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Portland, Maine

Film Depicting Anti-Semitism To Be Shown On WCSH-TV

As part of the recognition of the plight of Soviet Jewry, Portland will bring attention to the 3,000,000 Jews in Russia by showing the film, "Price of Silence," narrated by Edward G. Robinson. This will be shown on Community in Focus program on WCSH-TV on Sunday, December 18, at 9:30 A.M. This film depicting Anti-Semitism in Russia is being sponsored by the Jewish Federation Community Relations Committee, Dr. Benjamin Zolov, Chairman. Added comments will be made by Rabbi Morris Bekritsky and Rabbi Harry Z. Sky.

These Jews in the U.S.S.R. are being denied cultural rights and freedom — freedom to which they are entitled under both the 1917 Soviet Declaration of Rights and the 1945 United Nations Charter.

Many committees are being formed throughout the country to bring to the attention of the people this deplorable violation of human rights. The words of a Soviet Jew best point out the urgency and need of the situation. The young man in a conversation with Sholom Ben-Israel in an article in Hadassah magazine says of their plight, "Demand more, speak up louder — it's our only hope, believe me."

Programs have been held, and more will take place, over the entire nation. Here in the State of Maine, Governor Reed issued a Proclamation in which he urged all citizens to join in recognizing the unique plight of Soviet Jews.

Notice To Parents Of High School Jrs. And Srs.

The parents of all High School Juniors and Seniors who have signed up for the spring vacation trip to Washington, Philadelphia and New York are asked to attend a very important meeting Sunday, December 18, at 2:30 P.M., at the Center.

It is important that you attend.

Preparation In Full Swing For New Year's Eve Dance Dec. 31

Reviewing Plans for Center's "Go-Go '67" Dance Party



L. to R., Back Row — Mrs. Murray Rosen, Bernard Resnick, Mrs. Robert Mack. Front Row, L. to R. — Mrs. Stephen Goodman, Stephen Goodman, Mrs. Joseph Schatz and Mrs. Myer Weissman.

Under the skillful supervision of Tama and Abe Fineberg and Faye and Lou Brown, preparations are in full swing for Center's gala New Year's Eve dance-Go-Go-'67!

Frank Manduca and his swingers will really have you swinging into the New Year amid beautiful decorations and favors which are being dreamed up by Faye Brown and Shirley Rosen. There will be set-ups, and hot hors d'oeuvres will be served all evening. All this for a mere sum of \$7.00 per couple!

As in the past, High School students will not be permitted at this dance.

Reservations are coming in fast now and since attendance must be limited, don't wait! The deadline is Dec. 23. So let's Go-Go-'67.

For reservations call:—

Ann Goodman, 772-1328

Ina Weissman, 772-4948

Doris Pollack, 775-3074

Barbara Portman, 773-7027

Center Day Camp Announces Alan Hirsch As Its Director

Center President Joe Schatz and Day Camp Co-chairmen Dave Silverman and Sidney Levine announce the selection of Alan Hirsch as Director of the Center Day Camp.

Alan has had long and varied experiences in many facets of camp life. At Camp Alton, he was both a camper and then a counselor for about 10 years. He also was a counselor and worked on the waterfront at Camp Arundel and was head swimming instructor at Tall Timbers for two seasons. During the past year he was program director of all camp activities at Camp Naomi and worked with the counselors and administrative staff and helped with the selection of camp personnel during the camp season.

Alan is a former Center Youther and a graduate of Deering High School. He obtained his AB degree

Registration Is Now Open For JWB-Sponsored Camps

Registration for the 1967 season for the camps operated by the New England Region of the Jewish Welfare Board — Camp Naomi, Camp Naomi Extension for girls, and Camp Joseph for boys — has now officially begun. These camps are operated primarily as an opportunity for children of affiliated Centers — namely children from our Center — to continue their program of Center activities in the wonderful facilities of the camps under the supervision of a qualified and mature staff. The families of children previously enrolled have already received brochures and applications for the 1967 season.

In order to be sure of your youngsters' reservations at any of

Now Is The Time To Register Yiddish And Hebrew Classes

Registrations for both Yiddish or Conversational Hebrew classes are being accepted now at the Center office.

The Yiddish classes will emphasize vocabulary and basic conversations phrases.

Mr. Mordeci Dominitz, who has taught these courses at the Center, will be the instructor again this year. His thoroughness and knowledge of both subjects have been thoroughly enjoyed by his adult pupils of the past.

Classes will start on Monday and Wednesday, January 9 and 11, 1967.

Make your call to the Center office now.

NOTICE

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The Center will be closed all day Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1.

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Notice — DEADLINE For Bulletin Copy Next Issue Is Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7

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Words To Live By

Absence of interests is not rest;
a mind quite idle is a mind
distressed.

Center's Masseur Is Available Sundays

Don, the Masseur, who was at the Center last year, is now available for massages again at the Center every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Why not come down to the Center, take your Sauna and make an appointment with Don for your invigorating massage.

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AN URGENT PLEA!

We have consistently emphasized the need for a full blood bank at all time. Our reminders have been very successful, but additional requests for blood have also been much more frequent than we had hoped. We are constantly in need of replacements. Please make arrangements with Co-Chairmen Beattie Schatz or Selma Cope for your appointments.

The following donors have given to the blood bank since September of this year:

Charles (Cuddy) Cohen
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Dr. Gerald Rosen
Harry Cohen
Harris Cohen
Samuel Reef
William Bernstein
Seth Dubin
John Davis
Stanley Godes

Jack Reynolds
Alton Warren, Jr.
Kalman Liebeskind
Albert Chase
Bernard Resnick
Gerald Cope
Morris Glovsky
Robert Reef
Morris Murinson
Manny Brooks
Anonymous

In January, 1966, the Board of Directors made the following suggestion which was adopted:

"That some of our members, who, for one reason or another, could not donate blood might be willing to contribute a donation towards the purchase of some blood. The money received would permit us to purchase blood from a professional donor or student properly registered at the hospital."

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations.

Mrs. Fanny Einbinder Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Zade
Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Silver

In case we have omitted any names please contact your blood chairman at once and advise us.

Additional names will be in the next Bulletin.

Openings For Center Day Camp 1967

UNIT HEADS . . . To take charge of several groups and counselors assigned them. To help program for said unit and complement the camp program by overseeing your campers.

SPECIALISTS . . . To program in specific areas such as Swimming, Boating, Pioneering, Nature Studies, Land Sports and Arts and Crafts. You will have counselors assigned to you and you are responsible for setting up program and leading your campers.

COUNSELORS . . . To be in charge of a group. Be assigned to a specialty area and teach and lead in this field.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS . . . Assigned to specialty areas and receive lessons designed to prepare you for future duties as a counselor.

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Portland, Maine 04111

Thank You

Mrs. Joseph Taylor wishes to thank Rabbi Morris Bekritsky, Cantor Samuel Zimelman, the many organizations and friends for their kindness and consideration during her recent hospitalization.

Mr. Edward Berenson wishes to thank Rabbi Bekritsky, Rabbi Sky, Cantor Zimelman, all his friends, relatives and organizations for their thoughtfulness during his recent

"Gefilte Snooze"

Hope you all had a happy and healthy Chanukah.

At the Tweens Chanukah party, the Morris Blumenthals chaperoned with Charlotte and Dave Farber. The Farbers beamed with joy as their son, Kenney, chaired the meeting.

The annual meeting and Latke Party of the combined groups of Center Board of Directors and the Friendship Group is always a really homelike party. How can you miss with Goldie Grant, Mrs. Phil Gold, Mrs. Saul Shulman and Mrs. Harry Geller "whipping up" the latkes for about 50 to 60 members of both groups.

It was a pleasure to see such a capacity turnout for the Israeli Night. Those who came were particularly enthusiastic over the guitarists, the talk by Mr. Ben-Ari and the movies. The Ben Webbers, the Dave Cutlers and the Sam Bryneses, Sam Levis, and George Hugos were just a few of the many people there.

We are all so proud of Harold Nelson on his honor of receiving the Lehman Award at the recent bond dinner. Barney Shur was excellent as toastmaster and showed George Jessel why we call Barney our No. 1 toastmaster.

Evelyn Rudy really relaxes and enjoys herself at the Sauna — as do Rose Feldman and many others who are now frequenting the Sauna and exercise class on Tuesday and Thursday.

Want to see some action? Come down Sunday morning at the Center. You'll see "Youth and Age" competing on the volleyball, basketball, handball, and squash courts as well as in the pool room and Sauna. Some of them are "Chuck" Wise, Dr. Lloyd Wolf, Morey Cohen, Gene Cohen, Maishie Matson, Ben Glick, Dr. Jerry Rosen, Mike Sandler, Burt Epstein, Jerry Carp and others.

Tammy Fineberg and Fay Brown and their husbands are coming in with excellent ideas and plans to make this year's Center New Year's Dance a "super colossal" affair. It's only \$7.00 a couple. You'd better get your reservation in as we are limited. See you there.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:

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these camps, please stop at the Center office to obtain the proper application form and complete your registration now.

Your Center Executive Director can give you the necessary information you need before completing

Highlights Of The Israel Celebration And Award



George Jessel, noted entertainer, holds the Herbert Lehman Award presented to Harold P. Nelson for a quarter-century of service to Israel and his community at the 18th Anniversary Celebration of Israel, sponsored by the Portland Committee, State of Israel Bonds. The award was designed and executed by the famous American-Jewish painter and sculptor, Chaim Gross. (Left to right): I. Joel

Abromson, General Chairman; Bishop Daniel J. Feeney of the Portland Diocese; Jessel; Nelson; Mrs. Harold P. Nelson; Halsey Smith, President, Casco Bank & Trust Company. The Bishop and Mr. Smith joined in the tribute to Nelson as representatives of the general community. A total of \$165,000. in Israel Bonds were bought by the capacity gathering.



The ladies lose no opportunity to take a picture with the original star of the famed play, "The Jazz Singer," better remembered, perhaps, by the movie version which featured Al Jolson. This play,

which catapulted Jessel into initial renown, was the first constructive portrayal of a Jewish theme and protagonist in the history of the American theatre.

Young Leaders Support Israel Bond Campaign



Members of the Young Jewish Leadership Council, inspired by the fact that one of their generation is General Chairman of the 1966 Israel Bond drive, support the program by attendance at the Advance Sales meeting and by the purchase of Israel Bonds.

(Left to right): Richard Aronson, Maurice Cohen, Donald E. Finegold, Burton Epstein, Dr. Carl H. Voss, former Chairman, American Christian Palestine Committee, who was guest speaker; I. Joel Abromson, General Chairman; Michael Sandler, and David N. Lewis, General Chairman of the 1965 Israel Bond Campaign.

Snapped At The Reception Preceding The Dinner



(L. to R.): Dr. James S. Coles, President of Bowdoin College; Jessel; Louis Bernstein, Chairman of Advance Sales; and Barnett I. Shur, who served as Toastmaster of the Dinner program.



Taking a moment out of the refreshment period for a pose are (left to right): Mrs. Harold P. Nelson; Jessel; Mrs. Barnett I. Shur and Toastmaster Shur.

Maine Banks Support Israel—Invest In Israel Bonds

One of the most gratifying developments for Israel's economic program during the past few years has been the increasing investment by banks in State of Israel Bonds.

Commencing in 1963 with Israel's prompt payment of both principal and interest on the Independence Issue Savings Bonds sold in 1951, several thousand commercial and fiduciary institutions throughout the United States have considered Israel Bonds a valid inclusion in their investment portfolio.

In addition, according to announcements made at Bond meetings, bank officials have voiced their admiration and sympathy for Israel's heroic record of economic progress despite the absorption of over one million immigrants and refugees.

The first bank purchase in Maine was made in December, 1963, by the Casco Bank & Trust Company—which made a second investment in connection with the Israel Bond Dinner last year.

Since then, ten other Maine banks have followed suit with substantial purchases, including second investments by the Canal and First National Banks of Portland and initial purchases by the Maine Savings and Portland Savings Banks, all in connection with the recent Celebration of Israel's Chai Anniversary.

In all, over \$300,000 has been invested in Israel Bonds by Maine banks, with those participating being as follows:

Portland:
Canal National Bank
Casco Bank & Trust Co.
First National Bank
Portland Savings Bank
Maine Savings Bank
Bangor:
Eastern Trust & Banking Co.
Merchants National Bank
Merrill Trust Company
Augusta:
Depositors Trust Co.
First National Granite Bank
Newport:



The teams are beginning to take shape, with two of them making a start by scheduling practice games before starting a game schedule.

The Midgets will be playing a Yarmouth combine Saturday night in a practice session. This should give some idea how much they have progressed.

The Teens will scrimmage the Open Class Sunday night. This should be a most interesting outing for both groups, as youth tries to prove that it can outrun and outthrustle age and experience.

There was a good turnout for volleyball last Sunday, but if just a few more would make the effort it would be possible to form a league. Incidentally, these sessions will now start at 9:30 to allow more time for those wanting to use the sauna.

It would be better if more Tweens and girls made it a point to take advantage of the facilities.

Please look elsewhere for the vacation gym schedule.

Gymnasium Notice

The regular season gym schedule will be in effect as usual during the school holiday period.

For the first time in many years the Center will be able to use the gym during the full vacation. The Banquet Hall will be used for the adult dance and the 5th floor for the Center Youthers. The gym floor will be available during the whole vacation period for all age levels.

Thank You

The family of the late Lillian F. Glaser wishes to thank Rabbi Harry Z. Sky, Cantor Kurt Messerschmidt, Rabbi Morris Bekritsky, friends, relatives, and organizations for their kindness during their recent bereavement.

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Center Lists New Dues Schedule Starting January 1, 1967

The Dues schedule starting January 1, 1967 will be as follows:

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Sponsor Member	75.00
Contributing Member	50.00
Family Member	40.00
Family Member non-resident	20.00
Business and Professional Member	30.00
Business and Professional Member non-resident	15.00
Sr. Female	20.00
Sr. Male	20.00
Sr. Male and Female non-resident	15.00
Special Family Member	25.00
(This category is listed for those who have lost a husband or wife and still wish to be included as well as their family)	
Contributing Sr. Female	25.00
(This category for a member whose husband was a contributing member)	
Contributing Sr. Male	25.00
(This category for a member whose wife has passed away and wishes to carry on as a contributing member)	

The bills have already been sent to all members. The response has been most gratifying.

Mazel Tov

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Aranson on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Robert.

CENTER DAY CAMP DIRECTOR:

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ALAN HIRSCH

at Brandeis College. For the past five years he has taught at South Portland High School and has been assistant tennis coach at this school.

Alan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hirsch, is married and his wife, Jeri, is an Arts Specialist in camp work. She currently is teaching in the South Portland school system.

He will start his camp work to interview counselors during the school vacation.

Our best to you, Alan.



Hi Kids —

Did you get your flyer on the New Year's Dance?

What an evening has been planned for us — Music by "The Sceptors" — from 8-12.

Buffet meal to be served.

Fun for all — only \$3.75 per couple.

Co-chairing the dance will be Toby Goldstein, Susan Sheriff and Francine Plavnick.

Decorations will be worked out by Linda Shible, Gaye Cohen, Beryl Kroot, Nancy Berk, Anita Mack, Gary Brynes, Richard Green and Steve Kornetsky.

Food committee members are: Martha Jacobson, David Hirshon, David Jacobson, Richard Schilling, Donna Geller, Carol Jacobson, Marla Milstein and Connie Taylor.

Tickets — Ben Brem and cleanup Steve Bogg.

All reservations must be in by December 20.

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This Saturday evening (December 17) will be Lounge Nite on the 5th floor for all High School Center Youthers — Come on down! We'll meet you there!

Our Heartfelt Thanks!

To all who worked, baked and donated for Center Women's Club's food sale. It was your co-operation and effort which made possible one of the most successful sales in recent years!

Sincerely,

Co-chairmen:
Marian Kaatz
Sally Lourie

VACATION GYM SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 22	Girls' Class 1-2:30 P.M. Boys' High School 2:30-5:00 P.M.
Friday, December 23	Midgets 1-2:30 P.M. Tweens 2:30-3:45 P.M.
Saturday, December 24	Usual
Sunday, December 25	Closed All Day
Monday, December 26	Girls' Class 1-3:00 P.M. High School Boys and Tweens 3-5:00 P.M. Men's Open 7:00-10:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 27	Midgets 2-2:30 P.M. Tweens 3:30-5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 28	Girls' Class 1-3:00 P.M. High School Boys 3:00-5:00 P.M. Men's Open 7:00-10:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 29	Girls' Class 1-3:00 P.M. Midgets 3:00-5:00 P.M.
Friday, December 30	Open All Groups 1-3:00 P.M.

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Tween-Agers

Hi!

Our Chanukah meeting was really fun with so many of us turning out for it. It had been quite a while since we had had something and this brought us back into the swing of things. Sue Gillis deserves credit for putting together her program which everyone agreed was good.

Tweens' tentative plans sound fairly interesting for the rest of the year. With good participation we should be able to enjoy quite a few.

When the next article is published, our vacation schedule should be ready and approved. A board meeting will have taken place and hopefully your "? & Answers" will be settled. —But, "That's Life!"

Until the next . . .

Gail Berson

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Center Board Of Directors

The December Meeting of the Jewish Community Center Board of Directors will not be held this month (late business hours, children's vacations, etc.). The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 1967.

Normally our meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month, but again in January, 1967, as in the past, we yield to the ladies of the Center Women's Club. They will be holding their annual Donors on Wednesday evening, January 25.

So we graciously change our night to Wednesday, January 11, 1967.

Good luck, members of Center Women's Club.

Joseph Schatz,
Center President

Some Centerland Participants at Candle Lighting Services



L. to R., Back Row — Debbie Chait, Sharon Taylor, Leader.
Front Row, L. to R. — Melissa Krigman, Estelle Punsky and Betsey Caplan.

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Refreshments, Fun, Planned For Day Camp Reunion Dec. 28

On Wednesday, December 28, at the Center, the campers and staff of Center Day Camp will gather for their annual reunion. The festivities will start at 2 p.m. and will be concluded at 4 p.m.

The program will allow the campers and potential campers — past, present, and future — to greet each other, talk over the good times of last year, and hear of some of the plans for the coming year.

Alan Hirsch, the newly-appointed Camp Director, will be there to meet you personally. His brother, Paul, will be in charge of the proceedings for the afternoon.

There will be goodies served to all the youngsters and counselors and some "special entertainment" has been scheduled for the afternoon.

The Yearbook will be distributed to those who bought them. A few extra copies will be available to anyone who did not sign up to purchase a book. If for any reason you have signed up for a yearbook and cannot attend the Reunion, arrangements will be made to mail your copy to you.

Get those voices tuned up for some of the camp songs. Get ready for a most pleasant afternoon at the Reunion on Wednesday, December 28, at 2 p. m.

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