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Marcus Is Named Social Chairman

Maurice "Bud" Cohen, vice president in charge of Social Activities, has announced that Harry Marcus has been appointed chairman of the Social Committee for the 1949-50 season. At a meeting held recently with the social committee, Marcus outlined plans for a most active Center social season. He has named Sam Burokoff to head up the Thanksgiving Eve dance.

The list of affairs scheduled are: Thanksgiving Eve.—Wed., Nov. 23; Chanukah Ball — Sat., Dec. 24;

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Annual Convention To Be Held By JWB

Miss Miriam Ephraim, Director of the JWB Program Dept., and specialist in women's activities, will be discussion leader at the Sunday Breakfast meeting of the 39th Annual Convention of the New England Section—Jewish Welfare Board. The session will be held at the Hotel Sheraton in Springfield, Mass., on Nov. 5 and 6. The theme for this year's conference will be "The Center Girds For Tomorrow's Challenge." Representatives from 38 communities in New England will attend.

Barney Shur, past president of the Center and president of the N. E. Section, will head a large contingent of delegates and alternates from Portland.

Institute Registration Oct. 31

Center Aids Chest Campaign



The Community Center team, with representatives from 24 other agencies, are making a final all-out drive to make this year's Community Chest campaign a success.

As we go to press, the drive is behind in the figures anticipated. If the agencies are to do an effective job in Portland, the \$354,347 must be realized.

The Center is pleased to announce that the Center teams have been out making home and office solicitations.

The Center Women's Club has corralled many of its women to make the calls, the Men's Division under the leadership of Sumner T. Bernstein has been out "Getting their cards."

Everyone's generous giving is needed to make the drive a banner one.

S. T. Bernstein Named Chairman For Town Hall

It's here at last! . . . Your winter's intellectual stimulus as presented by the Adult Institute of Jewish Study! Sponsored this year by the Jewish Federation of Portland, the Institute promises a provocative series of courses that will provide many evenings of interesting discussion.

Sumner T. Bernstein is chairman of the Town Hall Series which will comprise six forums on major controversial Jewish topics.

Here are the courses for which you may register:

MONDAY EVENINGS

Beginners Hebrew 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Mrs. Sara Stern

Advanced Hebrew 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Jack Weinstein

Required text, "Modern Hebrew" by Bloomberg and Lewittes.

Jewish Mysticism 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Rabbi Morris Bekritsky
A course dealing with the rise of the 18th century movement known as Chasidism and its relationship to that form of Jewish mysticism known as Kabala.

The Bible from the Modern Point of View 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Rabbi Ephraim Bennett

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Center Women's Club Outlines Varied Projects For Coming Year

— Open to Center Members —

NEW CLASSES

IN

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Every Tuesday Evening
At 7:30 P.M.

JIM GLASSMAN,
Instructor

Were you there? You must have been because everyone else was! Some three hundred women ushered in the new season of the Center Women's Club by attending its first meeting last Wednesday night.

The fashion show sponsored by Porteous, Mitchell and Braun lent to the festive atmosphere. Mrs. Ben Goldberg, Program Chairman, introduced Mrs. Marylee Roscoe, fashion commentator for the evening.

Here's a list of Center Women's Club projects as outlined by Mrs. Barnett Shur at the meeting.

1. One of the most important

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There's Fun Coming Up Soon For Center's Young Folks

There's fun in store for the Jewish Community Center's young folks this season. It's part of the Forum and Lecture Series announced by Julius Greenstein, vice president in charge of the program.

First there will be Emery Gondor, who will show the youngsters "Shear Magic" on Nov. 21. Gondor practically makes his scissors talk.

Then Herb Kruckman will visit Portland on Dec. 20. He's a Chalk Talk Artist.

Gondor has been enthusiastically received by many audiences as a

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Rehearsals Begin

Center Workshop will begin rehearsals on its first major production of the season—"Claudia"—on October 31.

By this time you should have been asked to join Workshop. Membership, which admits you to all productions and to active participation, is only \$2. Junior memberships cost 50 cents. If you haven't been approached call Earl Aronson, membership chairman, at his home any evening. The number is 2-9647.

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Mrs. David Berman Is Hadassah Speaker

Mrs. David Berman of Lewiston will open the Hadassah Educational Program on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the first in a series of three afternoons which will comprise the Hadassah Training Course, according to an announcement by Mrs. Maurice A. Gleckman, chairman of the course.

Mrs. Berman is a past president of the Lewiston Chapter of Hadassah and is currently a Regional Vice President. The meeting is scheduled for 2:15 p. m. at the playroom of Mrs. Simon Levine, 177 Francis St. The course is open to all Hadassah members. Invitation has been extended to the Zionist Youth Groups.

The first and third Thursday afternoons of each month have been designated as Hadassah education afternoons by Mrs. Ephraim I. Bennett, General Chairman of Hadassah education. It is in compliance with this plan that the Hadassah Training Course will continue on Nov. 17 and Dec. 1.

"Balfour Day and Hadassah" is the topic to be discussed by Mrs. Sam Kates at the first Hadassah Oneg Shabbath on Nov. 4, 8:00 p. m., at the Temple Beth-El, 520 Forest Ave.

Girl Scouts Plan Hallowe'en Party

Fifteen Girl Scouts attended the first meeting on Monday evening, which was in charge of Mrs. Samuel Cohen and Mrs. Joseph Modes. Carol Kates was named chairman of the clean-up committee.

A Hallowe'en party was planned for the next meeting with Ruth Levey, chairman, assisted by Wilma Webber, Adacie Mersky, Sheila Palais, Diane Schwey, and Ethel Shulman. Group singing and games were led by Mrs. Julius Glenn.

Lockers To Be Snipped

Unless you have renewed your locker for the 1949-50 season by paying the \$2.00 locker fee, or do so before Sunday, October 30, your locker will be snipped; and we will dispose of the contents!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Cohen upon the birth of a baby boy.

Sisterhood Meeting Attended By 150

Mrs. Max Fleischer was Chairman of Hospitality when the Sisterhood of Shaarey Tphiloh met for its first meeting recently.

Mrs. Joseph Lyons, retiring president, presented carnations to the Chairman and the Board of the preceding year. Rabbi Bekritsky installed the new officers. They are: President, Mrs. Jack Goldblatt; First Vice President, Mrs. Abraham Goldberg; Second Vice President, Mrs. Louis Modes; Third Vice President, Mrs. Philip Goldberg; Treasurer, Mrs. Abraham Levine; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Barnard Zade; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Irving Levine; Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. Hyman Berenson and Mrs. Goldie Grossman; Social Secretary, Mrs. Philip Resnick.

There were over one hundred and fifty present.

The Executive Board will meet at the Shul on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 p. m.

School Auxiliary To Hold Dessert

The Portland Hebrew School Auxiliary will welcome new and old members at a membership dessert on Monday, Nov. 7 at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Samuel Cohen and Mrs. Myer Gordon are co-chairmen. Mrs. Benjamin Gordon will give a book review.

Mrs. Benjamin Glick entertained the executive board at her home at a dessert on Oct. 19. Mrs. Louis Gordon, president, presided. Mrs. James Ross and Mrs. Gerald Slosberg were named co-membership chairmen. Mrs. Abraham Simonds announced that plans are being made for a parents' meeting.

Mrs. Milton Burke announced that new books have been purchased for the school library. Mrs. Aaron Blumenthal, house chairman, reported on the building. School enrollment was reported by Mrs. Philip Goldberg. The kindergarten is still open for registration.

Young Judea

Don't forget girls, Young Judea will hold its first meeting this Sunday, October 30, at 3:00 p. m. in the Center.



SUMNER T. BERNSTEIN

INSTITUTE REGISTRATION OCT. 31

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The course will attempt to acquaint the student with the most recent developments in the field of Biblical science and formulate an approach to the Bible in the light of these developments.

Jewish History 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Rabbi Edmund Neiss
The history of the Jews from the construction of the Second Temple in 526 B.C.E. to its destruction in 70 C.E. based upon references to this period in the Talmud and current writings.

Town Hall Series 9:30 - 10:30 p.m.

This will be the only course presented at this hour.

Nov. 7 Jewish Education in the Modern World

What do we want the Jewish child to know about his heritage and how shall we provide him with this information? An evaluation of the role of the all-day school, the afternoon school and the "release-time" plan in the education of the Jewish child.

Panelists: Mrs. Israel Bernstein, Rabbi Morris Bekritsky, Jack Weinstein.

Moderator: Edward J. Berman.

Nov. 14 The Fight Against Prejudice

What can Jews do to secure those essential rights recommended by the President's Committee on Civil Rights?

Panelists: Mrs. Casper Sutton, Silas Jacobson, Dr. Benjamin Zolov.

Moderator: Jules Krems.

Nov. 21 American Zionism at the Crossroads

Now that Israel has been established is there a need for an American Zionist movement?

Panelists: Sumner T. Bernstein, Charles "Cuddy" Cohen.

Moderator: Dr. David Davidson.

Nov. 28 Israel: Spiritual and Cultural Beacon?

Shall American Jewry look primarily to Israel for spiritual and

Zeke Rich Rated Among Masters — Bridge That Is

Your correspondent was out of town last week, but she hears that despite the competition of the big baseball game, twenty-two bridge players participated in our weekly tournament.

Morry Cox and Mel Golding won in the North-South position, and Gwen Cowen and Zeke Rich in the East-West position.

It looks as if the pupil soon will be teaching his teachers. Zeke Rich who two short years ago, did not know one bid from another has certainly progressed to the point where he is no longer an easy mark for the masters. Keep it up, Zeke, we are really proud of you.

Remember, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.!

Pioneer Women

Mrs. William Bernstein, Vesper Street, entertained the Executive Board of the Pioneer Women at her home Oct. 20. Mrs. Morris Sclar presided. The next regular meeting will be at the Center Nov. 3. Mrs. David Siegel will have charge of the program commemorating the Pioneer Women's Silver Jubilee. Mrs. Jennie Gordon is hospitality chairman.

Reclaim Clothing

Clothes left by children at the Center Day Camp may be picked up at the Center before October 30. Clothes not claimed by that date will be disposed of.

cultural guidance or shall it develop an essentially independent spiritual and cultural existence? Panelists: Professor Albert Abrahamson, Rabbi Ephraim Bennett. Moderator: Barnett I. Shur.

Dec. 5 Religion and State in Israel

Shall Israel be a religious state or shall the principle of separation of religion and state as defined in America apply to Israel?

Panelists: Rabbi Morris Bekritsky, Sidney W. Wernick.

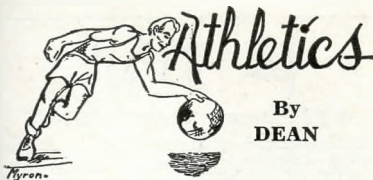
Moderator: Morris Cox.

Dec. 19 Program for Jewish Survival

What must the American Jew do to assure the survival of Jewish group life? A presentation of varying approaches designed to achieve a creative and satisfying Jewish life in America.

Panelists: Harold Halpert, Jacob Rubinsky, Gerald Waxman. Moderator: Israel Bernstein.

Registration will be held at the Center Monday evening, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p. m. Come one, come all. For one dollar you may enroll in three courses.



Only ten men appeared for the first turnout of the volleyball group last Sunday, but it is hoped that these will be augmented by many more soon.

As soon as Riverside and golf balls are wrapped in moth balls, volleyballs will take a more frequent beating in the Gym. That is, if the same men who find no trouble in belting and chasing a little ball can find the strength to slap at a bigger one.

The youngsters, who found waiting for the gym to open a little hard to take, turned out in force for their first time as almost two dozen let loose pent-up steam last Sunday afternoon. From the looks of things there will be no dearth of material for future Center basketball teams, from the Midgets through the Varsity.

The Varsity itself is beginning to take shape, and this year we feel sure that the team will be more representative of Center basketball than any since the war years. From here it looks like the team will be picked from Hank Gilbert, Bunky Fink, Harold Nectow, Sam Mack, Jerry Sheriff, Abe Kuvent, Carl Lerman, Jerry Rosen, and Gersh Finklestein. This by no means is final. If anyone else feels that he is capable of playing Varsity ball he should let it be known. If present plans materialize, the Varsity will play Sunday nights preceded by a girls' game, and followed by a dance.

More than an attempt is going to be made this year to resurrect the now defunct Sponsors League. Even if there are only four teams there must be a League to take care of those who want to play ball, but are either too old, slow, or good(?) for the other teams. All those interested should sign up with Gersh Finklestein, Harold Nectow, Doc Punskey, or this writer.

If any of the youngsters are interested in boxing a note from home permitting same will be necessary. These instructions will be given by Abe Nathanson, who boxed professionally under the name of Jimmy Pearl.

The first meeting of the Center athletic committee was held last Sunday evening when the program was discussed. As yet no definite time or days were assigned except those heretofore mentioned. The girls, however, have been assigned Tuesday nights and Wednesday afternoons. We would like to make it clear that the Tuesday night class is for girls—using the word loosely—out of High School. The High School girls will be accommodated Wednesday afternoons.

It is hoped that physical examinations for all using the gym will be available before the program gets

Marcus Named Chairman

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Washington's Birthday — Tuesday, Feb. 21; Mask Purim Ball — Sat., March 4; Matzoh Ball — Sun., April 9.



HARRY MARCUS

THERE'S FUN COMING UP SOON FOR CENTER'S YOUNG FOLKS

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clever guest illustrator. He can sketch with a pair of shears as fast as he can with a pencil. He has worked as a newspaper illustrator and cartoonist and comic strip artist. What makes him proudest is the happiness he brings the children with his cutouts of funny animals.

Gondor is one of the country's most popular citizens with the younger generation. He has written several books for children. These include "Ten Little Colored Boys," and "The Secret Zoo."

Herb Kruckman also has worked as a cartoonist and caricaturist for many publications. He is a painter and has had several one-man shows. He has written and illustrated several children's books, including "Joey Meets His People," "The Adventures of Sholem Tsadick," and "The Story of Chanukah."

Kruckman is the author of "Of Course You Can Draw." His comic strip, "Joey" has appeared in "World Over" for eight years. He is doing a weekly editorial cartoon for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which is syndicated to Jewish weeklies.

His program is based on Jewish themes.

underway in full swing. The Center A's and B's will practice Saturday nights until further notice. Another night may also be made available—we hope.

Present at the meeting were Freda Schilling, Polly Rodman, Mollie Finkleman, Harold Potter, Jules Greenstein, Vic Taylor, Dr. Briggs, Harold Punskey, Harold Nectow, Gersh Finklestein, and yours truly.

CENTER WOMEN'S CLUB

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projects this year is Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. L. Pinansky and Mrs. D. Herman.

2. Dancing School, another project of the Center is headed by Mrs. Mimi Marcus, assisted by Bella Kaatz.

3. Don't forget the Center Youth — here, Center Women's Club members can lend their assistance in many ways. Freda Schilling is our Center Youth Advisor.

4. The Center Sunday School is also under Center Women's Club supervision. Our Center Sunday School is for children 5 - 7 and under the capable direction of Mrs. Louis Drogin.

5. We guarantee you'll find it relaxing and fun if you take up Arts and Crafts under the leadership of Mrs. Ben Schlafman. The first course starts October 31. There's to be copper work and painting on textiles.

6. Vacation Jamboree this year is in the capable hands of "Syb" Cohen. This is perhaps one of the most popular projects of the Center Women's Club.

7. After looking over your waistlines, I'm sure the Gym classes, beginning next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., will be the busiest place in the Center.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
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Gala Contest to be sponsored by
J.C.C. CAMERA CLUB

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Have you heard the great news yet? The J.C.C. Camera Club is sponsoring the biggest contest of the year! And best of all ANY Center member can join. The only specifications are:

1. All entries must be received between October 25 and November 6 at the Center office.

2. No more than three pictures can be entered by any one person.

3. Pictures may be retouched, but not toned or colored and can be any size up to, and including, 8 x 10.

At the next meeting of the Camera Club on November 8 at 8:00 p. m., we will have motion pictures.

Photographically yours,

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Center Youth

by NANCY M. COOPER

This year's first "Youthedit" (Center Youth's paper) was distributed Wednesday Oct. 19. It was well done (I had something in it).

The staff of "Youthedit" includes: Mrs. Philip Schilling, Advisor; Martin Burke, Editor-in-Chief; Gordon Weinstein, Production; Myron Barnstone, Art; Jerry Sandler, Sports; Adele Finberg, Fashion and Music; Ann Grunes, Secretary; Joanne Shible and Rosalyn Wolfe, Gossip; Marianne Fogel, Activities.

Anyone who wants to put anything in the next "Youthedit" may do so by bringing it to Martin by Thursday Oct. 27, deadline.

Speaking about deadlines, any Center Youth Member who has not paid his or her membership dues by Nov. 2 will not be admitted to the Youth Lounge or any Center Youth activity.

Freshman Representatives will be announced at the next Center Youth general meeting Wednesday, Nov. 2.

IMPORTANT: Center Youth co-presidents request that all organizations planning to have dances or parties attended by members of Center Youth to announce the date to Faye or Phil as soon as possible, in order to prevent mixups of schedules.

FRIDAY SERVICE

The first late Friday evening services will be held Friday, October 28 at 8:00 p. m. in the Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue.

Rabbi Bekritsky will speak. Cantor Samuel Zimmelman will officiate.

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Don Nelson Miss Fall Doll; Wins Contest By Two Legs

The moment had arrived! Miss Fall Doll emerged from the folds of the curtain. And Don Nelson, whose lovely limbs won him the hotly contested title of Miss Fall Doll, was presented a bushel of apples!

And now that the 341 Club has held its first gala affair of the year, plans are underway for a very active year. Judging by the enthusiastic response from the large crowd which

attended the Festival of Fun, the 341 Club should see a big year!

The program outlined for the year includes Bridge Instruction, Athletics, Dramatics, Journalism, Social Functions, and other activities, as interests warrant. There will be something for everyone!

Announcement of the general meeting will be made in a future Bulletin. Remember, 341 promises fun!

Scouting Program Increased

In keeping with the Center's plans for extension and development of boy and girl programming, the Center is now sponsoring and organizing a Cub Pack in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Cub Scout Program is designed for boys between the ages of eight and eleven. Cubbing gives the boys an opportunity for recreation, handicrafts, and good citizenship through group participation.

Weekly den meetings are held at a home in the neighborhood, under the leadership of a Den Mother. Monthly pack meetings will be held at the Center, under the directorship of the Cubmaster.

In order to organize the Cub Scout Pack, a meeting will be held at the Center on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 8:00 p. m. All parents, interested in having their sons become members of the Cubs, are invited. Guest speaker will be Dan Johnson, District Supervisor for the Boy Scouts.

Besides the Cub Scouts, the Center is the meeting place for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. For boys, 12 years of age and older, there is Scout Troop 6, sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans. William Levi is the Scoutmaster. Troop 6 meets Monday nights at 7:30 in the Center.

The Girl Scout Troops, under the leadership of the Center Women's Club, meet as follows:

Brownies meet Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00 p. m., in the Youth Lounge.

Junior Intermediates meet Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 p. m., in the Youth Lounge.

Senior Intermediates meet Thursday evenings, in the Youth Lounge.

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IN TUNE

BEN "Deems Taylor" ZOLOV

The thrill that comes once in a lifetime descended upon the entire sober second violin section at the last rehearsal of the Center Concert Orchestra. We became soloists in our own right (according to the composer). After months of meticulous dum, dum rhythm, lo and behold, there was a sudden calm, and the first violins relaxed! All eyes turned toward our anxious group, who were drawing full bows and playing on the A and E strings for the first time in our lives. The second fiddlers had "arrived."

The time is fast approaching for our first concert of the season, which will be held on Sunday evening, November 20. A brilliant cello soloist will be our guest artist.

I forgot to tell you last week about another addition to our second violin section. Diminutive Barbara Kelley, carrying on in the best musical tradition of the family, handles the sound board very capably.

There is one young lady in our violin section who never worries about her husband's whereabouts on rehearsal night. She brings him along to carry on in the cello section, while she keeps a beam on him from a southerly direction. Hope Hatch started her musical career in South Portland High School playing the violin in the orchestra and bass clarinet in the band. She continued her bowing activities at Colby College, from which she graduated with an A.B. degree in 1946. Thence to the Central Maine General Hospital where she became a medical technologist of fine repute. Post graduate work at the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital left her with several more degrees in bacteriology and hematology. For the past two years she has been Chief Medical Technologist at the Portland City Hospital. She plays the violin with the same enthusiasm that she has peeking through the microscope for those troublesome blood corpuscles or bacteria.

Howe; a piano duet by Judy Venner and Faye Levinsky; a solo by Julianne Lyons.

There will be a testimonial to Mrs. Louis Black, past president of Council, who is leaving Portland soon to make her home in Newton, Mass.

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SANDRA MODES

Sandra Ruth Modes of Center Youth has been selected one of six Lux girls from the Maine district. Sandra will compete with other Maine students for the honor of becoming "The Maine Lux Girl." In this area, the contest is under the auspices of Radio Station WGAN.

Council Of Jewish Women

Council's No. 1 meeting will be a dessert meeting instead of a luncheon. The money allocated for the luncheon will be used for the Social Service projects.

The talent program called "Juvenile Delights" will feature a ballet solo by Gloria Fenton, who will give her interpretation of "Red Shoes"; Stewart Cope will render a violin solo, accompanied by Reginald