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## Junior Lyceum to Feature "Shear Magic" On November 20

A swiftly-paced children's program entitled "Shear Magic" will be presented at the Jewish Community Council Sunday afternoon, November 20th, at 3:00 P. M. it was announced by Ed Allen, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee. This special performance is to be given by Emery Gondor, comic strip artist and illustrator, who does his "sketches" with a pair of deft shears.

Mr. Gondor's appearance at the Bangor Center, arranged in co-operation with the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board, will open his tour of Maine Jewish Community Centers.

Recounting stories to his young audience—stories based on general and Jewish holiday themes—Mr. Gondor simultaneously and with rapid, gaily-clicking snips, does his humorous cut-outs of animals and doll-figures. At the close of the program the artist gives the cut-outs to the children for souvenirs. "Shear Magic" is one in a series of special cultural events presented throughout the year at the Jewish Community Council.

All children are invited to attend.

### BETH ISRAEL HOLDS FRIDAY EVE SERVICES

The winter series of Friday evening services will resume on November 18th, at the Beth Israel Synagogue. Rabbi Abraham Freedman will give the sermon. An Oneg Shabat will follow with refreshments and a round table discussion. The community-at-large is invited to attend. Services at 8:00

## A Short Biography Of Rev. Aaron Miller

*This is the fourth in a series of biographies of the religious leaders in our community. We now present a brief history of Rev. Aaron Miller.*

Born in Poland in 1910, the son of a rabbi, the Reverend Aaron Earl Miller came to the United States at a very early age.

He is a graduate of the public school system of Moodus, Connecticut, and attended City College of New York, and Ohio Northern University Conservatory of Music. His theological training was at the Yeshiva University Theological Seminary.

Prior to coming to Bangor to serve with the Beth Israel Synagogue, he was with congregations in Indianapolis, Indiana, Newark, New Jersey, and Zanesville, Ohio.

Reverend Miller's duties include acting as Mohel and Schochet for the community as well as Cantor for the Beth Israel Synagogue.

## What Kind of Parents do Children Want

Reprinted from  
"THE CHILD"

What kind of parents do boys and girls want? Teen-agers in the Seattle (Wash.) public schools have their own ideas about this, and have prepared a statement on the subject, calling it "When Parents Fill These Basic Needs, Delinquency Hasn't a Chance."

These ideas seem to hold suggestions not only for parents, but for many types of workers in the children's field who need to gain and hold the respect and confidence of youngsters.

### Love

"Home is where people love each other. We want to be sure our parents will love us no matter what happens. And it's so much better if Mother's there when we get home from school and if Dad gets home on time so we can all

## Jackson Holtz Guest of Honor at J. W. V. Dinner November 21

Commander Jackson J. Holtz, newly elected national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, will be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of Bangor Post 507, J. W. V. on Monday, November 21.

A nationally recognized speaker, Commander Holtz has appeared before in Bangor, and will be made welcome by the many who have heard him.

Holtz is the first exclusive World War II veteran to command the Jewish War Veterans. He was born and educated in Boston and holds law and business degrees from Boston University. He served as an assistant U. S. Attorney from 1937 to 1946—from 1942 to 1946 he was a major in the U. S. Army Ordinance Department, receiving a ribbon of commendation for outstanding performance of duty.



Jackson Holtz is a former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, having been elected by the largest plurality ever achieved in his district, and is the author of several published legal treatises. He has also been a lecturer of Federal Law at the Mass. State Police Academy.

In addition to his other numerous duties, Holtz is a member of the New England Advisory Council, Anti-Defamation League; moderator, Brookline Community Forum; member of Temple Israel and Temple Brotherhood, board of directors; former secretary, New England Zionist region; former president Jewish Big Brother Association; member of the Legislative Recess committee to investigate un-American activities; former president Dorchester Zionist District; member of the Red Cross Speakers Bureau and member of the Combined Jewish Appeal organizing committee.

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have dinner together, tell what we've been doing and play and sing awhile afterwards.

### Understanding

"We want parents we can take our troubles to and be sure they'll understand. Some parents won't listen or let their children explain. They should try to see things a little more from our point of view. The way the world is today is just as hard on us as it is on them."

### Trust

"Our parents could trust us more than they often do. They should tell us what we need to know about dating without being old-fashioned. Then they should put us on our own and expect the best of us so we have something to live up to."

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## EDITORIAL

### JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Learning was for two thousand years the sole claim to distinction recognized by Israel. We are known as the People of the Book. But beyond the Bible lies the Talmud, that work which embodies the civil and canonical laws of the Jewish people—a supplement which took 1,000 years of a nation's life to produce. This is not merely a dull treatise, but appeals to the imagination, the feelings, and to all that is noblest and purest.

In our fathers' times, as before, the highest ideal type was the scholar. Even the poorest manual laborer tried to spend some time studying. The Synagogue itself is known as the Bes-Ha-Midrash—the House of Study. And it was not so long ago that the Bangor Jewish Community was known throughout New England as a learned community, a mark of respect and honor.

#### IMPORTANCE OF READING

In our day other interests have wafted us from these deeper studies. Knowledge has become greater, but oftentimes more superficial. We think, let us say, with the tops of our brains—or maybe we only think that we think. As it is said in medicine—"the general practitioner knows a little about everything, and the specialist knows more and more about less and less."

Let us take heart, however. If we cannot do all, it is still a Mitzvah to do something. In this modern day and age there are many sugar-coated pills, in learning as elsewhere. A book as simple as an easy reading novel still will

encourage the development of a Jewish cultural atmosphere in homes, and can teach of Jewish life and customs to our advantage.

Our center library has many books, histories, essays, novels, biographies, enough to start and to continue enduring interests. You are doing no one a favor except yourself and your children, but is it a favor when you give enjoyment?

#### JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Jewish Book Month, is—This year, November 11th to December 11th, and it is the hope it will be a means of initiating sustained interest in Jewish books throughout the year. If you have Jewish books in the home they will be read, by you and your family.

"When people are burning books in other parts of the world, we ought to be distributing them with greater vigor, for books are among our best allies in the fight to make democracy work."

There are Jewish book clubs—if you want choices made for you. The council staff will be glad to point out any special books of interest. The Center Sisterhood will write and order any book for you. Give a Jewish book as a present. Over the door of the Library at Thebes is the inscription—"Medicine for the soul."

## Congratulations

#### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Raichlen, formerly of Bangor, upon the birth of twin boys, Joel Stewart, and Stanley Jerome.

## The Torah in Jewish Life

By Rabbi Milton H. Elefant

The concept of Torah holds a unique position in the minds and hearts of all Jews. Jews of Orthodox, Reform and Conservative persuasions have all exhibited a reverence and esteem for Torah which hardly any other principle of Judaism has attained. Sedulously guarded throughout the generations it has gained distinguished recognition as well, as the source of their moral and theological premises throughout all the religions in our Western civilization.

The prevalent tendency of our times to awesomely bend the knee to high sounding phraseology has given unusual status to nebulous concepts and has beclouded the import of meaningful ideologies. The value of the Torah idea and the meaning of Torah can only profit from the elucidative exposition which this column attempts.

#### TORAH OF MOSES

The word Torah as originally used means teaching. In the book of Proverbs we find the saying: "*My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and do not forsake the Torah (teaching) of thy mother.*" This is but one passage amongst many that clearly indicate the actual meaning of the word Torah. As the supreme teaching of the Jews was contained in the Five Books of Moses it became customary to refer to this portion of the *Tenach* (Old Testament) as Torah. In this sense the term Torah is equivalent to the English term Pentateuch. This also is the meaning of Torah as used in the synagogue, for the Scroll of parchment reposing in the Holy Ark contains the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. In volume the Torah-scroll forms more than a fourth of all the books in the Bible. It is often called *Sefer Torah* (The Book of the Torah) and *Torat Moshe* (the Torah of Moses).

From ancient times to the present day the Torah has elicited the intense loyalty of the Jew and exerted a powerful influence on his life. No other people has surrounded its holy writings with such respect, transmitted them through the generations with such self-sacrifice and preserved them with so little change for more than 2000 years.

#### STUDY OF TORAH

Throughout the ages the highest ideal of young and old and of small and great was the study of the Torah. This formed the basis for the unquenchable thirst for knowledge and the indomitable eagerness of the Jewish people for education which still characterize them. There is hardly a page of the Talmud which does not contain citations from the Torah and the importance of the study of Torah. The Mishnah tells us that "*the study of Torah transcends all things,*" while the Talmud teaches "*a Gentile who studies the Torah is as great as the high priest.*" The sages so elevated this attitude toward the Torah that they proclaimed "*God Himself sits and studies the Torah.*" Those who did not study the Torah were not considered worthy of life itself. Even the gentle sage Hillel was wont to say, "he who does not study deserves to die."

#### CONTENTS OF TORAH

"What does the Torah say?" is a question often posed when an authentic and authoritative source is sought. In the Torah we may find the answer to many a problem. If one is interested in delving into the meaning of creation, or seeking an understanding of God, he can find it in the Torah. Ethics and morals, the principles of justice and loving-kindness are brilliantly proclaimed in the Torah with love and passion unequalled in any holy script. The entire system of Judaism with its holidays and festivals, its laws and rituals as well as a code of conduct that touches every phase of man's life are contained therein. In addition, the Torah gives an historical account of man from creation to the death of Moses. Every type of human emotion and human action is given expression in the Torah. By its light all nations of the world have sought the ways of truth and the Jewish people have found a way of life—a way of life that has kept them alive as the everlasting champion of the highest ideals of humanity. It can be truthfully said, more than Israel has guarded the Torah, has the Torah guarded Israel.

Torat Moshe is only a part of the Torah-concept. It encompasses a vast field herein untouched. For the present, let us ponder the Torah of Moses for there is much we can derive from it. In the words of a student of our great teacher Hillel:

"Turn it (the Torah) and turn it over again and again, for everything is in it, and contemplate it and wax grey and old over it, and stir not from it, for thou canst have no better rule than this."



## B'nai B'rith Women

B'nai B'rith Women who are sponsoring their annual super-Beano party urge all ticket holders to make every effort to be in the auditorium by 7:30 P. M. so that we may determine how many seats we have left to sell at the door. Although no more tickets than the seating capacity of the auditorium have been printed, we have no way of determining how many tickets we may sell at the door unless ticket holders are in the seats by 7:30.

Beano will start promptly at 8:00 P. M. We cannot hold the door crowd after 7:30. Please cooperate and a good time will be had by all.

## B'nai B'rith Conference

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national Director of Hillel, addressed the conference at the Hotel Windsor on Sunday, November 6. He stated "The strength of B'nai B'rith is due to the growth from a small fraternal order in 1843 to the largest and only international Jewish service organization which meets every need of Jewish life."

The reception and dance on Saturday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall was well planned by Dan Rosen and his committee. Delicious refreshments were served by the Chapter.

Following the breakfast at the Hotel Windsor, reports of the achievements of the various lodges were given. Martin Cantor reported on the activities of the Veterans Affairs. Edward Allen, state and local chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, enlightened the group on some of the problems which were successfully overcome by the Anti-Defamation League.

A business session followed under the direction of Morris Rubin, president of the Northeastern New England Council, and B'nai B'rith representatives from Washington, D. C. and New York.

One of the highlights of the day's business was the acceptance of the responsibility we assume in guiding our youth at home through B'BYO and in our colleges through Hillel, along the path of Jewish Life.

The conference was dedicated to Betty Cantor. We take the selfish pride in stating that "Betty" is the first woman in New England to attain the office of President of the Northeastern New England Council (1946-47) and the first in New England to be elected president of the Women's District Grand Lodge, the office she now holds.

## YOUNG ADULTS

On November 27, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Arbisser, teachers of the Talmud Torah, will conduct an Israeli Night for Young Adult, and all others who might care to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arbisser will give first hand information on Israel and then will conduct the group in Hebrew songs and dances.

They are particularly well qualified on their subject, as Mr. Arbisser is a native born Israeli and Mrs. Arbisser spent 11 years in Israel.

The program will begin at 8:00 P. M. It is urged that everyone be prompt, as this promises to be a very interesting evening. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

## Young Adults in Waterville

On Sunday, November 6, the Bangor delegates of the Maine Jewish Young Adult Council journeyed to Waterville for the first meeting of the year.

The Colby Hillel Unit invited the delegates to a breakfast at the Women's Union to hear Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld speak about the values of positive Judaism. Rabbi Lelyveld urged a policy of "multi-sectarianism, as opposed to non-sectarianism."

In the afternoon, the delegates met with other delegates from Lewiston and Portland to discuss plans for the coming year. Among the items planned were an educational weekend and a spring convention. It was suggested and adopted that there would be a speaker or a movie at each monthly meeting of the delegates, to add content above the regular business meeting.

The meeting closed with a showing of the movies taken at the Camp Lown Weekend.

Those attending from Bangor were Robert Rudman, Joseph Goldsmith, Shirley Bean, Charlotte Kofman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saltzman, Elmer Saltzman, Bob Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenberg, Murray Oppenheim, Zelma Seplin, and Stanley Zelermyer, as well as many Hillel students from the University of Maine.

## Parents . . . .

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### Joint Planning

"We want parents who realize we're growing up and stand beside us, not over us, and the kind who are ready to talk things over instead of trying to boss us. We do want the benefit of their guidance in important matters, but we don't want to be nagged about every little thing. What we hate most is being dictated to. After all, this is a democracy!"

### Respect

"We want our parents to respect us and treat us like teen-age people, not children. It is fine when they say, 'You're old enough to decide for yourselves' and even ask our advice on family problems. Then we really feel like persons. Of course, we want to respect our parents, too, and be really proud of them."

### Privacy

"We want parents who are interested in what we're doing but not 'nosey,' who don't listen in on the phone or look through our letters or personal effects. We need a room to retreat to when things get too thick; a place for our own junk and hobbies, for pounding and painting. A real rumpus room helps."

### Responsibility

"We want to do our share of family duties, but why can't we talk over who is to do what and

## Recipe

### DONUTS

Submitted by Mrs. Rose Sanders

- 1½ C. sugar
- 1 C. milk
- 1 Tsp. cr. tartar
- 2 Tsp. soda
- 1 Tsp. melted butter
- 1 Tsp. salt
- 1 or 2 eggs
- ¾ Tsp. nutmeg
- 1 Tsp. vanilla
- 1 Tblsp. cream
- 4 C. flour

Dissolve cream of tartar and soda in milk. Combine all dry ingredients. Add beaten eggs and liquids. Keep dough as loose as possible to handle. Roll very lightly. Cut with doughnut cutter and fry in deep fat. (Hot enough so that donut will sink to the bottom and rise almost immediately.) Fry until brown. (The less flour used in the handling, the better the doughnuts will be.)

why? Then it's more interesting and we can feel home is really ours, too. But we do need free time to get our home work done, and to join in activities that help our country."

### Friendships

"Parents should understand we need both boy friends and girl friends, let us choose them for ourselves, and make them all feel welcome at our house. Of course we want Dad and Mom to know our friends and be in the house when they're there, but not hang around all the time. We want to have some fun just in our own way. Then we feel like staying home more."

### Religion

"It's good to feel our parents have a religion they're sincerely trying to live, right in the family and everywhere else. It is really nice to have grace at meals and for the whole family to go to church. It makes us feel we really belong and gives us something to build on."

## Candle Lighting Time

November 18	3:45 P. M.
November 25	3:39 P. M.



## Jewish News From Here and There

A bill was introduced into the House of Representatives by John Rankin which would make membership in the ADL a penitentiary offense.

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Israel has been admitted to the 1950 Olympic Games.

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Mrs. Walter Heller of Chicago has been appointed chairman of the Jewish Center Division Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board, to succeed Philip M. Klutznick.

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CARE recently denied reports in the press that it had been unable to deliver CARE packages in Israel because of "lack of government cooperation."

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During 1949 \$240,000,000.00 had been invested in Israel, most of which was income from foreign investors.

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A three year survey in Philadelphia showed that 27% of the children questioned openly showed bias toward Jews. 53% were either neutral or evasive while 10% were non-committal.

The Jewish Center of Buffalo recently dedicated the first new Jewish Community Center Building to be erected since World War II. The structure cost \$800,000.00 and includes: a Teen-Age Lounge, 15 club-class rooms, a game room, a combination gym-auditorium, handball courts, special facilities for Arts and Crafts, nursery playground and other specialized rooms. To be added later are a kitchen, swimming pool, auditorium, stage and snack bar.

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The Jewish Agency announced that the Jewish population of Israel would reach 1,000,000 during December.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Aubry Eban received Yeshiva University awards at the annual Charter Day dinner on November 13.

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75% of the foreign volunteers who fought with the Israel Army will remain in the Jewish state.

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