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## Resolution Of Respect And Sympathy On The Death Of Mr. Israel Bernstein

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation held on November 7, 1967:

In memory of the late Israel Bernstein this resolution of respect and sympathy is presented to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Portland.

From the earliest days of worthwhile Jewish activity in the city of Portland, spanning a period of more than 50 years, the name of Israel Bernstein shines forth as a bright beacon to lead and inspire others in the ways of community service.

From 1936 until his passing Israel Bernstein was in the forefront of Jewish fund-raising action. In that year he formed the Portland United Jewish Appeal. With the help of his devoted wife, Rebecca Thurman Bernstein, he conducted six successive annual fund campaigns.

It was this inspiration of untiring effort which helped create the Jewish Federation of Portland in 1942. At that time, Israel Bernstein wrote these prophetic words about the role of this Federation, in his final report as Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. We quote:

The Portland United Jewish Appeal Committee, now completing its sixth year of service, has been more than a fund-raising organization, though that effort in itself has been a great accomplishment. Of even deeper significance is the fact that this Committee has been a unifying and broadening force in the life of this Jewish community. Our vision has been extended far beyond the boundaries of our locale; we have become vital

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### Notice

The Athletic Committee will meet on Monday, November 27, at 8:00 p.m., at the Center.

Anyone interested is cordially invited.

## Large Local Delegation Set To Attend NE-JWB Conference

Wallace W. Wolf of Worcester, Mass. has been appointed Chairman of the 57th Annual Convention of the New England Region-Jewish Welfare Board, according to word received from Herbert D. Setlow of New Haven, Regional President. Center movement of New England This major event in the Jewish will take place at the newly erected Jewish Community Center in Worcester, Mass. on December 2-3. Mr. Wolf is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, is an active business executive, a manufacturer of ladies' apparel, and serves as a member of the Executive Board of the Nat. Coat and Suit Industry.

Mr. Wolf has been an active leader in various Jewish and general communal endeavors.

The convention will concern itself with the general theme "Jewish Community Center Program and Services—Its Contribution to the Development of American Jewry."

A national and international authority will address the opening banquet.

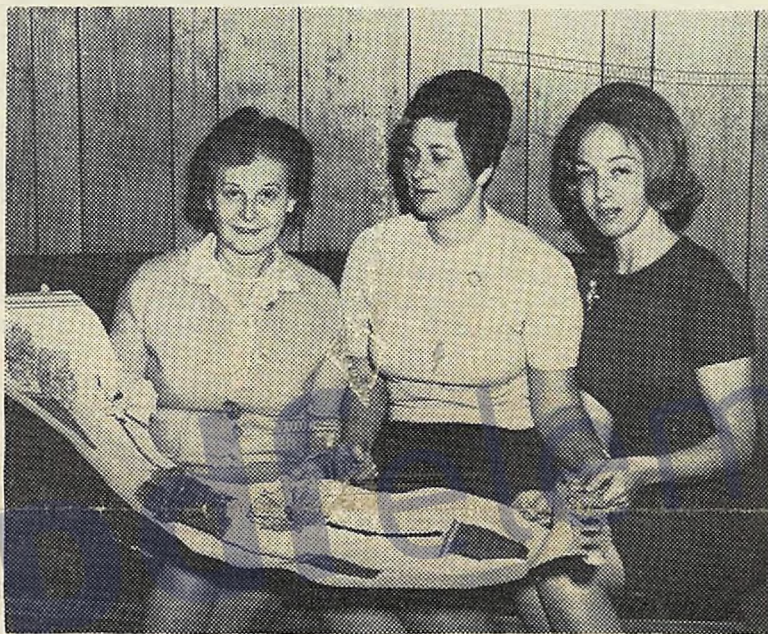
This convention will bring together several hundred leaders in the Center movement from over 40 Jewish communities in the New England area concerned with the program and services of Jewish Community Centers of the New England Region and National Jewish Welfare Board.

The New England Region-Jewish Welfare Board is one of eight (8) regions throughout the country and through which the National Jewish Welfare Board functions as the national association of Jewish Community Centers and YMHAs and the government-authorized agency serving the morale, religious and welfare needs of Jewish men and women in the armed forces and the VA hospitals.

Herbert D. Setlow of New Haven, currently serves as president of the New England Region-Jewish Welfare Board, and Mr. Leonard M. Katowitz is Regional Consultant.

A large delegation of Center Board members and officers will attend this convention

## Looking Over Decorations For Center Women's Dance



Left to right: Mrs. Morris Cox, Mrs. Bradley Mack, Mrs. Donald Finegold.

The Center Women's Club is busy preparing for the "Holiday for Two" Dance to be held at the Jewish Community Center on Saturday, November 25.

Music will be by Syd Lerman. The general chairman is Mrs. Bradley Mack, assistant chairman is Mrs. Gerald Cope.

Telephone Committee, Mrs. Maxwell Shible and Mrs. Julius Brinn;

Secretary, Mrs. Morris Cox; Decorations, Mrs. Donald Finegold and Mrs. Norman Parks; Refreshments, Mrs. Hyman Silver; Publicity, Mrs. Carl Caplan; Ticket Delivery, Mrs. James Kaatz and Mrs. Robert Brenner; Bulletin Publicity, Mrs. Carl Lerman.

All proceeds from the dance are going towards the improvement of the Center Day Camp.

### A Meeting of the Center Board of Directors

will be held on

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29, 1967 at 8:00 P.M.

You will hear a complete report on the New Year's Bulletin.

Hear the report on the one day institute at Waterville and be informed of the coming 57th Annual Convention in Worcester on December 2 and 3.

What are the plans on the Center's New Year's Dance?

A number of items with United Funds will be discussed.

Hear of the New Year and varied activities we have planned for you.

Joseph Schatz, Center president, will preside.

Refreshments to follow meeting.

**Notice — DEADLINE For Bulletin Copy Next Issue Is Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7**



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## Candle Lighting Time

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Friday, Nov. 24 3:49 P.M.  
Friday, Dec. 1 3:46 P.M.

## Words To Live By

O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for He is good; for His mercy  
endureth forever.

—Psalms VCII

## Girl Scouts

## JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

Hello, Girl Scouts:

As our Service Project for this year we are going to make scrap books for the children's ward in the Maine Medical Center.

We have 20 girls in the troop. We are divided into three patrols.

We are working on many badges; for example, Cooking, Sewing, Drawing and Painting, Magic Carpet and Music. Some parents have volunteered to help us.

—Bonnie Chait

## BROWNIES

At our Brownie meeting we have learned about three Brownie Be's. We are going to have our party for the mothers on Sunday, December 17, instead of on the 3rd. We are going to have entertainment as well as food. We made invitations. We voted for different people who will be in charge at the party.

Announcer, Karen Leavitt; Song Leader, Amy Chait; Hostesses, Gertrude Eaton and Debbie Johnson; Servers, Lori Krigman, Diane Hendrix, Hildy Smith and Billie Jo Soule.

We have a new Assistant Leader. She is Margaret Gillman.

—Hildy Smith

## Chairmen Planning For New Year's Affairs



Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Nathanson and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bornstein

Undecided about how to greet the New Year? Well, stop right there and take our suggestion. The Center is the place where things will be swinging when "Psychedelic '68" takes full sway.

Plans are all set for this gala occasion co-chaired by Rhoda and Seymour Nathanson and Bea and Russ Bornstein. They have announced their committee chairmen who will lend their co-operation to make this party an outstanding "HAPPENING."

Winnie and Barney Plavnick are in charge of the food. Knowing Winnie's skill and full capabilities in the culinary arts, you will be served delicacies guaranteed to please the palate.

Transforming the Banquet Hall to fit the occasion will be the decorations chairmen, talented Fay and Louis Brown.

Pauline and George Robinson are in charge of entertainment.

Ruth and Jack Levine are chairmen of table settings and set-ups. Gert and Morris Glovsky are the ticket chairmen.

Publicity chairmen are Beth Stolkner for the newspaper, and Pauline Robinson for the Bulletin.

Reservation chairmen are Tammy and Abe Fineberg, and Sally and Ruby Laskoff, so don't fail to make your calls to them for your reservation.

The Banquet Hall can accommodate just so many, so it will have to be a limited number of members, and this affair is open to Center members only, so it is stressed that it is for members in good standing only.

It is just a matter of getting your group together and making your reservation early, because reservations will close on Wednesday, December 20, or when the limited number of reservations have been made.

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By Steve Hirshon

Gobble!

Well, I'm back again with another column of schizophrenic mumblings about the organization that has become one of the stalwarts of Portland Judaism, Center Youth.

I'd tell you about the last Board meeting, but very few of you reading this care about the great plans that the Board has made for school vacation (or Chanukah Vacation) and those of you who do will come to the general meeting on the 29th.

## CONTEST

Here's the news you've all been waiting for. The winner of the "Rename the Turkey Trot Contest" is Dave Hirshon. (No other nepotism involved, he's the only one who bothered to enter.) For his winning entry of "Dance of a Thousand Feathers," Dave wins a tie from Antique Haberdashers Ltd. of Portland.

Well, Happy Thanksgiving, and remember, the cranberries you eat with your turkey may have been sprayed with DDT. I gotta go now, so I can watch the Patriots get beaten again.

P.S. Due to unforeseen difficulties, the serialization of "The Turkey Comes to Portland" will begin with the next issue instead of this one.

A REMINDER—Don't forget our monthly meeting this WEDNESDAY evening, Nov. 29. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## Thank You

Mr. Edmund Feldman wishes to thank Rabbi Morris Bekritsky, Rabbi Harry Sky, Cantor Samuel Zimelman, organizations and friends for all the kindnesses shown to him during his recent illness.

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"Gersh"  
Finkelstein

Have you seen the new lights in the gym yet? The inconvenience of having the gym closed for almost two weeks while they were being installed seems almost worthwhile. (Actually it was, but it was a little aggravating not being able to play after having once started.)

Those lights may be too good for some of the boys; all mistakes are now clearly visible to all.

The classes for the Midgets, Tweens and Teens are really popping. All indications point to a banner year.

Several paddleball doubles teams have been formed. If enough interest is shown, a ladder tournament is a distinct possibility. Dr. Jerry Rosen and Don Freedlander, Jimmy Baker and Paul Hirsch, Barry Slosberg and Bob Rodman and Dean Silverman and Alston Leland make for a good nucleus. Yudy Elowitch and Phil Schilling are another possibility. Dr. Lloyd Wolf and Myer Goldberg, too. Don Finegold and Gersh Finkelstein.

The gym will be closed until Monday night due to the big dance which will be held there.

With the discontinuation of the Ladies' Gym Class on Thursday nights the Teens will revert to their former 7 to 9 schedule.

## Ladies Gym Classes

Monday morning Ladies' Gym Class will meet at 10:00 a.m., and every Monday at the same time. All are welcome to come for exercise, activity, and fun!

### Centerland

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## "Gefilte Snooze"

We hope your Thanksgiving was a great day; a chance to count your blessings together with family and friends. The Lawrence Youngs and Arnold Potters were happy to have their daughters home from Syracuse University. Jeff Meyer, Mark Aranson, Karl Sidman and Jimmy Freundlich came home from the University of Maine in Orono; Laurie Clenott, Howie Reef and Steve Bogg from Boston University; Ronnie Boxstein from Brandeis; Ruth Weissman from Connecticut College, and many others who returned to Portland to make the day a meaningful one.

Shine up your dancing shoes 'cause I'll be looking for you at the Center Women's Club dance on Saturday night. This promises to be THE affair of the season. Good music, luscious hors d'oeuvres prepared by the members of the Center Women's Club, beautiful decorations made by talented Marlene Finegold and her committee, excellent company, and the most exciting announcement of the year!

Not only does our gym teacher, Alice Slosberg, provide a most enjoyable gym class starting from the "thought of the day" and all the way through her exercise routine, but she has recorded a "Weight Watchers" exercise record. We are proud of the great job you are doing, Alice.

Our theatre group discovered that Maine weather compared favorably to the Massachusetts weather on their last Boston trip. Amongst those enjoying an excellent play and a delightful day were Connie Jacobson, Evelyn Blumenthal, Perle Pollack, Charlotte Farber and Florence Romanow.

Now that the golf season is definitely over, the gym, handball court, and indoor activities are in full swing. Saul Chason and Sam Cohen are taking advantage of the Sauna before departing for warmer and sunnier climes.

Both the afternoon and evening events of the successful Book Fair were very well attended. Besides being a fine writer, Martin Dibner has quite a sense of humor. Listening intently to his remarks on his latest book "The Admiral" were Peggy Bernstein, the Harry Boggs, Dr. and Mrs. Morrill Shapiro, Jerry Slivkas, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Pollard, Clarice Shur, Honey Cox, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Zolov, newcomers Harvey Bermans, among many others. Harold Nelson did his usual commendable job of introducing the author.

## Duplicate Bridge Is Set To Start Sunday, Nov. 26

Bridge fans, we are off and bidding!

If you are expert, we will be glad to have you.

If you haven't played before, we will welcome you to learn with us.

The first duplicate bridge session of the current season will be held at the Center Sunday evening, November 26, at 7 p.m.

Instructress for the bridge sessions will be Miss Ruth Tucker who is known to many of the bridge enthusiasts. She has taught at the Center before and has conducted duplicate sessions at the YWCA for a long period of time. Her keen knowledge of the game and easy manner of instruction will make you feel "at home" with the experts.

There will be a minimum fee of 50 cents per person.

In addition to the evening's bridge sessions, you will be able to have a cup of coffee with your game.

Don't forget Sunday evening, November 26, at the Center!

## Diet Workshop

The Diet Workshop, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, is coming along just great! About 100 people have registered for the two classes, Tuesday evening at 7:30 and Thursday morning at 10:00.

This is one time when the losers are the winners! Almost 99% of all the people have lost at least 1½ to 2 lbs. each week. Some even more.

Registration is still open to all Center members, as well as to the public.

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## Tween-Agers

Marilyn Markuse

Hi ya, Teens!

It's that time again! The board met and came up with another NEW and DIFFERENT idea. There will be in honor of Jewish Book Month, a Jewish Bowl.

The Jewish Bowl is like the exciting College Bowl game on television. Only we'll be asking Jewish questions in all areas instead. So be sure to brush up on Jewish dates. Along with that exciting outfit there will be an ice cream SMORGASBORD! After the box supper you will bring, there will be a short meeting.

This will take place Sunday, November 26, at 5:00 p.m.

At this board meeting we've also decided on something that has never been tried in Portland before — an INTER-CENTER DAY! Sounds great, huh? Tweens from all over Maine will be coming — Bangor, Lewiston, Auburn, Waterville and many other cities. This will take place Sunday, December 10, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. If you think you would like to attend this Inter-Center for only \$1.00, please call John Chase at 773-1567, or me, (Marilyn Markuse) at 773-3583, for reservations.

GIRLS, Charm and Poise class is going to start Thursday, November 30, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Are you going to be there to hear Mrs. Gregory Tanya Shapiro? If so, please call the Center office and tell them you'll be there.

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## Old, Yet New Batik Art Offered To Center Women

A new class is being offered to the Center women. Batik work is a unique Old World Art which has become very new and popular as a home decorating fashion.

Batik is a waxing and dyeing process on fabrics, which then can be used for wall-hangings, pillows and anything decorative.

Mrs. Eric Rogers, who will teach this class, has had many art courses and has taught this art to many groups.

Classes will begin as soon as sufficient registrations are received. Please call the Center office for registration.

## Thank You

Al Pearlman wishes to thank Rabbi Bekritsky, Mr. Morris Greenman, his good friends, and the many organizations for their thoughtfulness during his recent hospitalization.

Mrs. Abraham Lourie extends her thanks to the Rabbis, Cantor Zimelman, relatives, friends, and the organizations for their many kindnesses during her recent hospitalization.

Mrs. Gertrude Sneider wishes to thank Rabbi Sky, Rabbi Bekritsky, relatives, friends, and the organizations for their good wishes during her hospitalization.

Henry Gilbert wishes to thank Rabbi Sky, Rabbi Bekritsky, the many friends and organizations for their kind wishes during his recent surgery and convalescence. They were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Dorothy Chason gives her sincere thanks to the Rabbis, all the organizations, and many friends for their kind remembrances during her recent illness.

## Date For Next Theater Trip Will Be Wed., Jan. 17

The next trip to Boston by the Theater Club will be Wed., January 17, at the Colonial Theater.

The play will be "I Never Sang For My Father," starring Hal Holbrook.

The popular star was the leading actor in the recent television play "Mark Twain."

Further details on the trip will be announced in the next Bulletin. In the meantime, jot down the January 17 date on your calendar now.

## Scholarship Luncheon To Benefit Local Students

Portland Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will hold its 12th Annual Scholarship Luncheon to be given at the Jewish Community Center Tuesday afternoon, December 5.

This fund-raising event of the year will benefit students graduating from Portland and Deering High Schools as well as foreign students taking graduate study in education in the United States.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the singing by Ann Vermel, wife of Portland Symphony Orchestra conductor Paul Vermel.

Mrs. Maurice S. Cohen and Mrs. Bertram S. Wolfson are co-chairmen of the event.

Contributions of the donors and patronesses will help to make possible the giving of three or four outright scholarships totaling more than \$1,500.

## Thank You

Our sincerest thanks to George Hugo, a frequent Sauna visitor, who donated to the Center Sauna a beautiful cribbage board. The boys are already using the board.

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participants in the world-wide movement to minister aid and relief to our stricken brethren wherever they may be; and to rebuild and maintain the logical and natural homeland in Palestine. We have built in this community an esprit de corps that insures success for every worthwhile movement in our midst. Out of this Portland United Jewish Appeal Committee has come the Jewish Federation of which we shall hear more and more in the years to come.

In 1948 Israel Bernstein was President of this Federation. Under his leadership this organization raised a record-setting \$292,000. This amount was not surpassed until the recent emergency effort this year. And this 1967 effort, too, nearly 20 years later, was aided, encouraged and inspired by this man among men—Israel Bernstein.

Whereas, we have lost a great leader and friend to all mankind, be it resolved that this Memorial to the late Israel Bernstein be presented to his family and be entered in the permanent records of the Jewish Federation of Portland in lasting tribute to all he represented.

Dated at Portland, Maine, this 7th of November, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

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