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## Hebrew School Holds Election for Officers

*Chanuka.* The children are being prepared for Chanuka. Discussions are held in the classes and a great number of the children are rehearsing for the Chanuka play.

*Election results.* After enthusiastic campaigns on the part of the nominees, elections were held. Jack Meltzer was elected President; Merrill Allen, Junior Rabbi; Joanne Kopelow and Michael Rolnick, Gabaim.

*P. T. A.* At the last meeting of the School Committee it was decided to encourage the creation of a P. T. A. As a result, Mr. Arbisser met with a few of the parents to plan for the first meeting of the P. T. A. Because of a crowded calendar, the first P. T. A. meeting cannot take place before the middle or end of January, 1950.

Best wishes are extended to  
**ROBERT MILLER**

on the occasion of his  
Bar Mitzvah.

*The Students and teachers  
of the Hebrew School*

### NEW READERS

We are anxious to send the Community News to as many people as wish to read it.

However, we are unable to do so because we do not have the correct names and addresses of many families.

Should you know of anyone in or out of Bangor who does not receive a copy of Community News and would like to read it, please let us know so that we may include their names in our files.

*The Editors.*

## A Short Biography Of Sol Brown

*This is the fifth in a series of biographies of the religious leaders in our community. We now present a brief history of Sol Brown.*

It is three years since Sol Brown answered the call of the Jewish community of Bangor. In this short period he has already made an important contribution to Jewish education and culture in our city. He is a Hebraist for whom there is no artificial separation between school and community. Mr. Brown is a child of medieval Russia transplanted to the most advanced outposts of modern Western civilization.

Born in Czarist Russia he soon came under the influence of the learned Rabbis of that cradle of Jewish culture. Both of his parents were descended from a lineage of educators. It was during his adolescence that he became acutely aware of the narrow confines of his life and began to yearn for the larger outside world. It was not until he graduated from the Grodno Teachers Seminary and then taught for two years at the Hebrew Pragimnazija that he decided to pursue a teacher's career in America.

### DESIRE TO TEACH

The early impressions made upon him by the old Rabbi Hershel Reznick at the Solonim Yeshivah served to assure Mr. Brown that he could find himself only in the field of Jewish learning. However, the leaders of the Jewish community in unison with the Lithuanian governmental agency for religious education persuaded him to serve as Educational Inspector of the Hebrew Pragimnazija. He held this important post for two years.

Upon his arrival in America he came into direct contact with the problem of educating Young Jewry in the Western world. The

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## BRING SWAN SOAP WRAPPERS TO CENTER

The Center has become the collecting agency for Swan soap wrappers to be sent to CARE which in turn will be able to send a bar of soap for each wrapper to European children.

In the lobby there is a box into which you are to throw your Swan soap wrappers. The Center will send these to CARE and bars of Swan soap will be on their way to needy children.

Please bring your wrappers to the Center.

### WE'RE SORRY

On behalf of the Adult Activities Committee, I wish to apologize to the community for starting the Adult Forum later than the scheduled time. The committee was so impressed with the fact that the audience arrived before the set hour that it decided to start all Adult Activities on the time designated.

Morris Rubin, Chairman

### Thank You Rev. Hurlburt

Dear Friend:

For months I have been receiving the *Community News* and I always read it with much interest.

This morning's delivery brought me the current number, in which I find "What Kind of Parents Do Children Want" and I feel constrained to tell you that to me it is simply beautiful. I wish it might be emblazoned on the front page of both our local daily papers and hung on the walls of every home. If it were lived up to, not only would much of our juvenile delinquency cease but also divorce, school failures, the run-away propensity and much other evil.

May Gold bless you in your noble work.

Your friend,

Donald P. Hurlburt.

## SISTERHOOD OPENS JEWISH BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

The Sisterhood is sponsoring a Jewish Gift shop. The items which are for sale are usually displayed at Sisterhood meetings. Some of the items which may be purchased are: plastic tablecloths for Sabbath and various holidays, Yahrzeit bulbs, Jewish Nursery Rhymes, holiday cookie cutters, Jewish records for children, special jewelry and other materials.

For items desired which are not displayed every effort will be made to secure them under special order.

Those seeking Chanuka gifts would do well to attend the Sisterhood meeting and see what is available or to place any order with the Gift Shop.

For any additional information call Rosalie Shapero at 2-1460.

## Jr. Lyceum To Offer Movies on December 4

On Sunday, December 4, the Junior Lyceum will feature movies for all the children. Before the showing of the films, all children will be able to enjoy games or arts and crafts in the new crafts room just opened in the Center.

On December 11 the Junior Lyceum will offer a quiz program for all the children along with the games and arts and crafts.

All children are invited to participate in these programs on Sundays and in the arts and crafts classes which are held every Monday through Thursday from 3:30 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.

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## EDITORIAL

### ARE WE ATTEMPTING TOO MUCH

"Money is the root of all evil"—but it is a necessary evil. It is something without which we cannot manage, but the acquiring of it must be kept within certain limitations.

We need money for many things. For existence, for comfort, for pleasure. These are basic. As we develop our social consciousness we find that we must think of others, to help them and to maintain them, sometimes in the pure vein of charity, sometimes in order to get indirect benefits for ourselves.

The art of giving must be taught and developed in each individual. We try to inculcate the habit of giving to charity in our children. Where charity fails and the need exists the government will sometimes step in and by taxes insure a sort of enforced charity. That is, by levying greater amounts on those who can pay it provides for those who are less well off. This is the principle of the greater good for the greater number of people.

We have not come to complete socialization and it is our fervent hope that we will not do so. To avoid this we give locally in many ways. To the Community Chest, various other community drives, such as the Cardiac and Cancer funds, and to the Federation now part of the Community Council.

In addition to this we are taxed by the various organizations to which we belong, both in membership dues and by participating in the activities of these organizations. These are voluntary for the most part but, occasionally they are more or less forced contributions.

We have many organizations in this city. All with good ideals and purposes. Overlapping as far as need or purpose does not appear to exist. However, overlapping as far as active personnel or fund raising activities do exist. The need is present. The money should be raised in amounts according to the ability of the community.

These activities, meetings, fund-raising projects of one sort or another must not be allowed to disrupt the community. If we cannot keep within reasonable limits then some activities must be curtailed. Our meetings should give us a maximum of cultural, social, and recreational pleasure. Some fund raising activities are desirable. Whether the amounts raised are too great might be open for discussion. Whether part of it might be raised by the Community Council is a thought for the future. It is time to review our community programs as a whole. Are we attempting too much? Are we neglecting some activities unwisely in favor of others? Are we alienating members of our community? Are we causing frictions? We have recently passed through our Yomim Noroim, Days of Awe. When we examine ourselves in relation to our fellowman let us do that in a greater sense for the good of the community.

## Congratulations

### ENGAGEMENTS

Irving Kagan and Paula Helene Gelb of West Englewood, New Jersey.

### MARRIAGES

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Brown. Mrs. Brown is the former Judith Simon of New York City.

### Candle Lighting Time

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| December 2  | 3:36 P. M. |
| December 9  | 3:34 P. M. |
| December 16 | 3:35 P. M. |
| December 23 | 3:38 P. M. |
| December 30 | 3:43 P. M. |

## The Torah in Jewish Life

By Rabbi Milton H. Elefant

### PART II

The glowing concept of Torah exuded so much warmth for the human personality and imparted such great truths for the human family that it was unable to remain frozen in the Five Books of Moses—the Torat Moshe. This torch of light that dispelled the darkness of ignorance from all the corners of the earth and destroyed the ugly webs of superstition and magic which had inextricably entangled primitive man, shed its lustre into all of man's endeavors. This Law of Life could not be contained and confined to one revelation; it surged over the banks of strict fundamentalist doctrine bringing its "living waters" into all the streams and rivulets of man's world, becoming the wellspring of the greatest intellectual, social, and religious movements.

### THE ORAL TORAH

Thus the Torah, written on the Scroll of the synagogue, became the foundation of a tremendous edifice of the human spirit. This Torah sh'biktav—the written Torah—was expanded to include the teachings of the prophets, the elders, and the saints and scholars of later ages. New insights and interpretations were expounded and advanced and were handed down from generation to generation as the Oral Torah. Our ancient teachers tell us: "Moses received the Torah from Sinai and handed it to Joshua; Joshua handed it down to the Elders, the Elders to the Prophets; and the Prophets to the men of the Great Assembly." For centuries there went on this process of unfolding the meaning of Torat Moshe and carefully scrutinizing its teachings. New enactments were effected to meet exigencies and new institutions were established to mark events of national significance.

### THE TALMUD—ORAL TORAH COMPILED

The oral tradition became so massive that it was found essential to collect the teachings of the centuries, to systematize them and compile them. This tremendous task was completed in the 5th century with the redaction of the Talmud. The Talmud consists of 63 volumes divided into the following six topics:

- Zeraim—laws of agriculture and prayer
- Moed—laws pertaining to the Sabbath and Holy Days
- Nashim—regulations concerning family life
- N'zikim—civil and criminal laws
- Kodshim—laws regarding the Temple and dietary laws
- Taharot—laws of purity and impurity

Every school of thought prevalent today, every college found in the modern university is contained in the Talmud. From sociology to agriculture, from philosophy to mathematics, from law to medicine. And if technology is conspicuously absent, can it be that the wisdom of the ages probed deep into the heart of man, and finding there a predilection for mechanistic gadgets, it sagaciously withheld any emphasis?

### TORAH—JEWISH TRADITION

The concept of Torah did not come to an end with the writing of the Talmud. Scholars of later centuries expounded the Law and added profound philosophical insights to the teachings of the past. Torah inspired thinkers to delve deep into the riddle of man and the universe and gave impetus to moralists fathoming the heart of man. Patterns of conduct were drawn, blueprints for living were sketched and their interpretive legends were devised and distilled. Brick by brick there went up a vast structure of tradition on the basis of Torat Moshe—a structure which is found on every avenue of human thought and on every highway of human conduct. This towering skyscraper, extending from the sidewalks of daily life to the highest achievements of man, containing the entire tradition of the Jew, has been called Torah. And to the present day whenever a sharp insight and an inspired philosophy springs forth from the well of Torat Moshe, it too is included in the concept of Torah.

### ROLE OF TORAH

In this all-enveloping concept of Torah we find the principal expression of the Jewish spirit. It became the ultimate source of the spiritual values of the Jews and the dynamic force for his creative endeavors. The idea of Torah permeates the history of our people and pervades the life of Israel, giving it the vitality to strive ever for the great, the noble and the good.

The Talmud tells us that the world will exist only if Israel accepts and acknowledges the Torah, for the existence of the universe is valueless without the concept of morality and ethics. Realizing the dominant role of Torah in the life of the Jew we can fully appreciate its priceless value as stated by the Rabbis: "the study of Torah is greater than all." Who would think of forsaking such a concept even for one day, lest it forsake us for two? By day it is our protecting cloud of glory and by night our pillar of fire to light up the way. Let us then draw near to the Torah with sentiment expressed so eloquently in our daily devotion: "Open our hearts unto Thy Torah, O Lord, implant in them the love of Torah and the fear of Thee, that we may be enabled to do Thy will with a perfect heart."

## WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS

## B'nai B'rith Lunch

Manny Sonnenreich, Membership Director of District Grand Lodge No. 1, B'nai B'rith, will be the guest speaker at a B'nai B'rith luncheon at the English Room, Bangor House on November 30, 1949 at 12:15 P. M.

This type of noon luncheon meeting is an innovation of Pine Tree Lodge and the continuance of them will depend on the response to this one.

Mr. Sonnenreich, who is well known in this city, has a history of enthusiastic endeavor and accomplishment in B'nai B'rith. The subject of his talk will be "B'nai B'rith today."

## CITATION FOR JACK BENNY

Jack Benny will be presented with a citation by Frank Goldman, President of B'nai B'rith on a coast to coast hookup, which will be broadcast locally over Columbia station WGUY, from 2:30 P. M.-3:00 P. M. Sunday, December 4. The entire program, including a dramatic portion giving the B'nai B'rith story, will be under the supervision of Mr. Himan Brown, well known radio producer of such programs as "Inner Sanctum", U. J. A. broadcasts and others. The scripts will be written by Allen Sloane, one of the country's top flight radio writers.

## Hadassah Meeting

Hadassah will hold its next regular meeting on December 12th at which time Rabbi Abraham Freedman will be the speaker. All members are asked to turn out in full force.

## Sisterhood Dance

The Sisterhood announces that a Cabaret-Dance will be held at the Center on December 25. Entertainment galore, Norman Lambert and his orchestra and refreshments will be featured during the evening.

## Hillel Party and Dance

On Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 P. M., the Hillel group of the University of Maine will meet at the Center for the annual Maine-Colby Latke Party in honor of Chanuka. Rabbi Elefant extends an invitation to all members of the Young Adults to join with the colleges in the state in their celebration. The B'nai B'rith women are planning a feast of latkes and all the trimmings . . . and the high point of the afternoon will be the Crowning of the Latke Queen.

## M. J. Y. A. C. MEETING

Following this party, there will be a meeting of the Maine Jewish Young Adult Council, with representatives in attendance from the various other communities in the state. This is the first meeting of the Young Adult Council which has been held in Bangor, so it is urged that all Young Adults in the community turn out for this event, so that Lewiston, Waterville and Portland may see what an "exemplary" group Bangor's is.

## SQUARE DANCING

In the evening, "Clem" Cole of the University of Maine will again appear at the Center to conduct the group in square and folk dancing.

Mark December 11 on your calendar . . . make your plans in advance for a full day of activity.

## Reserve December 4

On November 14 the Young Adults had their first session of square dancing, under the teaching leadership of "Clem" Cole of the University of Maine.

His calling met with such enthusiasm that the group decided to use his services oftener than the originally scheduled once a month. Accordingly, Mr. Cole will be at the Center on December 4th for further instruction. As this is a special program, a fee of \$.25 will be charged to cover expenses.

As it takes eight people to make up a square, the group must be formed in multiples of eight. Three squares have already been formed, and we have room for three more. If you are interested in attending

## Ed Allen Reports on

## J. D. A. Meeting

Ed Allen, State of Maine Chairman Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Joint Defense Appeal, attended the 4th annual meeting of the National Council of the J. D. A. which was held at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit November 11, 12 and 13.

This Council is the fund raising arm of the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee, both of which are devoted to fighting anti-semitism, the promotion of civil rights and inter-group relations.

Four hundred Jewish leaders representing 41 States were present at the conference which engulfed panel discussions of anti-semitism, concerning civic actions, community service, foreign affairs, and educational programs.

The keynote address was delivered by the Honorable Meier Steinbrink, Supreme Court Justice of New York, who stated that

"Prolonged emphasis on Jewish overseas needs have led American Jews to neglect the needs of Jewish welfare and civic agencies in this country." He emphasized "That the accumulated problems of our Jewish communal life in this country should be neglected no longer if that Jewish life is to continue strong and healthy." He called on the Jewish Welfare Funds throughout the country to return to their original concept, which would permit the needs of every agency to be considered equitably. In this way the true purpose of the welfare fund would be achieved.

this session, call Barbara Rosenberg at 2-2315 (days) or 2-3817 (evenings). All arrangements must be made in advance, as this is a lesson-dance, and last minute door arrivals may be in excess of a regular square, and therefore unable to take part.

## Recipe

## CRANBERRY MOLD

Submitted by Sylvia Friedman

- 1 Can jellied cranberry sauce
- ½ C. hot water
- 1 Envelope plain gelatin
- ¼ C. cold water
- 1 C. finely shredded cabbage
- ¼ C. diced celery
- ½ C. chopped walnuts
1. Crush sauce, add hot water and heat thoroughly.
2. Soak gelatin in cold water for 5 minutes and add to hot mixture.
3. Fold in cabbage, celery and nuts.
4. When gelatin mixture begins to thicken, pour into mold.
5. Unmold on lettuce when firm.

## CORRECTION

In the doughnuts recipe submitted by Mrs. Rose Sanders the wrong proportion of cream of tartar and soda was copied into the recipe. The proportion should be as follows:

- 1 tsp. soda
- 2 tsp. cream tartar

## Israeli Humor

Adequate transportation is one of Israel's great problems. The buses, crowded and slow, have given rise to many stories. Here is one about two little sardines about to be canned:

1st Sardine: "They're certainly packing us in tight these days."

2nd Sardine: "Always complaining—it's obvious you never rode the bus from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem!"

When Prime Minister Ben-Gurion was forming a Cabinet his old friends besieged him for positions on that body. One was particularly persistent. Over and over he would recite his record of faithful service to the Zionist cause. Finally B.-G. broke down.

"All right," he said, "I shall make you Minister of Colonies." "Minister of Colonies?" the office-seeker protested, "but Israel has no colonies."

"So what?" replied Ben-Gurion. "Did it bother Eliezer Kaplan when I made him Minister of Finance?"

**Jewish News From Here and There**

Major Abraham S. Hyman will succeed Harry Greenstein as advisor on Jewish Affairs to the American High Commission in Germany.

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A considerable improvement in the volume of Israel export items was recently reported by the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

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Settlers of Mishmar Hayarden recently returned to their settlements and homes to rebuild their colony again.

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The Jewish population of Jerusalem has reached 100,000 people.

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Jack Mincer, a Jewish civic and communal leader, has been named the new Mayor of Johannesburg for the next year.

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The national goal for the Joint Defense Appeal is \$5,500,000.00.

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Yigal Yadin was recently appointed Chief of Staff of Israel's army, to succeed Yaacov Dori.

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All Jewish institutions and organizations will be taken over by the various departments of the Polish government by the end of 1949. The Central Committee of

Polish Jews will be considered as a purely advisory body without any administrative functions. Already a number of offices have been closed.

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Transjordan will not permit pilgrims to cross Arab-Israel lines in Jerusalem during the Holy Year.

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Jewish communities in Burma are rapidly disappearing, according to a report from London. Most of the Jews in the country have left for overseas or are gathered in Rangoon awaiting transportation to Israel.

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The new situation in Austria has spurred Jews to leave the country.

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Rabbi Irving Miller was elected president of the American Jewish Congress to succeed the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

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Leo Lovell, a leading member of the Jewish community of Benoni, Transvaal, was elected to the Union of South Africa parliament.

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Hadassah adopted a budget of at least \$6,535,000.00 for 1950 for

the maintenance of the Hadassah program in Israel.

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The Dartmouth College Inter-Fraternity council called on 12 colleges and universities in New England to outlaw racial and religious discrimination in fraternities.

**Mr. Brown . . . .**

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challenge began to fascinate him, and in the obscurity of those basement rooms, he realized the fundamental truth that the future of American Jewish life depends upon giving children the kind of Jewish education which would be Hebraic in content and yet thoroughly adjusted to the lives of young moderns in America. Mr. Brown was fascinated by every new approach of American educators to the education of children and cherished every idea and advice that would help him modernize Jewish education.

**PREVIOUS TEACHING**

The Jewish community of Plainfield, New Jersey was the first to benefit by this modern Jewish approach. For ten years Mr. Brown served as principal of the Hebrew School, where his work was marked by outstanding achievement in the field of pedagogy. His reputation as a teacher had spread, and he answered the call of the Waterbury, Connecticut Community where he taught for four years and was then elevated to the position of principal. The impression made in Waterbury is still discernible among the Jewish

youth of the community. After four years at the head of the Waterbury Talmud Torah he was persuaded to come to Bangor to help raise the standard of the educational system in our own community.

**JR. CONGREGATION**

Mr. Brown has been instrumental in laying a broad solid base for the Junior Congregation which has become the envy of New England Hebrew Schools. Being competent in liturgy he has imparted his experience to the youngsters in such a manner that the services are on par with any at the local synagogues. The Chazanim Class is a work of his own creation. It is in this activity that the boys are prepared to conduct the entire Sabbath Service at the Synagogue on the day of their Bar Mitzvah.

Mr. Brown has done much to develop the present curriculum of the Hebrew School, and as a member of the staff he lends dignity and prestige to the school by his intellect, conviction, and clarity of purpose. He holds a permanent teacher's license from the Board of Education for Hebrew Teachers of New York and is a member of the Hebrew Teachers Union.

Mr. Brown studied English at Yale University for about two years. He has been active in the work of Young Israel, has had valuable experience with choral group singing and youth activities in general. He interprets very eloquently the community approach to Jewish education.

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