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## DR. ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN TO OPEN CENTER CULTURAL SERIES

Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of Dropsie College and honorary rabbi of Congregation Mikveh Israel, will be presented to our community on Monday evening November 23rd.

"THE EMERGING PATTERN OF AMERICAN JEWRY" will be the subject of Dr. Neuman's address. Unlike other forecasters of the future of American Jewry, Dr. Neuman looks toward a rebirth of the Jewish genius on the American scene. Through a critical analysis of the present Jewish situation and his own positive feelings for a positive growth and development of the American Jewish community, Dr. Neuman presents an invigorating challenge to popular thought.

Graduating from Columbia University, he continued his studies and received his M. A. from his alma mater and his rabbinical degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary and also a Doctorate in Hebrew Letters. He is the author of numerous articles and books and recently completed Judaism in The Great Religions of the Modern World.

Dr. Neuman is the first program of the season to be presented by the adult activities committee of the Center and was made possible through the generous offer of Phil Lown. Our Center, in conjunction with the Centers of Lewiston and Portland, is happy to designate this lecture and the appearance of Hal Lehrman in the spring as the Lown Lecture Series. Dr. Neuman will be introduced by Rabbi Avraham Freedman and a discussion period will follow the main presentation.

The public is invited to attend and hear one of our most outstanding Jewish educators and discuss with him "THE EMERGING PATTERN OF AMERICAN JEWRY."



### Open House To Welcome New-Comers To Community

A gala welcome party has been arranged by our adult activities committee to be held at the Center on Sunday evening November 15th for the many newcomers to our community.

Speech making will be held to a minimum but fun, dancing and refreshments will be at a maximum level. Reserve this date and show our new families how much we welcome them to our city and extend the hand of our community in welcome and well wishes. You have received your invitation. Now won't you plan to spend Sunday evening at the Center for our first Open House and Social in honor of our newcomers.

### Yiddish Film Series To Show "The Singing Blacksmith"

The adult activities committee has again arranged for a series of Yiddish films to be shown at the Center. THE SINGING BLACKSMITH starring the beloved Moishe Oysher will be shown on Tuesday evening November 17 at 8:15 p. m.

Moishe Oysher portrays a young blacksmith gifted with a golden voice whose headstrong impulses are overcome through his love for a beautiful girl. Those of us who have seen Mr. Oysher on the Yiddish stage will look with favor upon this delightful film.

Tickets may be secured at the door for 35 cents. Members of the Center will be admitted free upon presentation of their membership card.

### Mr. and Mrs. Club Formed at Center

The newly organized Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Center held its first get-together on Sunday evening.

With more than 30 couples in attendance, the group enjoyed an evening of dancing. A short business meeting to discuss the future of the group was held. Unanimously, the group voted to organize as the Center Mr. and Mrs. Club. Plans were made to meet on the second Sunday of every month and a program omitted for the December meeting was appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sucher, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Glazier, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Farer, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Saltzman, Mr. and Mrs.

### Sisterhood Gives Center A New Look

The new look in the Center is the result of the efforts of our Sisterhood. The covering on the floors and stairs have added to the beauty and cleanliness of our building.

Already ordered is a complete set of new dishes for our kitchen. The kitchen committee of our Sisterhood told us today that service for 200 persons will soon arrive at the Center for use by our community. To our Sisterhood, its officers and members, an orchid for their efforts in our behalf.

Gerald Kaprow and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schneider will serve as the committee of arrangements for the next meeting on the 13th.



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# MILESTONES IN AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

1953/1954. Another program year for our organization, our Synagogues, our Center. But—a vastly different program year than the preceding ones.

1953/1954. A year in which the American Jewish community will celebrate two milestones in the history of Jewish development and growth. Three hundred years ago a hardy band of Jewish settlers set out from Brazil to seek a new home for themselves and their children. Three hundred years ago this same group landed in what is now the home of more than 2,000,000 Jews, New York. This year American Jewry is proudly celebrating the 300th anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in this country. The pages of American history are filled with the contributions that our people have made to the civilization which we call with pride "the American way of life."

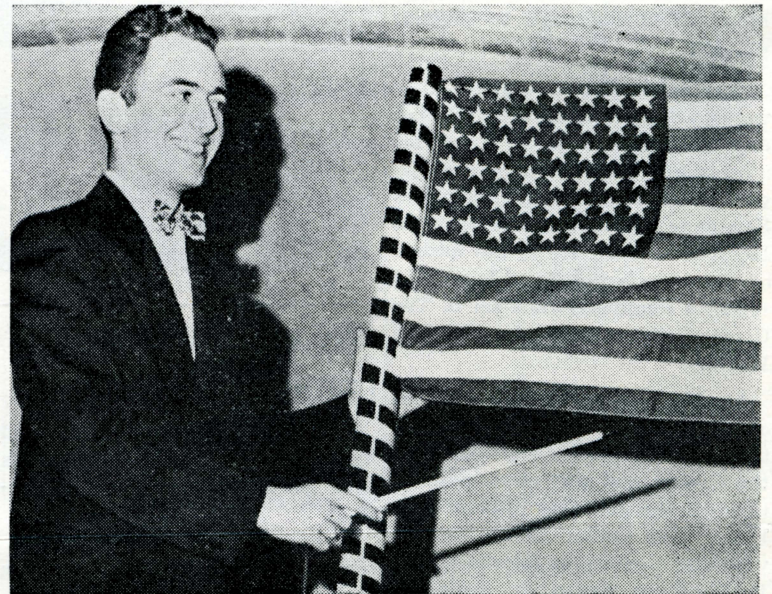
1953/1954. One hundred years of service to our communities by the YMHA's, YWHA's and Jewish Community Centers. For it was 100 years ago that the first YMHA was established in Baltimore to assist the many new arrivals in their adjustment to the American scene. The growth of this movement has enveloped our entire nation. Small, medium and large communities have built or rented quarters to house the activities of the more than 400 Y's and Centers with a total membership of close to 1,000,000 persons.

1953/1954. A year in which we Jews of Bangor will join with all Jewish communities in celebrating these two milestones. A year in which our Council will take stock of its service to our community and plan ahead for the years to come, so that the gains made over the years may become solidified and the years ahead fruitful and rich in Jewish living.

Three hundred years of American Jewish history has been written and as the pen of time continues to record our contributions to Judaism and democracy our Center will continue to serve as an agency devoted to the fullest expression of living Judaism.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Nov. 15	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
		Open House and Social	8:30 p.m.
Monday	Nov. 16	Jewish Education	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 17	Yiddish Film	8:15 p.m.
		Silk Screening	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 18	B'nai B'rith Chapter	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 19	Center Theatre Guild	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 21	Teen Dance	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	Nov. 22	Beth Israel Y.P.L.	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Nov. 23	Dr. Abraham Neuman Lecture	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 24	J.C.C. Sisterhood	2:00 p.m.
		Silk Screening	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 25	Hadassah Food Sale	
		B'nai B'rith Lodge	
Saturday	Nov. 28	College Nite	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Nov. 30	Jewish War Veterans	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 1	Beth Israel Sisterhood	2:00 p.m.
		Silk Screening	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 2	Beth Abraham Sisterhood	8:00 p.m.
		J.C.C. Board of Directors	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 6	Children's Chanukah Program	2:30 p.m.
		Z.O.A. Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
		Hillel Chanukah Social	5:00 p.m.
		Beth Israel Chanukah Party	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 9	Discussion Group	8:15 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 13	Center Mr. and Mrs. Club	8:00 p.m.



Larry Klepper, star of stage and TV, will appear at the Center Monday afternoon, December 7, at 4:00 p. m.

Larry, as he is known to thousands of Center children, will present a special Chanukah program in magic for all of the children of the community.

Mr. Klepper will bring to life the story of Chanukah. All the children are invited to see and enjoy this show of magic.



## TEEN TALES

By THE TATTLER

The main topic of conversation is still the Inter-Center Day which was held at the Center October 29-30, with Portland and Lewiston participating.

The overnight convention got off with a bang as the round-robin basketball game began at Garland Street Jr. High. Bangor emerged the winner.

At six o'clock a dinner dance was held at the Center. Special thanks go to our waiters—Mel Allen, Dave Sclair, Ben Gopin, Milt Silver—who did such a fine job, and the excellent waitresses—Joyce Silver, Bev Segal, and Sybil Miller.

Bob Thorne's orchestra provided the music for dancing for an unusually large crowd.

The climax was a brunch on Friday morning followed by a general meeting of all the teenagers present.

At the panel discussion opinions of the convention were aired, and Larry Cohen, of Portland, was appointed to head a committee to look into further such events.

This convention was concluded by all to be a big success, with the general hope that more would follow.

Further plans of the Teen Council include a dance to be held November 21 and December vacation program.

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## Brownie Troop 26

Brownie Troop No. 26, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Pepper, has had a series of meetings to plan their program for the year. The girls have just completed stenciling placemats. The next project will be cooking which will take place in the Center kitchen. The following girls are members of the troop:

Barbara Kominsky, Erica Segal, Sheila Lynch, Roselyn Striar, Stephanie Winkeller, Judith Eise-mann, Karen Rothschild, Lois Nissenbaum, Shirley Gotlieb, Bernice Braveman, Jo Amba Cooper, Virginia Jones, Elizabeth Tardiff, Lynn Glazier, Kathy Solomon, Roberta Stern.

## Hadassah Food Sale Successful

Hadassah wishes to thank its many patrons who purchased pastry at their annual Food Sale, Friday, October 23, at the Citizens Utilities Gas Company. Chapter is also greatly indebted to members who made this affair possible.

The Executive Board Committee wishes to thank publicly the following women who worked so intensely to make this project successful: Mrs. Norman Rothschild, Mrs. Max Gotlib, Mrs. Max Gopan, Mrs. Louis Rolsky, Mrs. Jack Serota, Mrs. James Siegel, Mrs. Henry Winkeller, Mrs. Robert Pepper, Mrs. David Israel, Mrs. Peter Gotlieb, Mrs. Edward Cohen, Mrs. Joseph Minty, Mrs. Nathan Smith, Mrs. Morris Alpert, Mrs. Ben Braveman, Mrs. Abe Kern, Mrs. David Ashman, Mrs. Milton Lincoln, Mrs. Louis Striar, Mrs. Sam Grunko, Mrs. Ben Gordon, Mrs. Julius Stone.

## B'nai B'rith Chapter To Meet Wednesday

B'nai B'rith chapter will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, November 18, at 8:00 p. m. Through the efforts of Edward Allen, Maine B'nai B'rith Council president, the film "One God" will be shown. This film has received rave notices from educators, religious leaders and government officials for the fine presentation of the meaning of One God.

J.C.C. Sisterhood Meeting  
Tuesday Afternoon  
November 24  
at 2:00 P. M.

(Please note change of day)



Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, world-renowned novelist, critic and thinker, will address the first ZOA breakfast on Sunday, December 6.

Dr. Lewisohn has lived and travelled through Europe and the Middle East and has returned to America strengthened in his devotion to Israel.

Dr. Lewisohn is now professor of Comparative Literature at Brandeis University.

# EISENHOWER TO GET 1953 ADL AWARD NOV. 23



PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER



HENRY EDWARD SCHULTZ



President Dwight D. Eisenhower will receive the 1953 America's Democratic Legacy Award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Washington on November 23rd at a dinner given by the Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith to commemorate the League's 40th Anniversary. Philip M. Klutznick (left), president of B'nai B'rith, will preside at the dinner and the award will be presented to the President by Henry Edward Schultz (right), national chairman of the ADL, for his "distinguished contributions to the enrichment of America's democratic legacy", as the climax of a four-day forum program. The four major networks will televise the ceremony as part of a one-hour Rodgers and Hammerstein dramatization of the progress that America has made in the field of civil liberties during the past four decades. The President will be the ninth recipient of the medal (inset). Previous winners include former President Truman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.



## CHANUKAH-1953

Under Greek rule the Jews were enjoying freedom and general independence. It was only when Antiochus became King of Syria in the year 175 B.C.E. that they began to feel the yoke of the oppressor who tried to uproot their faith. It is indeed sad to record that Antiochus was helped by a group of extremist Jews who called themselves Hellenists and who did all in their power to influence the Jews of the country to exchange their life long tradition, for the so-called culture of the Greeks. But they had forgotten to reckon with the Hasmoneans, who though small in numbers, were strong in their conviction to fight for the right and the truth. Their religion's fervour and zeal gave them the strength to fight like lions, and so faith triumphed over alien influence and assimilation.

In our days a very similar problem faces our community. Whilst we of the Western world are allowed to learn, study and live according to our tradition and belief, many thousands of Jews in other lands have been deprived of this liberty, and are made to exchange their ways of life for other so-called cultures. It is up to us, therefore, to show the world that the spirit of the Maccabees is still in our hearts.

We must pray for strength and courage to give a lead in the return to the real values of Jewish life, the uncompromising return to our holy Torah and its precepts. Then and only then can we celebrate this festival with real joy, knowing that the fight of Matthias and his sons was not in vain, but that his slogan of "Mi Chamocha Baelim Hashem" Who is like unto you O G-d, is still alive in all of us today.

Rabbi M. S. Eisemann,  
Educational Director

## Theatre Guild Excels In First Production

The Center Theatre Guild scored with their professional presentation of *Three's a Family* as their first production.

Directed by Mrs. Evelyn Plumer, the entire cast excelled in their roles. Capacity audiences were on hand for the two performances and left no doubt of their pleasure and enjoyment.



Young people from all corners of the state converged on our Center on October 29 and 30 for the first Youth Conference of center youth to be held in Maine. Delegates from Portland, Bath, Lewiston, Auburn, Gardiner and Belfast joined our local young people in fun and in earnest discussion of the merits and values of organizing a Maine Youth Council.

As the young people adjourned their meeting and began their homeward trek by car, chartered bus and train the comment that rang through the building was "What a grand two days and how wonderful it was to meet the boys and girls from surrounding communities whom we have never seen before. Let's do this more often."

## Congratulations

### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ribner, of Lancaster, Pa., upon the birth of a daughter Miriam Ruth. Mr. Ribner was the former Executive Director of the Community Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winkeller upon the birth of a daughter Laura Jay.

### MARRIAGES

To: Captain and Mrs. Joseph Shragowitz upon their recent marriage. Mrs. Shragowitz is the former Joyce Medwed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pinchos Medwed of Newton, Mass., formerly of Bangor, Me.

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