

## BETH ISRAEL CENTER BULLETIN

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### GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW BUILDING

Two years of planning and preparation for the new Center building culminated in ground-breaking ceremonies at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3rd. More than 200 people were present at the site on Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Borough, to witness the event.

Among the distinguished guests were Congressman James Fulton, Judge David Olbum, Messrs. Stepanovich, Metcalfe, McWilliams and Faett of the Pleasant Hills Council, Mayor Larson of Pleasant Hills, County Commissioners McGrady and McClellan, and clergymen from this area, including the Reverends Bankston, Lewis, Rose, Buchanan, Shipley, and Father Griffith.

The program opened with the singing of "America", led by Mr. McWilliams of the Pleasant Hills Council. The invocation was given by Dr. Benjamin Lichter of B'Nai Israel. There followed a short speech by Dr. Jacques L. Weiss, our Past President, reviewing the history of the Center. Invited guests were next introduced. Then, Cantor Max Haalman led the assembly in singing "Adon Olom", and Phineas Nissenson led the responsive reading of the Thirtieth Psalm, a psalm of dedication.

Ground was broken, using a gilded shovel presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rosenberg and Mrs. Esther Anish, in memory of Abe M. Anish. The first shovelfuls of sod were taken by Mr. Sydney Friedlander, President of the Center, and Dr. Jacques Weiss, Past President. These were followed by other Board members, members of the Building Committee, and officers of the Sisterhood and Men's Club.

At the close of the ceremonies, following musical selections by the Children's Choir, the Rev. Sylvan Blau, of the Sons of Israel, Bel-laïre, Ohio, presented the congregation with one of the scrolls of the Torah that had been used by that congregation, which has now discontinued its activities.

Thanks are due Irwin Becker, Edward Weingart, Sidney Kaufman, Dr. Sidney Schwimer, Dr. Joseph Markowitz and Robert Melhado for the preparations for this notable occasion.

Our son Scott will read a portion of the Haftorah on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday morning, July 21st, at 2:30 a.m. in the McClellan School. We would be honored to have all our friends and the Congregation of Beth Israel Center worship with us.  
Esther and Del Grosser

Ronna and Harvey Rosenberg extend a special "thank you" to Dorothy Friedlander for gilding the ground-breaking shovel, used in the June 3rd ceremonies. The shovel will now be chrome-plated, to be permanently displayed in the new building, when it is erected.

Rabbi Kaufman represented Beth Israel Center in the Pleasant Hills Memorial Day parade, and in the ceremonies held immediately afterward in Mowry Park. The Rabbi rode in the parade in company with clergymen of other denominations. During the ceremonies, he delivered a short address appropriate to the occasion.



## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Center held its Spring General Meeting on May 24th at the McClellan School. Approximately, 50 members attended. The highlight of the evening was the installation of the newly-elected officers by Rabbi Kaufman. The ceremonies included a valedictory for the outgoing officers.

The membership approved a record budget of \$16,210 for the coming year. Among the items of special interest were \$8350 for Rabbi Kaufman's salary and pension fund payments, and \$3000 for the minimum necessary furnishings for the new building.

Dr. J. Markowitz introduced an amendment which would revise Art. IV, Section 1 of the By-laws to read: "The Board shall have the discretion subject to the will of the Membership, to define special categories of membership, and shall have the discretion to schedule dues and other payments required of Members." The present By-laws permit no classes other than that of full member. Passage of this amendment would not, of itself, set up other categories. It is simply an enabling act.

## LARGE GIFTS RECEIVED

Following the ground-breaking ceremony, a number of notable donations were received by the Center. A gift of \$200 was made by Mrs. Selda Simon, in memory of her late husband, Jacob W. Simon, for the panelling of the altar.

A gift of \$100 was received from Congressman James Fulton, who represents this district in Washington.

## FOR RENT

3-bedroom apartment, 3rd floor, private entrance, many conveniences. Call TU4-0291.

(The Bulletin is happy to accept advertisements and notices of interest to the community.)

## CENTER CELEBRATES FIRST BAS-MITZVAH

On Friday, June 1st, the Bas-Mitzvah of Madeleine Wolk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wolk, was celebrated at Sabbath evening services.

Miss Wolk led the congregation in several of the responsive readings during the service, and chanted the 'Ba-midbar' Haftorah from the Chumash. She then gave an interpretation of this portion from Hosea.

Mr. Sydney Friedlander, President of the Center, presented a Bible to Miss Wolk. In behalf of the Sisterhood, Mrs. Del Grosser presented a prayer book for the High Holiday services.

Dr. Joseph Markowitz and Mr. Jonathan Duker conducted the services. Refreshments were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Wolk, and Mrs. Sidney Kaufman supervised the serving.

## BRIDGE OR SWIM AT TOWERVUE JUNE 27

Beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, June 27th, Center members and their friends, (couples or ladies only), will be able to enjoy an evening of bridge or swimming at the Towervue Country Club. Admission is \$1.25 per person. Door prizes, table prizes, coffee and cake will highlight the evening! All proceeds will be given to the Sisterhood Donor program. There will be \$1.00 Donor credit for each ticket sold. PLEASE CALL Mrs. Marvin Sukolsky, at TU4-0291, for information and reservations.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (CLIP & SAVE)

June 26	--- Men's Club Meeting
27	--- Bridge or Swim Party
28	--- Center Family Picnic
28	--- Center Board (Tentative)
July 21	--- Grosser Bar Mitzvah
23	--- Sisterhood Board
26	--- Center Board Meeting



## PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

MAZEL TOV to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Berrin upon the birth of a son, Maco, on May 23rd. The Berrins are moving to Evanston, Ill. about the middle of June.

MAZEL TOV to Mr. Harry Bress, whose son was a recent graduate of Pitt Medical School.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nancy Leva and Cheryl Rosenblatt! Both girls recently graduated from Baldwin High School.

BON VOYAGE to the J.E. Rosenbergs, who will be touring through Europe for 17 days, beginning on Father's Day. Good trip wishes, too, for Nancy Leva, who shall be spending 8 weeks in Israel, leaving New York on June 30th.

STEEDY RECOVERIES to Mrs. M. Topfritz, Rita Rosner's mother, who recently fractured her hip; to Mr. Harry Bress, and Mr. J.E. Rosenberg's mother, who underwent operations; to Billie Dolnick, recovering from mouth surgery; to Mr. Gerald Moskowitz, who has entered Montefiore Hospital for surgery.

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The Bulletin Editors for the coming year are Bob and Myra Berman. Our telephone number is 013-1966. Copy may be mailed to 211 Ben-Til Drive, Tgh. 36. The deadline is the first Thursday of each month.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC RESCHEDULED!!

The Family Sunday School Picnic has been rescheduled for Thursday evening, June 28th, at 5:30 p.m., in Lodge #1 of Mowry Park, Pleasant Hills. Charlotte Schwimer, General Chairman, requests that families provide their own suppers. Cokes and popsicles will be given to the children. If you do not wish to eat at the Park, please note that races for pre-schoolers to adults will begin at 7 o'clock. There will be PRIZES for all children! Additional \$.25 registrations will be accepted that evening. For further information and reservations, PLEASE CALL Charlotte Schwimer, at TU4-2457.

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## SPRING DANCE SUCCESS!

The Annual Spring Dance was held at the Twin Coaches, Route 51, in Belle Vernon, on May 13th. Over 100 persons attended, and a PROFIT of \$450.00 was realized from the sale of tickets.

Entertainment was provided by the Ames Brothers, as well as a dance team.

Additional PROFIT of \$2371.00 was gained from our Ad Book! The Book was distributed as a program for the ground-breaking ceremony.

Success of these projects was due to the efforts of the Spring Dance Committee, Co-chairmen Harvey Horvitz and Del Grosser, and the Ad Book Committee, headed by Ed Weingart and George Wolk. THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN!

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### JUBILATION FROM THE JUNE JUBILEE!

On May 31st and June 1st, a group of Sisterhood women, under the co-chairmanship of Charlotte Schwimer and Estelle Weissburg, manned a Center booth at the Brentwood-Whitehall Shopping Center, which was celebrating a June Jubilee. We were well received by the community! \$115.00 was realized from the sale of corned beef sandwiches, corned beef by the pound and iced tea. \$5.00 worth of maps and \$10.00 from the sale of recipe boxes were added to the total receipts from the booth.

Working with the co-chairmen mentioned above, was the following committee: the Mesdames Bernstein, Grosser, Jacket, Leva, J. Markowitz, Molhado, Mendlow, Moskowitz, Nissen-son, Raphael and J.E. Rosenberg.

Special thanks are tendered Ed Rosenberg, who made the large clear signs, and Mr. Ruby, from Ruby's Delicatessen, who prepared and sliced the corned beef. Indeed, he **DESERVES** our patronage!!

### "MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES"!!!

Money trees, that is! Sylvia Mendlow, Chairman of this VERY IMPORTANT fund-raising project, recently announced that \$100.00 in SILVER DOLLARS will be raffled off at the November 8th General Meeting! \$25.00, also in SILVER DOLLARS, will be given away to a lucky winner as a Second Prize! Committee plans are now being formulated for the distribution and sale of raffle books. WATCH future bulletins for more details! \$1000.00 was raised last year! CAN YOU TOP THIS?

At the May 28th Sisterhood Board Meeting, it was unanimously approved to grant Mrs. Robert Kaufman (Hilda), wife of the Rabbi, an Honorary Membership in the Sisterhood.

### INCIDENTALLY YOURS!

Anyone who desires to serve as a hostess for an Oneg Shabbat on a particular Friday evening, please call Myra Scott at 013-4608.

Eileen Kaufman reminds us that she is collecting Betty Crocker coupons. When these are redeemed, they will help us furnish the KITCHEN for the Center. When using a General Mills product, save the coupons for Eileen.

Also, here's an EASY way to raise that DONOR! Give or send those "Cash-off" coupons that you don't need, to Eileen, 329 Macassar Drive, Pgh. 36. She is redeeming coupons at the end of June, and another batch will be sent off in October.

HOBBY HORSES, anyone? Lee Grossman, at TU4-3354, will beg, borrow or steal --- children's toys, hobby horses, books, blocks, ... children's chairs and tables --- quantity unlimited, quality, in reasonably good condition --- to be used at the baby-sitting facilities in the new Center for the High Holidays. Hold on to that equipment, and watch for additional Bulletin notices!

A check for \$2500.00 is to be given to the Center from the Sisterhood in the near future.

Maida Chotiner, at 015-2393, will begin taking orders for Jewish New Year cards in July.

The next Sisterhood Board Meeting is at the home of Izma Leva, on July 23rd.



## THE COMPASS

BETH ISRAEL  
MEN'S CLUB

## MEN'S CLUB COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

The Men's Club has passed a milestone; it has completed its first year of operation. And what a full year it has been! The success of future years would do well to measure up to the standards we have already set.

Our popular Bagel and Lox sessions ran for twelve Sunday mornings, and covered a range of thought-provoking subjects, from Conservative Judaism to Patent Law. We are anticipating a continuation of this excellent series in the Fall under the direction of Earl Parker.

During this past year, the Men's Club made arrangements for four Friday Night Oneg Shabbat programs, ran two fishing trips, sponsored an AZA youth group and helped send one of the boys to camp; organized a camera club, raised almost \$500 by making and selling street maps of the area, undertook the UJE collection in this area, contributed some of the necessary labor in setting up the High Holiday services and other events. We also co-sponsored a family picnic and a Purim Carnival, ran a Sports Night program, two smokers, and a ball game outing. We initiated a tradition of gifts to Bar Mitzvahs, and contributed toward the purchase of books for the Pleasant Hills Library.

Many of these programs will be continued, and many new ones will be initiated this year. We are looking forward to an increased membership in the coming year. For a larger, stronger, more meaningful Men's Club, we need YOUR help and YOUR participation. I. Becker

JUNE GENERAL MEETING. The June General Meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 1962, in Lodge #1 in Mowry Park, Pleasant Hills. The events of the evening will start at 6:30 P.M. in the ballfield. Big Leaguers should report to Recreation Director Mel Wellerstein, who has hopes of fielding two top-flight teams. A buffet supper will be served at 8:00 P.M. for only \$1.50. This will be followed by a business session and a social hour. Make your reservations now, by calling Earl Parker, TU 4-0426.

\$500 RAISED FROM MAP SALES. During the Center general meeting of May 24, Ely Grossman, Chairman of the Service Committee of the Men's Club, presented the Center with \$493.13, which represented the proceeds from the sale of our copyrighted street map of Baldwin, Whitehall, and Pleasant Hills. Approximately \$50 additional has been collected since the meeting.

A limited number of maps are still available from Ely Grossman, at TU 4-3354.

This attractive map, which was drawn by a group of our members as a service to the community, has brought considerable prestige and good will as well as revenue to the Center.

AZA BOYS GOING TO CAMP. Carl Tannenbaum and Steve Schwartz of the Whitewood AZA Chapter will be going to the AZA convention at Camp Akiba, Stroudsburg, Pa., June 25 through 29. In order to pay fees and meet expenses, the chapter has raised over \$50 in a few weeks. To this was added \$25 by the Beth Israel Center Men's Club, and \$25 by B'Nai Brith South Suburban Lodge.

The Whitewood AZA Chapter is sponsored by the Men's Club. The adult advisor is Art Small, OL 3-6642. It consists of boys aged 13-18.