

## JEWISH INSTITUTE TO START IN JANUARY

Mr. Edward Gross, chairman of the Adult Activities Committee, announced that in January the Jewish Institute of Adult Studies will start. The sessions will be held every second Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. The topics for the Institute will be a "Survey of Jewish History" to be presented the second and fourth Thursdays, and "Hebrew: An Understanding of Prayers" will be given the third and fifth Thursdays of the month.

Those interested in studying subjects pertaining to other aspects of Jewish life should contact Irving Ribner at the Center.

Everyone is invited to attend the Institute courses.

## BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD RE-ORGANIZES

An enthusiastic group of women gathered in the vestry of the Beth Israel Synagogue on December 1, to reorganize the inactive Sisterhood.

The following were elected officers of the Sisterhood: Mrs. Myer Minsky, President; Mrs. Harry Broder, Secretary; Mrs. Louis Gotlib, Treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Ornstein, Clerk.

A program to modernize the synagogue was formulated, with the purpose of making it a more attractive and useful House of Worship. A House Committee was appointed to plan and supervise the re-construction. The members of the committee are: Mrs. Samuel Goodman, chairman, Mrs. Morris Rosen, Mrs. Aaron Gotlib, Mrs. Morris Singer, Mrs. Sam Cummings, Mrs. Sol Berman, Mrs. William Emple, Mrs. William Rubin, Mrs. Henry Segal, Mrs. Goodman Gafin, Mrs. James Segal and Mrs. Abraham Segal.

The participation of all members is imperative to the continued success of the organization. All women, therefore, are urged to make every effort to attend future meetings.

## DRAMATIC GROUPS TO PRODUCE PLAYS

Mrs. Betty Cantor, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, announced the formation of three dramatic groups for the different age ranges in the Center. The youngsters from five through twelve years of age meet on Sunday afternoons, at 2:00 P. M., and are planning a series of skits. On Monday evenings the senior dramatic group is planning to present "You Can't Take It With You". On Tuesday evenings the teen-age dramatic group meets. The members are planning a series of one-act plays.

All the groups are under the direction of Mr. Alfred Dumai, who is majoring in theatre at the University of Maine.

## Hebrew School

### Chanukah Program

The pupils of the Bangor Hebrew School staged their annual Chanuka celebration with a program of music, plays and dances, which was presented on Sunday, December 14, at 8:00 P.M., at the Center auditorium.

The program, under the supervision of Nathan H. Fish, principal, included the following:

1. Candle lighting ceremony: Hebrew School choir.
2. Palestinian dances: Pupils of Grade 1, directed by Mrs. Marcia Fish.
3. Playlet: "Hanna and Her Seven Sons — pupils of grades 3, 4, and 5, directed by Mr. Sol Brown.
4. Playlet: "The Unlighted Menorah", pupils of the Junior High School Class, directed by Nathan H. Fish.

Refreshments, including the traditional chanuka latkes, were served by a committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. Minnie Gass and Mrs. Marcia Fish.

The program was well attended and enthusiastically received.

## Center Sisterhood To Sponsor Annual Dance On December 25th

### CENTER VARSITY LOSES 47-45

The Community Center basketball team opened their 1947 season in the city league on December 1st, with a game against Sears All State Five at the Garland Street Junior High School gym.

With only one good practice under their belts the players started out poorly and trailed 21-4 at half time.

The boys opened up the second half determined to win the ball game. Big Bing Atkin threw in 7 baskets and 1 foul shot to lead the attack which brought all the spectators to their feet. The

Center Varsity fought valiantly to win, but the game finally ended with the Center on the losing end of a 47-45 score.

The lineup was as follows:

SEARS	F. G.	F.	Total
Dill, L. F.	8	4	20
Sousnoski, R. F.	3	1	7
Girern			
McCarie, C.	2	1	5
White, R. G.	3	1	7
O'Connel, L. G.	3		6
Harden	1		2

Total 47

CENTER	F. G.	F.	Total
Saltzman, L. F.	2	6	10
Pepper			
Cohen, R. F.	4		8
Lodka	1		2
Atkin, C.	7	1	15
Raben			
Bassman, R. G.	2	2	6
Goodkowsky			
Segal, L. G.	2		4
Kahn			
Nissenbaum			

Total 45

The players wish to express their sincere gratitude to Mrs. Spitalnick and the members of her committee for their efforts in preparing the Hi-Ho Supper.

The annual Sisterhood dance will be held Thursday, December 25th, at 8:30 P. M., at the Community Center. Music will be supplied by Norman Lambert's orchestra.

This will be a bigger and better event than ever before as a new program has been planned.

Decorations, under the direction of Betty Cantor, will emphasize the circus motif. Delicious refreshments will be served by a committee under the leadership of Gertrude Hartstone and Minnie Gass. A lady's or man's watch will be raffled during the dance. The raffle committee is headed by Helen Todtman.

The publicity chairman is Sayre Ziplo. Tickets may be purchased from Celia Goodman or any member of the Sisterhood. They sell for \$1.50 each.

## Hillel in Maine

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation for the State of Maine is now serving the largest number of Jewish students in the history of that organization. Its program of cultural, social and religious activities reaches more than 100 students in the three units, located at the University of Maine, Colby College and Bates College. Rabbi Milton H. Elefant, former chaplain, is the new director of the Hillel Foundation in Maine.

Rabbi Elefant reports that Hillel activities on all three campuses are attracting a goodly number of the Jewish student population. Several social gatherings and many cultural meetings have been of great interest to the students. The breakfast discussions are favored by the Hillelites at Colby and Bates Colleges, and the unit at the University of Maine has also responded heartily to the delicious breakfasts.

The cultural gatherings have featured professors of the various

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Sir:

It is indeed gratifying to note that you have again made it possible for our Jewish community to use the Community News as a medium to air its views concerning communal affairs.

I was particularly interested in Hendric Burns' query "Why are the Jews of Bangor praying to 'one God' in four different synagogues?" I would like to assure Mr. Burns that his question is not at all "naive". If it were, the solution to the problem would be equally as simple. Throughout the years many of us vitally interested in the preservation and progress of Jewish life in our community have often asked the very same question. However, little or no progress along this line is evident, and it remains for Bangor Jewry to seek out and effectuate a type of communal organization which will insure the positive evolution of our people.

The religious division of our ethnic group is merely a symptom, and to eradicate the symptom would only be a temporary allevia-

tion, at best. Primarily, in my humble opinion, the reason for our failure to establish a "kehillah" on a firm and sound basis may be listed as follows:

1. The complexity of our organizational set-up
2. The insufficiency of professional leadership
3. The heterogeneous Jewish population
4. The too inclusive program

Religious organization in our community is limited by the intense individuality of the congregations and their mutual competitiveness, factors which promote separateness and intra-Jewish conflict. A synagogue council would do much in the direction of cooperation. Such a body would demonstrate possibilities toward self-development, the promotion of mutual interests and the development of contacts with comparable Christian bodies. Should religious organizations move apace, and provide a sound base of content, they can make an important contribution to Jewish education and to other cultural developments within the Jewish group and aid largely both in internal and external group relations.

There is a crying need in our community for a central democratic organization that will unify our people by cutting across the various religious groupings and social and economic levels. The establishment of a Jewish Community Council patterned along lines already functioning in

### Hillel in Maine

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schools, who discussed philosophical and modern problems. A weekly class meets at the University of Maine to discuss problems of our faith, while the religious activities consist of Friday evening services with guest lecturers.

A Zionist Group has been recently organized with Dr. Roger D. Bosworth as the guest speaker at the last meeting. This Zionist Group has been asked to take over the class in Modern World Problems at the University of Maine

several enterprising cities would no doubt be the answer to our present administrative chaos. One of the reasons for the establishment of such an authority in Bangor would terminate the lack of democracy in those organizations in control of Jewish affairs. Accusations have been leveled at certain central bodies that they are controlled by a few influential persons rather than by the total community.

All committees and central agencies of the Jewish Community Council should be composed of as wide a representation as possible from the affiliated organizations. The Jewish community at large should be kept informed of all Council activities at frequent intervals so that understanding and discussion of all issues will ensue. The functions of the present Community Center Board, the Directorate of the Hebrew School, and the Jewish Welfare Federation, could be combined into one body thus eliminating administrative duplication and much valuable time would be saved. Subcommittees of the Council would be charged with the responsibility of maintaining the Center, Jewish Education, and fund raising. Other functions such as Ritual matters, public relations and ethics, adult education, and vital statistics should also be directed by the Council.

on the subject of Palestine.

Several Hillelites of the University have offered to accept leadership of Young Judaea groups in Bangor and are awaiting the call of the community.

The social events are held in the Bangor Jewish Community Center. An occasion of interest was the all-state affair held in Waterville, Sat. Nite, December 13th, where Hillelites of all three colleges gathered in Chanukah social festivities.

Hillel in Maine has been fortunate in receiving two foreign students; Peter Schwartz who attends the University of Maine and Michael Kessler-Guberman who is at Colby College. Both have maintained excellent records in their respective schools and are a source of unusual information and great inspiration to their fellow students.

Rabbi Elefant states that the Hillel work has been very gratifying in the heartening attitude of the students toward Jewish problems, in their avid interest in Jewish activities and in their honest and sincere approach to all Jewish matters.

The Jewish community is the reflection of Jewish life. A thriving, well-ordered Judaism will produce an integrated, responsible forward-looking communal organism. It is incumbent upon all elements of Jewry to unite in this common effort, on which may depend, to a large extent, the ability of Bangor Jewry to survive and to make a distinctive contribution to human civilization. The Jewish Community Council, although a relatively new form of cooperative action, may with strong and far-sighted leadership be the answer to this vexing problem of disunity in our houses of worship.

Lack of space prevents a more minute presentation of the Council Plan, and I would welcome the opinions of our readers concerning such a proposal.

HENRY H. SEGAL

#### Candle Lighting Time

December 19th	3:36 P. M.
December 26th	3:40 P. M.
January 2nd	3:46 P. M.

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*Silver Anniversary*

To Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Movitz, of Roxbury, Mass., on their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Movitz is the former Mollie Ames of Bangor.

**News From Here  
And There**

At a meeting of the Association of Anglo-Jewish Newspapers, the publishers urged greater unity in the American-Jewish community and deplored the alleged waste of large sums of money through needless publicity releases by national Jewish organizations and institutions.

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The Toms River community of Jewish farmers was praised by President Truman in a message of congratulations on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. The community consists of 250 Jewish farm families.

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A new series of programs entitled "Let Freedom Sing" will be presented over station WEEI in Boston each Wednesday, at 3:30 P. M. This program is dedicated to the American heritage of liberty and equality for all. It will select the best of musical Americana and also outstanding interpreters of the American way  
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*Condolences*

To the family of Mrs. Maurice Kinkow, of Old Town, Maine formerly Hester Ginsberg.

**Chanukah Quiz**

**ANSWERS**

1. Kislev.
2. Dedication.
3. Feast of Lights or Illumination and Feast of Dedication.
4. Eight days.
5. The successful struggle for religious liberty carried on by the Israelites under the Maccabees, against their Syrian oppressors.
6. About 2100 years ago.
7. Because its observance is not enjoined in the Pentateuch.
8. Judas Maccabeus and the Elders of Israel.
9. The kindling of the Hanukah lamp.
10. Hanerot Halalu—Maaz Zur.
11. One on the first night, and an additional one each succeeding evening until the last, when eight candles are lit.
12. Little yellow wax candles or wells of oil with threads folded together are generally used.
13. The Shamas.
14. Al Hanissim and Hallel (Songs of praise from the Psalms).
15. To a miracle which is said to have occurred during the rededication of the Holy Temple by Judas Maccabeus and his warriors. When the perpetual lamp was about to be lit there was found only one cruse containing sufficient undefiled oil for one day, but by a miracle it lasted for eight days, the time, required for the preparation of fresh oil.
16. Because it is not permitted to do any work by the light of the Hanukah lamp.
17. "Dreidel" or trendel.

18. It is a ceremonial toy similar to a spinning top or revolving die with bottom and top pieces on all four sides.
19. Aun, gimmel, heh, shin.
20. They are the initial letters of four words which, when put together, make up the sentence "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham."
21. "A great miracle was or happened there."
22. Nun—50, Gimmel—3; Heh—5; Shin—300.
23. "Latkes" (pancakes) and potato kugel.
24. The Jews in the time of the Maccabees who initiated Greek culture and the Greek ways of life.
25. Epiphanes (meaning the "illustrious" or the "madman").
26. He ordered the Jews to abandon their sacred religious practices and to worship Greek idols, erecting altars in every town and village.
27. Mattathias, the High Priest, with his five sons.
28. Modi.
29. Yohanan, Shimon, Judah, Eliezer and Yonatan.

30. Hannah.
31. "Mi L'Adonoy Elay" ("Whoever is on the side of God, follow me").
32. Judas Maccabeus.
33. From the following inscription on Judas' banner: "Mi Kamokha Baelim Adonai" ("Who is like unto Thee, among the mighty, O Lord?"). The initial letters in this Hebrew sentence make up the MKBI.
34. Emmaus (165 B. C. E.).
35. He proceeded to cleanse and to rededicate the Holy Temple.

**ONEG SHABBAT**

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ribner and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fish invite the ladies of the community to attend an Oneg Shabbat to be held Saturday, January 3rd, at 2:00 P. M., at 112 Broadway. The program will offer food for thought, delightful singing and delicious refreshments.

Please come on time so that the afternoon may be spent in typical Sabbath spirit.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Tuesday, December 16th	8:00 P. M.	Dramatics
Wednesday, Dec. 17th	4:00 P. M.	Girl Scouts
Friday, December 19th	3:15 P. M.	Brownies
Sunday, December 21st	2:00 P. M.	Junior Lyceum Program
Sunday, December 21st	2:00 P. M.	Dramatics
Sunday, December 21st	7:00 P. M.	Mu Sigma
Monday, December 22nd	7:00 P. M.	Boy Scouts
Monday, December 22nd	8:00 P. M.	Dramatics
Tuesday, December 23rd	8:00 P. M.	Dramatics
Wednesday, Dec. 24th	4:00 P. M.	Girl Scouts
Thursday, December 25th	8:00 P. M.	Sisterhood Holiday Hop
Friday, December 26th	3:15 P. M.	Brownies
Saturday, December 27th	8:00 P. M.	Center Youth Organization
Sunday, December 28th	2:00 P. M.	Junior Lyceum Program
Sunday, December 28th	2:00 P. M.	Dramatics
Sunday, December 28th	7:00 P. M.	Mu Sigma
Sunday, December 28th	8:00 P. M.	Senior Group
Monday, December 29th	7:00 P. M.	Boy Scouts
Monday, December 29th	8:00 P. M.	Dramatics
Tuesday, December 30th	8:00 P. M.	Dramatics
Wednesday, Dec. 31st	4:00 P. M.	Girl Scouts
Thursday, January 1st		Center closed

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**TEEN-TALK**

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may.  
Old time is fast a-flying.  
And this same flower that blooms  
today

Tomorrow may be dying."

Everyone was beginning to spruce up for Marsha Kane's wedding after reading the announcement of her engagement in the newspaper, but it seems that she isn't engaged after all. It was another person with the same name!

Speaking of Marshas, we're all waiting and watching to see who Marcia Gass finally decides on. Right now it seems to be a toss-up between Sonny and Jerry. How about it, Marcia?

Does anyone know why Sylvia and Ursula are so intent on going to New York this vacation, when they should both be staying home writing term papers? They say they are going to see how everyone is—among their relatives, that is!

Nor does Ursula lack any attention from Irving Bloch. We wonder what's happening. Ursula says they're not going steady.

Have you noticed lately how easy it's getting to know when Ruth Pels is coming? Any time you see Bill Levine around, you may rest assured that Ruthie is close by. Careful, Bill! Don't let yourself be captured too soon!

Carole Goldsmith has been mentioning Mort Ettinger's name lately.

**News . . .**

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of life.

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A joint brief filed with the United States Supreme Court by the American Jewish Committee, the ADL, the Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Labor Committee challenged the practice of barring members of minority groups from the sale, ownership, release or occupancy of private property.

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Jewish organizations and Jewish communities throughout the world have celebrated the decision of the United Nations regarding the partition of Palestine.

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The Lutheran Bishop of Budapest has issued a pastoral letter to all affiliated Protestant churches urging Christians to treat Jews as brothers.

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1,420 Jewish infants and their parents, and Jewish orphan children landed in Haifa.

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The American Jewish Conference by a decision of 198 to 6 voted to convert the organization into a permanent representative body of American Jewry.

That's all the news for now; and if seeing your name in print surprises you, then take heed—if you like publicity, do the opposite.

The Combined Jewish Appeal of Boston awards an "Oscar" to division heads at the campaign's closing dinner.

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The Rumanian government drafted a bill providing punishment of from six months to two years for religious and racial discrimination.

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The Czech government has granted permission to the B'nai B'rith of that country to reorganize.

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"The Shekel" campaign is now underway in many communities throughout the country.

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Ninety-three new companies have been organized in Palestine recently.

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Morris Shapiro of Brookline, Massachusetts, was elected president of the Brandeis Foundation.

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois received \$55,000 from the will of the late Joseph Rubin of Effingham, Illinois.

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At the annual meeting of the Mid-West Region of the National Community Relations Advisory Council it was reported that social anti-Semitism was increasing in the mid-west.

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Philip Lown of Auburn was elected a member of the executive committee of the Joint Distribution Committee.

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Several hundred Jewish refugees arrived in New York recently. They were among more than 500 DP's of all faiths entering the United States as immigrants.

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