

## NATIONAL A. D. L. OFFICIAL TO ADDRESS B'NAI B'RITH GROUPS | YOUTH GROUP TO DISCUSS AMERICAN JUDAISM

Frederick M. Kraut, National Director of the National Organizations Department of the Anti-Defamation League, will address the joint meeting of the B'nai B'rith Lodge and Chapter on Wednesday evening, at 8:00 p. m.

Mr. Kraut has had an unusual and varied background. A lawyer and teacher by profession, he practiced before the New York State and Federal Bar for over ten years and was associated for eight years with the New York City educational system as a guidance counselor and Dean of boys. He combined this with voluntary work in such social agencies as the Jewish Community House and the Stuyvesant Neighborhood House.



A well traveled man throughout North America, Mr. Kraut in July, 1943 joined the American Red Cross staff, and after three months as Director of the A.R.C.'s recreational program in New York City, during which time he was active with the American Theatre Wing and a host at the New York Stage Door Canteen, he embarked for Australia.

He remained "Down Under" until February 1945, as Area Director of Recreation and Entertainment for the American Red Cross. Among his responsibilities were

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## Jewish Music Month To Feature Talented Artists



Jewish Music Month will be celebrated by the Center on Monday March 1, at 8:15 p. m., when two youthful and talented artists make their first appearance in Bangor.

Edith Gordon, young operatic soprano, received her early musical education in Canton, Ohio and then attended Juilliard School of Music as a winner of the Margaret McGill Scholarship. Miss Gordon began her professional career as guest artist on radio station WOR and followed her successful debut as soloist on such network shows as Operatic Revue, Mutual Music Box, and Goodyear Program.

Leaving the field of radio Miss Gordon attended Tanglewood and so impressed Aaron Copland, that she was engaged as soprano soloist with the Paris Opera Ballet. Then followed her association with "The Telephone" and "The Medium."

During this past season Miss Gordon has appeared as soloist with the Little Orchestra Society and has been re-engaged for the 1953-54 season.

Raymond Smolaver, Cantor and Music Director of the White Plains Jewish Center, holds graduate degrees in music from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Columbia University and Teachers College.

Mr. Smolaver began his musical career singing the tenor role of "Herman" in the American premier of Tchaikovsky's opera "Piguet Dame" at the Tanglewood Music Box in 1949.

Mr. Smolaver has appeared as soloist with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, Jewish People's Philharmonic Chorale Society, and the Workman's Circle Chorale Society and has sung leading tenor roles with the New England Opera Theatre and the Tanglewood Opera Center.

This outstanding musical program is being presented by the Adult Activities Committee of the Center and is free to the Center members upon presentation of their membership cards at the door. Admission to non-members is fifty cents.

"Youth Looks at the Future of American Judaism" is the title of a series of seven meetings planned by our Teen Council. Planned to meet the needs of our young people to know of and discuss vital matters, these meetings will allow ample time for group discussion.

The group will meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 p. m. Complete schedule of meetings and topics to be discussed follow:

- Monday, February 15th  
Significance of the Sabbath
- Monday, March 8th  
Totalitarianism and Judaism
- Monday, March 29th  
Jewish Education
- Monday, April 12th  
Israel and America
- Monday, April 26th  
Anti-Semitism
- Monday, May 10  
Ethics of Judaism
- Monday, May 24th  
Living a Jewish Life in America

## Silk Screening Course To Be Continued

A class in Silk Screening is again being offered to our adults. Taught by Francis Hamabe, this class will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p. m. beginning March 2. The adult activities committee of the Center is repeating this course because of many requests by our members.

Registration must be made by February 26th, as the class will be limited. Fee for the 10 weeks' course of instruction is \$5.00 for members and \$7.50 for non-members.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies:  
To the family of the late Mrs. Abraham Katz.  
To the family of the late Mrs. Jacob Gass.

To Mr. Sol Brown upon the recent loss of his brother and sister-in-law.

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Bangor Post Office, Bangor, Maine, Under Act of March 3, 1879AMERICAN JEWRY TO DISCUSS  
EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

By JUDAH PILCH

*Executive Director American Association for Jewish Education*

For the second time in the history of the American Jewish community, delegates from all corners of the country and from all aspects and groupings in Jewish life will gather at a national conference, in March 1954, to discuss not fund-raising and philanthropy, not emergencies and responsibilities overseas, not even the frequently raised spectre of anti-Semitism, but Jewish education.

Conferences, national or local, are far from unusual in American Jewish life. But the plain historic fact is that we, American Jews, have lived almost 300 years in these United States and have come together only once on a full-scale, nationally representative basis, to discuss and to plan the future of our existence in terms of the indispensable activity of educating our children to the heritage of Judaism and Jewish living. That such a conference is being held for the second time during the Tercentenary of Jewish life in America is a welcome sign of American Jewry's mature realization that its future rests on education.

The Jews of America are thus facing up to the needs of strengthening their foundations for an ever growing and developing communal life. These needs are more than hypothetical; they are voiced with increasing frequency and urgency wherever thoughtful Jews come together, in local communities and in national organizations, and they are reflected in statement after statement emanating from the leadership of organizations of all types, from the American Jewish Committee to the Zionist Organization; orthodox, conservative, and reform. For the first time in our history, there is really widespread questioning about Jewish education, and the course that it should take.

Involved in this questioning is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the present status of Jewish education. Parents, teachers, social workers, rabbis, and community leaders were increasingly critical of all aspects of the work of Jewish schools. Some attack the day schools as parochial, others condemn the Sunday and afternoon schools as pitifully inadequate. There is sharp comment from some quarters on religious emphasis which, it is said, are unsuitable for the growing generation; others decry what they see as de-Judaization of the schools and the children. Attendance, texts, teachers, facilities, budgets—all come in for criticism and questioning. Then, too, the entire question of the specific aims of Jewish education come to the fore. Should the school be Hebrew language oriented, with adequate provision for the teaching of religious values and practices, or should the school emphasize preparation for life, which would imply the gradual elimination of Hebrew as the sine-qua-non of a sound curriculum and the substitution of subjects and activities that are "functional" in American Jewish life? Should the stress be on knowledge for its own sake or for adjustment in the American Jewish environment? Increasingly, it becomes obvious that these questions have to be balanced against each other and against the

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	February 14	Mr. and Mrs. Club	8:30 p.m.
Monday	February 15	Forum	8:15 p.m.
Tuesday	February 16	Beth Israel Bridge	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	February 17	B'nai B'rith Joint Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 21	B'nai B'rith Chapter	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 23	JCC Sisterhood	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	February 24	Adult Education Class	8:30 p.m.
Thursday	February 25	Z.O.A. Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 28	Beth Israel Young People	8:00 p.m.
Monday	March 1	Jewish Music Night	8:15 p.m.
Tuesday	March 2	Beth Israel Tea	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 3	Beth Abraham Sisterhood JCC Board	8:00 p.m.
Monday	March 8	B'nai B'rith Rummage Sale Hadassah Meeting	9:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9	B'nai B'rith Rummage Sale Yiddish Film	8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
Monday	March 15	Symposium	8:15 p.m.

facts. The liabilities in American Jewish education should be separated from the assets, the former discarded and the latter enhanced. And the whole existing structure should be measured against the responsibilities of American Jewry in the middle of the twentieth century, responsibilities to itself, to its children, and to Jewish life throughout the world.

The Conference is bound to awaken a new, deeper and broader understanding and interest in Jewish education in every hamlet and metropolis in America where Jews live. These will be reflected not only in greater attendance figures but also in vastly improved educational program. And what is equally important, this new ferment and activity will result in a new wave of support for Jewish education as the key to Jewish survival in the United States.



Shari, the talented radio and TV ventriloquist, will entertain our children on Tuesday, February 23, at 2:30 p. m.

Shari, who in private life is the daughter of Dr. A. Hurwitz, Director of Recreation at Yeshiva University, has appeared on such TV shows as "The Show Goes On," "Candy Carnival" and "Super Circus."

All children are invited to attend this show and have fun with Shari and her talking dummies.

**B'NAI B'RITH SPEAKER**

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the establishment, administration and direction of programs for American and Allied service personnel, in which capacity Mr. Kraut supervised a professional staff of 400 and a volunteer staff of 8,000 civilians. He staged many elaborate shows, performed himself in these productions and appeared on the radio for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. In addition, Mr. Kraut wrote a comprehensive manual which thereafter was used throughout the world by American Red Cross recreational personnel.

After leaving the Red Cross in February 1945, Mr. Kraut joined the staff of the A.D.L.'s Community Service Department. As a result of his specialized knowledge of servicemen, and their problems, he has been placed in charge of veterans' activities in the Eastern Regional Office.

During the summer of 1947, Mr. Kraut went to Europe. He brought back first hand information, especially regarding our De-Nazification program in Germany.

**Welcome To Our New Members Of The Center Family**

- Dr. Myer Byer
- Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dresner
- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Freedman
- Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Goldsmith
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldstein
- Mr. and Mrs. Max Gotlib
- Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gotlieb
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lait
- Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lieberman
- Mr. Hy Liebson
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mandelbaum
- Mr. and Mrs. Philip Nissenbaum
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pilot
- Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Rolnick
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Share
- Mr. and Mrs. Murry Sherman
- Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Smith
- Miss Pauline Smith

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Script for Israel may now be purchased by Bangor residents for relatives and friends living in Israel. Scripts may be purchased

**New Activities Now Open To Children**

*Ballet and Tap*

Registration for the second period of the Center School of Ballet and Tap may be made now at the office. This second semester will begin on Wednesday March 3rd and will continue until June 9th.

Two classes are available for children. 2:45-3:45 p. m.—3-5 years of age; 3:45-4:45 p.m.—Children over 5 years.

Registration fee for children of Center membership is \$10.00; non-members \$12.50. Each class will be limited to 20 children.

*Art and Puppet Making*

A class in painting and puppet-making will be taught by Francis Hamabe beginning Friday, March 5th at 3:30 p. m. and continuing for 10 weeks. Our youngsters will be able to learn the fundamentals of making and staging a puppet show and increase their skills in drawing and painting.

Classes are limited to 20 children. Registration must be made in advance. Instruction is free to Center members and a fee of \$2.50 for non-members will be charged.

*Children's Theatre and Folk Dancing*

The curtain will go up on our Children's Theatre Group when they hold their first meeting on Friday afternoon, March 5th at 3:30 p. m. Directed by Mrs. Janice Lewis and Mrs. Holmes the group will combine music, acting and dancing. Mrs. Lewis, a former student at the University of Maine, has directed creative theatre groups in many summer camps. Mrs. Holmes has conducted her own school of dancing before moving to Bangor. Both young women are interested in children and are members of our Nursery School staff.

Registration must be made in advance for the new activity and is free to Center members. A fee of \$2.50 will be charged non-members.

in any amount from \$5.00 to \$25.00 and are redeemable at special food stores in Israel. Orders for scripts may be made by calling Rabbi Juda Moses at 3119.

**Ladies Aid Seeks New Members**

The Ladies' Aid is now appealing to our young women to become members of this outstanding organization. The Ladies' Aid has a very distinct and worthwhile purpose for its existence. Organized many years ago to render aid to our less fortunate brethren, we have continued to serve those who require assistance.

Our organization conducts social activities, we do not meet every month, and we do not raise funds through activities. Our purpose is to help.

Join now with us for the year 1954 and help us be of service to our community. Send your membership dues of \$1.00 to me at 46 Leighton Street or to Mrs. Minnie Allen, 110 Center Street.

Mrs. Myer Minsky,  
President

**VACATION PROGRAM**

**CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS**

Tuesday	February 23	Shari	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	February 24	Arts, Crafts, Games, Folk Dancing	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 25	Cartoon Show	2:30 p.m.
Sunday	February 28	Roller Skating	2:00 p.m.

**TEENS**

Saturday	February 20	Dance	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 23	Movie	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 24	Open House	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 25	Roller Skating	4:00 p.m.

Party followed by Box Lunch and Social

**National Leaders To Open 1954 U. J. A. Campaign For \$119,921,150**

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Edward M. M. Warburg, General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, head the list of distinguished public figures who will address the UJA's National Inaugural Conference in Miami Beach, Fla., next Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 19, 20, and 21), when the Appeal will launch its 1954 nationwide campaign and its 16th successive annual drive in behalf of Israel and Jewish victims of war and oppression.

The more than 900 community leaders and campaign volunteers who will attend the inaugural sessions at the Saxony Hotel will be faced with the establishment of a 1954 standard of giving as the campaign gets under way to raise the UJA's goal of \$119,921,150, representing the combined budgetary needs of the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and United Service for New Americans.

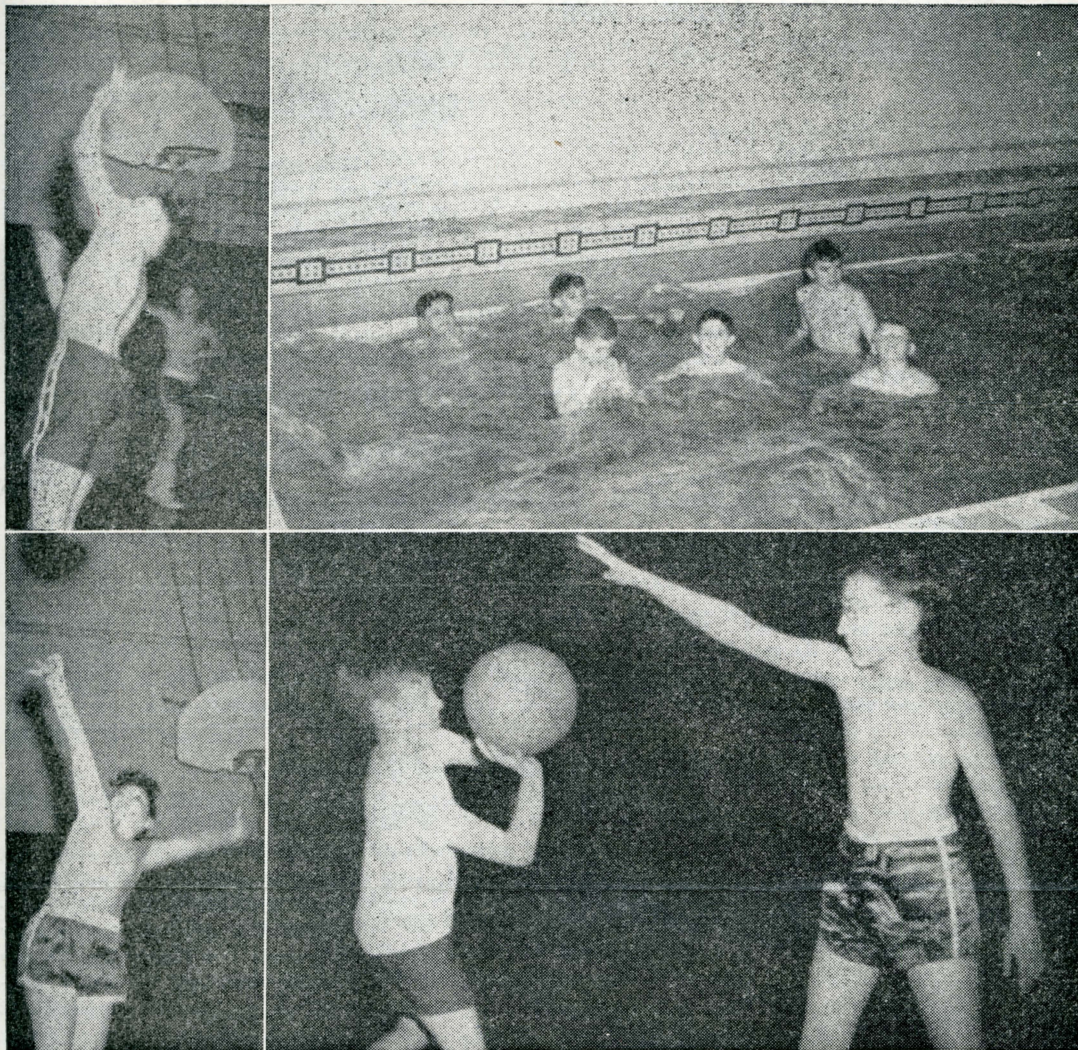
The three-day Inaugural Conference will open next Friday with a meeting of more than 300 outstanding women contributors who will be addressed by Mrs. Roosevelt and who will honor Mrs. Louis

Altschul of New York, a veteran leader in philanthropic causes and one of the UJA's staunchest supporters. The session will formally inaugurate the campaign of the Appeal's National Women's Division, which since its establishment in 1946 has stimulated the raising by American women of more than \$103,000,000.

The Conference will continue Saturday evening with a session of UJA national officers and members of the National Campaign Cabinet, and will conclude Sunday afternoon with a meeting of more than 600 of the country's leading contributors who will hear from Dr. Silver, Mr. Warburg, and Sam Levenson, the noted radio and television personality.

Last year, at a similar Inaugural Conference in Miami Beach, more than \$14,000,000 in pledges came forward to give the UJA the greatest sum ever contributed to launch a nationwide campaign.

The responsibilities facing the more than 900 conferees at this year's Conference are underscored both by last year's record and by the acute need for sustaining Israel's march to economic independence at a moment of acute and growing tension.



Pictured above are some of our children who attend the Center athletic program conducted at the Y. M. C. A. every Sunday afternoon. Supervised by Simon Nissenbaum, more than 30 youngsters enjoy an hour gym program and then plunge into the pool for an hour swim.

### 97th Council Scholar



Yehudith Brawer, of Jerusalem, arrived in the United States this week to spend two years studying child welfare work, which is, she says, "a new field in Israel which must be developed". She is the 97th student to be brought here under the overseas scholarship program of the National Council of Jewish Women for graduate study of advanced American techniques in fields of welfare, health and education. Miss Brawer, who is a member of the Child Welfare Department of the Ministry of Welfare in Jerusalem, will study at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work of Washington University in St. Louis.

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Murry Sherman upon the recent birth of a son, Scott Todd. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kliman.

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