

ASSEMBLIES

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Center Youthers,

It has been my pleasure to serve you as your state president this year. I have enjoyed working with the local presidents and other board members for the past few months, and I'm looking forward to the months that follow.

This year we have about twenty-five members on the board. We have had five meetings that have been well attended. We are working for the benefit of all the local groups, in order to bring more interest into the individual groups. We cannot do this work however, unless we have the cooperation of every member of the State Center Youth.

An organization can exist only when it has support. The board shall lead, but it must have followers. Our main goal is to keep the group active and united.

This club can give the Jewish youths of Maine many opportunities if you members would only take advantage of those already offered. Your center is a perfect place for much pleasurable living, but in most cities the center is lacking the youthful spirit of all.

The board is hoping that the teens of Maine will help themselves by playing their parts in Center Youth. There are three wonderful week-ends planned each year. All those that attend have a very nice time. I only wish that more of you would attend these week-ends and see what you are missing.

I hope to be able to accomplish all these things this year. If at any time you would like to see an activity planned state wide, bring it to the attention of a board member. I'm sure we will be able to fulfill your requests.

Tanya Fogelschn, President
Maine State Assemblies of
Jewish Youth Groups

NEWS FROM THE BANGOR CENTER YOUTH

The Bangor Youth Assembly wishes to thank all of you who came to our Inter-Center Weekend. We sincerely hope you had a good time and will be back next year with all your friends. Bangor was very pleased with the turnout. For the first time we were able to use all the synagogues in Bangor. Friday night services were held in the Beth Abraham Synagogue. After the service, Jewish Folk dancing was held downstairs in the vestry followed by house parties. Saturday morning the services were performed by the Bangor A.Z.A. at the Toldos Itzchock Synagogue. They were followed by the Oneg Shabat in the vestry of the Beth Abraham Synagogue. The turnout Saturday morning was good, but not as good as the night before.

Bangor, right now, is eagerly looking forward to the trip to Washington in April. The final plans are just being completed. Approximately forty boys and girls are planning to go at this time.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next Inter-Center Weekend.

NEWS FROM GARDINER-AUGUSTA CENTER YOUTH - by Madeline Emanuel

This year the Augusta-Gardiner Center Youth has elected: Myles Martel, president; Barry Cobb, vice-president; Larry Bader, treasurer; Joyce Katz, secretary; Fern Fogleman, corresponding secretary.

Several activities have already been planned by the group. It has planned to have a splash party, a play and a Monte Carlo Night before winter.

This year everyone is ambitious and are all aiming for the same goal---to have a bigger and better Augusta-Gardiner Center Youth Group.

NEWS FROM LEWISTON-AUBURN CENTER YOUTH by Sue Bean

The Lewiston Auburn Center Youth started off in great style this year. Though we were all sorry to say good-bye to those leaving for college, were extremely pleased with the bumper crop of new freshmen.

With all the members eager to resume the usual state of activity, the first event of the season was planned for October 22nd. That turned out to be "Witch's Serenade", our second annual formal. The Center's gymnasium was transformed with the traditional black and orange decorations. Coblins, skeletons, pumpkins, and witches adorned our walls, but fortunately, the young ladies attending the ball were far more attractive than the decorations.

Everyone who attended had a marvelous time dancing to the lovely music of the band. As they closed the doors of the Center behind them much later that night, all agreed that the evening had been most enjoyable.

The Installation Banquet, scheduled for November 5, came next on Center Youth's social calendar. This was an affair that no one wanted to miss. After a delicious meal prepared by the Center Women's League, served by our own fathers, this year's officers were installed. They are: Alan Gold, president; Paula Baker, vice-president; Rhoda Goldstein, recording secretary; Joan Blatt, corresponding secretary; Steve Score, treasurer; Ellen Winner, freshman representative; and Susan Bean, sophomore representative. The installation preceded a few hours of dancing and informal fun.

What are our plans for the future? Well, we hope to have some exchange students from Bates College come and speak to us very soon. Everybody is looking forward to hearing what they will have to say. We also plan to sponsor some Saturday Night Socials at the Center this year.

Now here we are at the Bangor Inter-Center Weekend with all the Center Youthers being brought into the swing of things. What a blast! Have a good time everyone, and stay happy and healthy until we see each other again!

THE BUS TRIP TO AND FROM BANGOR by Molly-Jane Isaacson

"All aboard for Bangor, all aboard." And so began what everyone agrees was one of the best Inter-Center Weekends ever. Twenty-two Lewiston-Auburn Center Youthers boarded the bus at Lewiston, and they were almost as much fun as the weekend itself.

On the ride to Bangor, the bus driver heard more songs sung off key than he had probably ever heard before! By the time the bus reached Bangor, "Show me the way to go Home" was worn out.

As everyone knows, singing, a few friendly games of cards, and just plain talking can make a person pretty hungry. So, to appease growling stomachs, the bus stopped at the Pilot's Grill for half an hour, and then on to the Bangor Jewish Center.

Sunday afternoon arrived, and this time everybody was reluctant to board the bus. After goodbyes were said, addresses written down, we were finally on our way back home. For a while we all compared notes about who went out with whom, who stayed with whom, and in general about what a good time we all had. Then someone got the idea to become a personality analyst and before long we all found out what a conforming introvert he was.

After the Augusta-Gardiner kids got off the bus at Augusta, the next stop was McNamara's. Again everyone was starved and this time it took about forty-five minutes to fill us up.

As the bus approached Lewiston, the last words to "Show me the way to go home" were being sung! The kids hurried off the bus tired, but looking anxiously ahead to the next Inter-Center Weekend.

Center Youth Members,

You who attended the fine Inter-Center Weekend at Bangor, did you wonder if there is not a better and faster way to conduct the necessary business? In the system presently used, the business is brought up before the assembly, discussed and voted upon. Any business that seems will take time is tabled and referred to the executive committee. What has been achieved when the meeting is over? A discussion by a very few members, while the rest sit in ennui, many issues referred to the executive committee, and the valuable time practically wasted.

The whole system should be revised. The issues should be discussed by local center youths and representatives elected to discuss each center's ideas at a meeting of such representatives from each center. This committee would meet at a convenient place and be presided over by the president of State Center Youth.

This representative committee would have two main functions.
 1 - To discuss and vote upon issues
 2 - To bring up issues for discussion at the next meeting of the group.

This method would do a better and more thorough job, and opinions of people who are tacit at the state assembly but not at local assemblies, would be conveyed to this group.

Jeff C. Tarr

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Dear Center Youthers,

In the absence of Nancy Fleischer, we have published and edited this paper to the best of our ability, as this is our first at anything of this sort. The articles that were sent in are very good and we hope this paper meets your satisfaction.

Está and Ken Slesberg
 Editors-in-chief