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Curtain Rises Sunday on Musical Revue

Center Selects Counselors for '50 Day Camp

Parents of the Center Day Camp registrants will be pleased to learn of the re-appointment of Bert Boucher as head-lifeguard and waterfront counselor for the current season of the Center Day Camp.

"Bert" made many friends at our camp with his persistent but kind treatment of the youngsters at the beach. Bert is a certified lifeguard for both the American Red Cross and YMCA aquatic programs. Boucher has been a certified instructor for eight years. He has organized and instructed children's classes at the Auburn YMCA, State of Maine "Y", camp at Winthrop, Boston "Y" and Island Park Beach where he directed lifeguard instruction.

Bert also was at camp Maranacook for boys as a counselor and swimming instructor and waterfront director of Junior Camps. He later organized The Falmouth Foreside

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'Front and Center' Plays 3 Days



The curtain is going up on "Front and Center," the musical revue that has been written by Workshop members Jerry Waxman and Arnold Potter with music by Sidney Lerman, and Workshop is very proud indeed to present it to you.

The opening number will lift you right out of your seat with pleasure—and the most pleasant part about it is that it is only the beginning. Choreographer Syb Cohen has

worked tirelessly to produce the diverse and expert dances plus taking part in the show. Morrie Cox has molded the choral groups to a perfection rarely achieved by amateurs.

The skits are being done by such Workshop well-knowns as Dr. Henry Pollard, Philip Rosen, Golden Aronson, Edward Victor, Julianne Lyons,

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Big Increase In Federation Special Gifts

Enthusiastic advance gifts solicitation meetings in all divisions of the Jewish Federation Campaign have produced substantial increases over 1949 gifts, according to an announcement by Barnett I. Shur, Chairman.

A capacity group of inspired women, responding on May 1 to the appeal of Mrs. S. Alexander Braillove, National Chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, led off with total gifts aggregating a 24% increase over 1949. Mrs. Maurice Levine is Chairman of Women's Special Gifts. Mrs. Harold J. Potter is Women's Division Chairman.

But it was not until May 4 that the story of the 1950 campaign was told. On that evening, Mrs. Archibald Silverman, substituting for Abraham Feinberg, stirred sixty-five top donors in the community to an inspired demonstration of gener-

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Second Big Center Picnic Is Scheduled for June 4

The Second Annual Picnic of the Center has been set for June 4 at the Day Camp, according to an announcement by Dr. Henry Pollard, Chairman.

The success and fun of last year's picnic is still being reechoed.

The picnic will again start at 10 a.m. and be concluded at 5 p.m.

"We recall the pie eating contest, the egg race, paper race, and other events of last year and we want to add other features this year so as to include everyone," said Dr. Pollard as he started to select new members to his committee.

"We have an enlarged athletic field for the races, a volleyball field,

added beach facilities, and much

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Dancing School Recital Promises Major Entertainment Fair To All

Destined to take its place among the most outstanding recital programs and theatrical events ever to

be presented at the Center, the Dancing School Recital will be presented on the stage of the Little Theatre on May 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Admission is free to all paid up Center members. Seats are unreserved and can be had on a first come, first served basis.

The Dancing School, a project of the Center Women's Club, with Mrs. Harry Marcus as chairman, has as its students Center small fry from the age of seven to twelve. The students cap their intensive training program with a bang-up dance program for an audience made up of Center members.

Among the many numbers to be

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Mrs. Goodman Head Of Pioneer Women

Mrs. Bernard Goodman was elected president of the Pioneer Women's Organization when the group met Thursday in the Jewish Community Center.

Others elected were Mrs. Robert I. Mack, first vice president; Mrs. William Bernstein, second vice president; Mrs. Benjamin Lourie, financial secretary; Mrs. Hyman Marcovitch, treasurer; Mrs. Jack Levine, recording secretary; Mrs. Morris Abrahamson, Mrs. Alfred Punskey, and Mrs. Herman Albert, corresponding secretaries.

Shaarey Tphiloh Party Is May 15

Do you really want to receive pleasure while giving? Then be sure to put a circle around the date Monday, May 15, at 8 p.m.

There will be great doings at the Shaarey Tphiloh Sisterhood meeting. A food sale for our Scroll Fund will be in process. Bring something that will tempt these dieting ladies. Their waistlines will be ready and waiting.

Notice

Due to circumstances beyond which the Center Camera Club has absolutely no control, all photographs taken at the Iota Phi Formal Dance last Saturday evening did not come out. Refunds will be made to everyone presenting a camera club receipt to Donald Critchley at the Center office anytime Sunday, May 14. We sincerely regret that this error has been made and we hope that you will forgive us.



By
DEAN

In spite of the general run of bad weather and too few practices, the softball rosters for the two teams which will be representing the Center this summer are now complete. George Bress, who has handled other Center teams in the past, will be in charge of the first team while, this writer will handle the JV's.

First team personnel includes Sonny Reuben, Sam Burokoff, Bobby Litman, Billy Matson, Lenny Silver, Gersh Finklestein, Allen Offenberger, Irv Zalzman, Herb Ring, Gil Abramson, Jerry Sheriff, George Bress, and yours truly.

Playing for the JV's will be Mike Posner, Red Weinstein, Jerry Sutton, Lenny Nelson, Dave Molko, Harvey Levine, Seldon Kates, Ernie Lebovitz, Jerry Fineberg, Jackie Rosen, Paul Royte, Abe Kuvent, Bobby Meserve, Dave Lewis, and Art Punskey.

Pack Meeting Cancelled

The monthly meeting of Cub Pack 6 for May has been cancelled because of the holidays. May 21 is Erev Shavouth, and May 28 is part of the four-day school holiday for Memorial Day.

The final Pack meeting for this season will be held on June 18.

Mazel Tov

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weisberg, 90 Rockland Ave., upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fink, 8 Chamberlain Ave., upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Leonard.

CORRECTION Thanks —

Mr. Joseph H. Modes and Family wish to thank Rabbi Morris Bekritsky, their relatives and many friends and organizations for the sympathy and kindnesses shown them in their recent bereavement of their beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Bessie Modes.

Junior Division Plans Big Affair

At a meeting held at the Center May 4, the Junior Division of the Federation elected Joanne Silverman as Chairman.

A gala affair is being planned for Federation purposes on Saturday evening, May 20, at the Center Youth Lounge.

The Junior Division has started in on a hang-up job, and unpaid balances for 1948-49 are now being solicited. Those working on same are: Mal Lowe, Franny Silver, Harvey Jacobson, Saralee Levinsky, and Joanne Silverman.

The May 20 affair is for all high school kids. Some wonderful plans have been made, so all of you high-schoolers, be sure to come. The Quota set for this year's campaign is \$500.

The able advisor for this committee is Eleanor Edison.

SARALEE LEVINSKY,
Secretary

DANCING SCHOOL

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presented are Early American square dances and a special ballet celebrating the crowning of the Queen of the May. The recital is under the direction of Mrs. Yvonne Blanchard. Mrs. Bella Shatz is Production Manager. The pianist is Mrs. Ada Sanborn.

Performing the intricate dance steps and the precision routines will be the following participants: Anita and Norma Gottschalk, Sandra Bernstein, Irma Lampert, Marlene Baker, Rhoda Aronson, Roberta Yormack, Pamela Drogin, Sandra Brem, Susan and Anita Spector, Annabelle Jacobs, Rosalyn and Brenda Ruden, Eileen Brennerman, Fraya Fineberg, Deborah and Donna Zolov, Gail Burns, Cynthia Rudek, Patricia Singer, Sheila Tarnoff, Joyce Hyman, Linda Elowitch, Susan Turitz, Adacie Mersky, Barbara Troubh, Beverly Potter, Joan Taylor, Maxine, Frances, and Cynthia Shatz, Leonard Slosberg, and Robert Levi.

Thanks

Mrs. Boris Shainman wishes to thank Rabbi Bennett, the various organizations, and friends for their thoughtfulness during her illness.



By NANCY COOPER

Congratulations to Myron Barnstone and Julianne Lyons, Center Youth's co-presidents for next year!

Also elected at the general meeting on May 3 were: Vice President, Jo Silverman, Recording Secretary, Mal Loew; Corresponding Secretary, Richard Gordon; and Treasurer, Franny Silver.

This election climaxed a lively campaign involving cigarettes, posters, lollypops, and speeches. They should have a great time ruling Center Youth, with two Coopers down there. (Wm. thinks exactly like me.)

The motion pictures, "Human Reproduction" and "The Story of Menstruation," shown on Wednesday, May 10, finished the sex-education film series for Center Youth. The series started with the film, "Human Growth," on April 27.

Scouts To Give Mothers' Party

The Girl Scout Troops of the Center wish to extend an invitation to their parents and friends to a program of festivities in honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14, from 3:30 to 5.

Mrs. Ben Mestetsky is chairman of the arrangements. Rhoda Green, Troop 22, is the chairman of the program.



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**BIG INCREASES IN
FEDERATION SPECIAL GIFTS**

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osity. The totals produced \$101,000 in gifts as against \$90,000 in 1949, for a 12% increase.

"I don't need a welcome home," Barnett I. Shur told his well-wishers that evening. "The newcomers in Israel need it. Give it to them with your dollars."

**MRS. ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN**

Louis Weiner, campaign vice chairman, Louis Bernstein and George I. Lewis, Special Gifts Chairman, produced a welcome for Israel and for all of the beneficiaries of the 1950 campaign such as has seldom, if ever before, been witnessed in this community.

Continuing the trend of substantial increases over 1949, a group of youth-adults, assembled on May 7 to hear Harold Katz, produced pledges totaling 33% more than received from the same group last year. Buddy Goodman, Chairman, and Sumner Bernstein, Special Gifts Chairman, distributed cards and urged that they be completed within a week.

On May 8th, the advance gifts section of the Men's Division performed a feat which guest speaker, Barbara Lawrence, acclaimed as the most remarkable she has witnessed in five years of campaigning. Prodred into action by card-caller, Leonard Carp and co-chairman Arnold Goodman, forty-one men announced pledges of \$6,300 as against \$4,800 for an increase of 31% over 1949. And what is even more remarkable, every pledge represented an increase over last year's gift.

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IN TUNE**BEN "Deems Taylor" ZOLOV**

The spring concert of the Center Orchestra is history now, but the lovely music and the brilliant playing of Richard Roberts will remain for many a moon in our garden of musical memories.

Some of the older members of the orchestra will practically put a padlock on their instrument cases for the next few months, until their musical lethargy is rejuvenated come next October. The younger group will fiddle away and blow their horns at some of the summer musical camps, in order to keep within tuning distance of the magic "A".

A few of the youngsters have become real ambitious to say the least. Doc Polisner is now studying harmony in order to put the finishing touches to his "Nursery Symphony." Dan Singer is really stretching his fingers on some new ideas for the strings.

Doc Fineberg is slowly mending in that cast over his precious thumb. Since this nasty accident, the young maestro has been wearing some flashy bow-ties, as a substitute for the four-in-hand. Goes to show you what happens when the left hand is ignorant of what the right hand does.

**Jewish Education Survey
Is Conducted In Portland**

A distinguished group of educators consisting of Dr. Aharon Kessler of the American Association of Jewish Education, Dr. Abraham Millgram of the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education, and Isador Margolies of the Mizrahi National Education Committee have conducted a survey of the Jewish education system in Portland.

The survey is sponsored by the Jewish Federation in cooperation with the Portland Hebrew School and Temple Beth-El, who have

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Center Women's**MRS. SAMUEL KATES**

It's almost here — May 17th is Center Women's Club Banquet night. Can you wait? Now don't plan on doing a million things that day — just drop everything and come and have a wonderful time.

Bella Kates, assisted by Jerry Clayman and their committee are preparing a delicious meal. Harriett Small, who is in charge of reservations, tells us we are to have a terrific turnout. Table arrange-

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**JERRY CLAYMAN**

ments are under the supervision of Marian Taylor and her committee. Faye Levinsky, Co-president of Center Youth, is in charge of waitresses.

The program arranged by Dorothy Sandler and her committee is still a deep, dark secret. It must be good — after all a "Broadway Revue."

Just put a feather or flower in your hat and come to the Banquet Hall next Wednesday.

SECOND BIG CENTER PICNIC

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more space for parking to adequately take care of Center members.

In case of rain the picnic has been scheduled for the following Sunday, June 11.

A partial list of the committee members are:

Dr. Henry Pollard, Chairman; Bud Cohen, H. Vandernoot, Don Critchley, Dave Astor, Charles Cohen, Rita Willis, Sol Goldkrand, Cy Briggs, Sumner Goffin, Ralph Lampport, Leonard Carp, Carl Weber, and Jules Greenstein.

Additional names to the Picnic Committee will be listed in next week's Bulletin.

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Joseph Taylor, and Frank Laben. If you are the kind that cries when you laugh, then be forewarned and bring plenty of hankies.

**SIDNEY LERMAN**

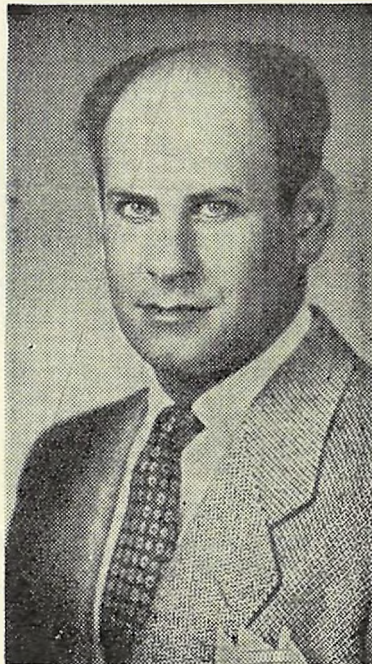
Everyone will want to get right up and dance with Gloria Fenton when Sula Kuvent and Joseph Stillman sing "Whenever I'm Waltzing With You."

All you workers for the Federation Drive, pay particular attention to what Bunny Cohen has to say in the song "The Social Worker." We'll all be begging to pledge much more when confronted with her intriguing approach—m-m-m-m-m!

"Between the F & L and Rice's Bakery"—well, you never saw or heard anything cuter than Judy Venner, Jerry Rosen and Frances Stern when they tell you in song what goes on at the corner of Franklin and Newbury Streets.

Many of us are meeting Robert Weisfield, a newcomer to Workshop, for the first time when he sings a particularly beautiful song, "Yellow Moon." Welcome, Bob.

"I'm a Ridin'" sings Yudy Elowitch, and we are firmly convinced

**GERALD WAXMAN**

that Gene Autry and Roy Rogers will be looking for lessons from Yudy if they want to stay at the top. Eddie Victor will probably find out right away when all the girls scramble to accommodate him as he asks "When Do I Get to Kiss the Gal?" Then all the other Sons of the Pioneer Women, Sidney Greenberg, Frank Laben, Len Stein, Melvin Jacobson, and Manny Brooks join in with "I Wish I Was Back." Somewhere along here Dr. David Berlowitz drops in—he really does.

"Old Orchard" features Yudy Elowitch, Dorothy Cohen, Jerry Sheriff,

and Dorothy Potter, plus those plorably graceful ballet dancers Sidney Greenberg, Frank Laben, Manny Brooks, and Len Stein.

Lucille Lavin needs no introduction, but she is introducing "Gone," a song which belongs on the hit parade, and we hope it gets there. She also sings "Nobody Knows," to which a little close harmony is added by Joseph Stillman, Robert Weisfield and Louis Gordon.

"Three Babes From the Woods," Dorothy Potter, Sylvia Cohen and Julianne Lyons, alias Lana, Rita and Ingrid, respectively, give us a few tips on how to achieve glamour—and things.

Perhaps the most stirring and thrilling song in the show is "An Old Flag in a New Land," sung by Joseph Taylor and Shirley Levine with the entire company of singers and dancers including Shirley Lerman, Frances Ward and Leah Rubinoff.

Arnold Potter undertook a tremendous job when he said he'd direct—he can feel doubly happy, as co-author and director, with the results.

Co-author Jerry Waxman has been ever-present and ever-helpful at rehearsals.

Sidney Lerman's music is beautiful. It's getting a small-time start, but should reach the big-time with any kind of a break.

Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. on May 14, 15, and 16, when the house lights will be dimming and the footlights rising on "Front and Center."

B'nai B'rith**Meets May 17**

The last meeting of the Spring Season will take place at the Center on Wednesday evening, May 17, at 8:15. This will be a surprise social. Members may bring guests.

Weisberg, Myron Barnstone, Gerald Sutton, and Helene Fink.

Only a few registrations still remain for the day camp season which is July 3 to August 11.

Registration is open to boys and girls from 6 to 13 years of age. The child must have reached his 6th birthday on or before July 1, and should not have reached his 13th birthday on or before July 1, 1950. The camp committee is making plans to provide scholarships to those in the city unable to pay the regular camp fee. Anyone requesting a scholarship should consult the Center Director at once and each application is held in the strictest confidence.

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First Report

Meeting**1950 FEDERATION CAMPAIGN****Sunday, May 14****10:30 A.M.****Jewish Community Center****Portland Hebrew School Has Outing**

On Wednesday evening, May 3, the new Board of Directors of the Portland Hebrew School held its first regular meeting. Julius Greenstein, newly elected President of the Board, presided. Plans for the 1950-51 school year were discussed.

On Sunday, May 7, the annual Lag B'Omer outing, for the children of the Portland Hebrew School, was held at Deering Oaks. Despite the strong wind, more than 60 children showed up to take part in the festivities. Activities included novelty races, and two exciting softball games, one for the boys and one for girls.

Prizes were awarded to the winners and the runners-up in the races. These included the following children: Tom Brand, Sheldon Epstein, Ellis Goldman, Edward Goldman, Joseph Gordon, Esther Greenwald, Donald Hoffman, Beryl Kates, Fay Lerman, Harriet Lerman, Barry Levine, Everett Mack, Joel Polisner, Carl Richman, Edward Richman, Herman Segal, and Abraham Stern.

Beth-El School Registration Set

Registration for Temple Beth-El Hebrew School for the new school year will begin on Monday, May 15 and continue until Friday, May 26. Children who will have attained the age of 7 years by October 30, or whose ninth birthday is not later than June 30, will be eligible to register for the opening class in September.

No child will be admitted for the fall class unless he or she has been registered by May 26. A registration fee of \$5 will be required of all pupils, which amount will be applied toward the annual tuition fee.

Classes will be conducted for three days a week, similar to the schedule during the past year. The fall classes will be held in the new Temple Hebrew School building.

For further information regarding registration, please contact Rabbi Ephraim Bennett or Dr. Benjamin Zolov, Chairman of the School Board.

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Town Landing "Learn to Swim" Campaign, and conducted programs for the Red Cross at the Portland Boys Club and Portland "Y".

Camp Director Victor Taylor has surrounded himself with a capable group of counselors. The entire program of swimming, athletics, dramatics, crafts, nature study, and games, will be under the direction of counselors of good camping background. Some of the counselors have been with the Center Day Camp before. Others have had experience at other camps.

Hy Wolotsky will again be the head counselor. Hy has already started formulating plans for the summer and he will introduce many innovations.

Counselors chosen to assist Taylor and Wolotsky are: Bert Boucher, Hilda Livingston, Elizabeth Zaitlin, Faye Levinsky, Ed Webber, Gerald Fineberg, Marcia Flinberg, Francis

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