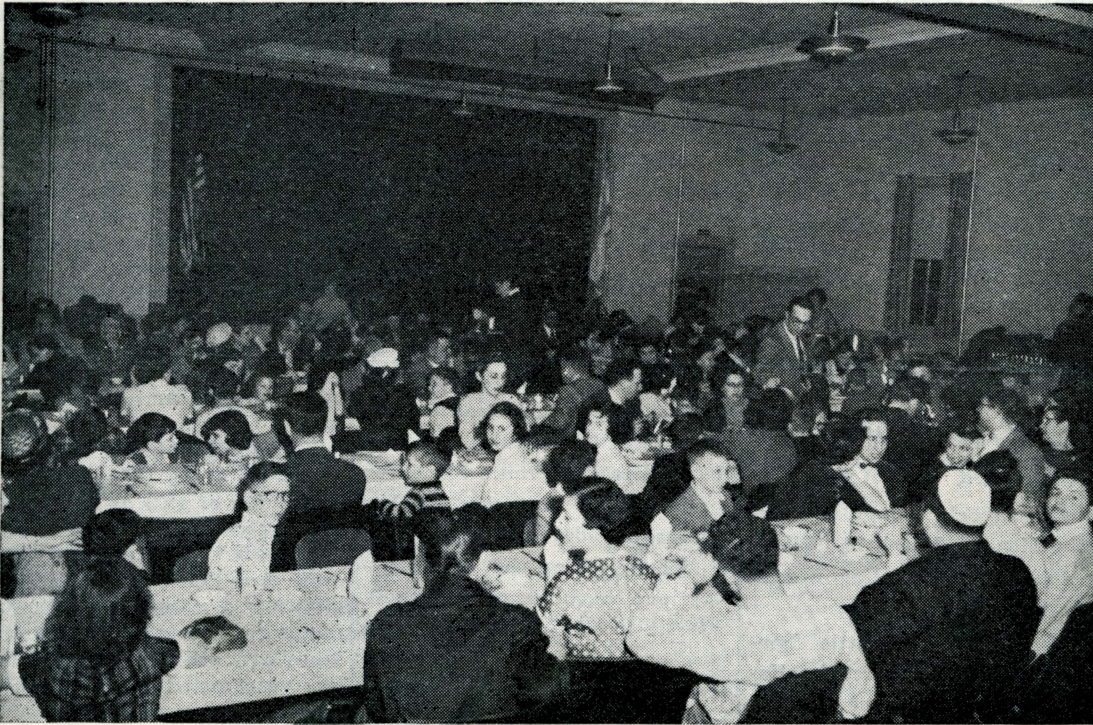
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## FAMILY NIGHT HUGE SUCCESS



Success marked the efforts of our Sisterhood as 178 mothers, fathers and children attended our first Family Night Supper and Entertainment.

The enthusiasm and comraderie which was prevalent as family groups sat down to supper is still talked about by the parents.

To climax the evening our Children's Theatre Group, directed by Mrs. Milton Lincoln, enacted a delightful story book fantasy and a puppet show thrilled the youngsters.

The success of the affair was due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Henry Miller and her superb committee and to the members of Iota Phi Sorority who served the tables.

### Welcome to Family of Center Membership

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## Youth Week Acclaimed

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Jewish Youth in America. The theme of Jewish Youth Week, "Tomorrow's Leaders Appraise 300 Years of Jewish Life in America," is related to the American Jewish Tercentenary, currently being celebrated throughout the country.

In a message to Miss Ruth L. Breitman, Bronx, N. Y., Conference chairman, the President said, "Because its theme concerns the three hundredth anniversary of Jewish settlement in our land, Jewish Youth Week this year holds a special meaning for the young people to whom it is dedicated, and it serves to remind the entire nation of the contribution which Jewish people have made to the development of the United States. I am glad once again to see demonstrated the willingness of young men and women of the Hebrew faith to carry on in the tradition of their forbears, actively accepting the responsibilities which both citizenship and religion impose."

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