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DON'T MISS THE

MEN'S CLUB MEETING, TUES. OCT. 20

FATHER and CHILD NIGHT—SPORTS STAR PROGRAM

Added Attraction

Two door prizes to lucky winner

FATHER AND CHILD NIGHT

Bring your sons and daughters to the next Men's Club meeting on the evening of Tuesday, October 20. The Sports Star program planned is designed to entertain both Pop and the kids.

Your program Committee is now putting the finishing touches on its entertainment plans. On top of the list of possible "name" athletes being considered is Yankee southpaw pitcher Whitey Ford who did so well in the series.

Added Attraction: You may win two door prizes. . . a pair of ringside tickets for the fights at Eastern Parkway Arena, donated by Herb Cohen, plus a Simonize job on your car, donated by Sam Schack and Dave Bauman.

A card listing the name of every Men's Club member is being kept in a Door-Prize box. At each meeting one name is drawn. To win, you must be present and must be a paid up member. If there is no winner the prize is added to the prize for the following month. There is no fee--no tickets to buy--just be there to win. The Simonize job would have been won by Phil Kornblum had he been present at the last meeting.

GOALS WORTH SHOOTING FOR

As this season was launched, the Men's Club set its sights on two prime targets--fund raising and membership. In both, new highs were set as goals.

Our fund-raising program already has set a record and our membership program is on the threshold of important gains.

The first fund-raising project, in just a few short weeks, already has earned more money than the Men's Club ever realized in any full year of operation. We're well on the way toward reaching the goal we set last June.

In membership growth lies our hope for stability, greater service to the community, and more constructive activity to the Men's Club and the Temple.

We're launching our first membership drive on October 18. Our guns are loaded for bear. But we need your help to bag the game. So let's meet this challenge together by getting behind Membership Chairman Sid Siporin and assisting him in his program.

Irving Holczer
First Vice-President



WORLD SERIES SCORE CARDS

NET \$3500, SET NEW RECORD

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
 Officers:
 Pres. David Resnick
 1st. Vice.Pres. Irving Holczer
 2nd. Vice.Pres. David Bauman
 Rec. Secy. Carl Jonas
 Corr. Secy. Nat Drucker
 Treasurer George Farbstein
 Sgt. at Arms Bert Gropper
 2 year trustees Sol Rothenberg
 Lennie Braverman
 Dave Cohan
 1 year trustees Marvin Newberg
 Sid Siporin
 Herbert Cohen

Committee Chairmen:

Program Fred Soefer
 Will Phillips
 Bert Gropper
 Hospitality Ben Klee
 N.F.T.B. George Hart
 Fund Raising Sol Rothenberg
 Herbert Cohen
 Temple Activi- Sam Krupnick
 ties Arthur Breidbart
 Social Service Morris Shapiro
 Membership Sidney Siporin
 Carl Neufeld
 Publicity & Jack Jacobs
 Stag-Line Bill Golub
 Joseph Gilbert
 David Cohan
 Athletic Carl Jonas

The \$3500 raised in just one month by the World Series Score Cards sales represents 35% of the \$10,000 quota promised to the Temple, reports Fund-Raising Chairman Sol Rothenberg.

Sol attributed this outstanding success to the almost 100% participation of the entire Men's Club membership. Chairman Rothenberg modestly overlooks his own driving organizational ability and gives much of the credit to his district captains, who were:

Herb Cohen	George Farbstein
Nat Drucker	Dave Cohan
Irv Silverstein	Ben Klee
Morrie Lerner	Bert Gropper
Marvin Newberg	Martin Dubowy
Dave Bauman	Stanley Franklin
Sam Schack	Mel Goldshine

Sol reports he was fortunate to have on his team an unusual number of "big pushers." There were 13 men who sold 100 or more cards and another 22 members who sold between 50 and 100 cards each.

Incidentally, President Dave Resnick took top individual honors by selling 250 cards.

The sales record stacks up as follows:

D. Resnick	250	S. Rothenberg	119
B. Sabeson	155	R. Edelstein	110
C. Lerner	150	A. Domin	110
L. Braverman	130	I. Holczer	105
S. Levens	124	S. Weinhaus	102
S. Krupnick	120	B. Gropper	102
		M. Lerner	101

A. Koppleman	82	W. Phillips	57
A. Streitfeld	75	D. Bauman	57
Ben Klee	73	E. Katz	54
M. Kliegman	72	D. Cohan	53
S. Ritter	70	I. Green	52
S. Berger	70	S. Falk	50
E. Silk	66	L. Kaplan	50
M. Dubowy	62	N. Drucker	50
G. Farbstein	60	I. Cohen	50
F. Soefer	60	A. Kleid	50
A. Klepner	59	A. Schwartz	50

Last but far from least lets thank the member who sold the ten and twenty lots. Every member who sold even one ticket was instrumental in the success of this drive.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT TOP SPORTS PROGRAM

If you think you're a fair hand at manipulating a ping pong paddle, here's a chance to strut your stuff. The Club's ping pong tournament has just been launched and you're invited to enter -- either in the singles or teamed up with a pal in the doubles.

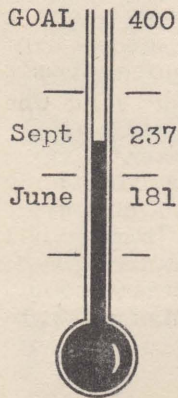
Finals are planned for the Men's Club meeting in February. And the handsome trophies to be awarded to the winners in both events are worth "ponging" for. To enter, call Dave Cohan at Fl 4-5339.

Dave also would like you to notify him if you're interested in participating in the swimming and basketball activities at Andrew Jackson High School in Cambria Heights, a stone's throw from Elmont.

If bowling is your particular dish of tea, you can enter the Men's Club bowling tournament which will be held on Sundays, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Just pick up the phone and call Dave.

"MM" DAY...MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Sunday October 18, 10 A.M. to 12 noon



Sunday, October 18th, has been designated as the day of an all out membership drive. Sid Siporin, Membership Chairman, reports that he and a crew of eager volunteers will be out in force to visit and sign up new members.

Prospective members will have been informed that a Men's Club representative will visit them sometime between the hours of 10 A.M. and 12 noon.

If you would care to help Sid in this important and interesting assignment, call him right now at PRIMROSE 5-2606.

Note the goal on the Membership Thermometer. In June, the reading was 181 members. Sid has already brought that up to 237 members, in the first month of the new season.

"If the turnout is right this Sunday," says Sid, "we can hit our goal of 400 members in the month of October".

BY-LAWS UP FOR REVISION

The following recommended amendments to our By-Laws will be voted on at our October 20 meeting:

ARTICLE VIII

"5% of the club membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum."

Our present By-Laws provide for a 15% quorum.

ARTICLE IV - Section C - Subdivision 2

Add to the second sentence the quoted provisions so that it shall read as follows:

"After this there shall be no further nominations, except that should there be no nominees for any office at the election meeting in May, nominations for that office only may be made at that meeting by any member in good standing and shall require a second from the floor."

SHORT TAKES...

. Door-prize winner at our September meeting was Joe Hazen, who received two box seats to Ebbetts Field, donated by Herb Cohen.

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. Guest speaker at the Sisterhood's October meeting will be Mr. Avtar Singh, first secretary to Madame Pundit, delegate from India. It's an open meeting and the men are invited.

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. Treasurer George Farbstein urges you to send him your dues (\$5) if you haven't already done so. His address is 878 Val Park Avenue, North Valley Stream.

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. The Sisterhood in cooperation with our Social Services Committee plans to distribute cigarettes at the Mitchel Field Hospital. You can help too by contributing a pack of cigarettes at our October 20th meeting.

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. Temple Activities Chairman, Sam Krupnick, advises that you will be in for a pleasant experience at the Saturday Morning Bar Mitzvah and Bas Mitzvah services. For the remainder of the year, the following are scheduled:

BAR MITZVAHS

October 24--Howard Schweitzer
October 31--Steven Wolin

BAS MITZVAHS

November 21--Roni Welt
December 5--Renee Hyman

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MAZELTOV TO THE RABBI

Congratulations to Rabbi Baumgarten, Mrs. Baumgarten, and their son Jonathan David, on this very special occasion, the birth of Shira R.

Vital Statistics:

Shira R. was born Thursday, October 8, at North Shore Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz.

Our warmest wishes for your family's good health and happiness.

"WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT WHAT CUSTOMS WE SHALL OBSERVE..." says OUR RABBI

"You don't have to attend synagogue services to be a good Jew. But if you do, you'll be a better Jew and a more complete person for it."

That's what Rabbi Herbert Baumgard told your editors when they interviewed him on the significance and value to the individual of attending religious services and participating in Temple activities.

True, the relationship between God and the individual is a private one, observed, the Rabbi. But each day you and I are continually involved in human relations --working with others, trying to get along with them--as a husband, a father, a neighbor, a part of the business and social community. It is these human relationships that participation in the synagogue can make more meaningful, more satisfying, more harmonious.

What will I personally get from attending religious services, you might ask Rabbi Baumgard just as we did. He would tell you, as he told us, services will inform you as to:

- What Judaism is.
- What it is to be a Jew.
- What meaning Judaism has in modern times.
- How it can enable you better to meet the fundamental problems of everyday life.

To know and to understand the history of Judaism is to know the rich traditions and culture from which we evolve. When I learned these things not so many years ago, noted the Rabbi, I wore my Jewry with a new-found pride and developed a new respect for myself.

Perhaps you like so many modern Jews question the sense of chanting prayers at a service in a language that you don't understand. Perhaps you also wonder about the need for many of the customs, forms, and rituals of Judaism as you were brought up to know it.

If these doubts made you feel like a heretic, as it did us, you're in for a

pleasant surprise when you attend services at the Temple. That's because Rabbi Baumgard has brought to the B'nai Israel Congregation "Liberal Judaism" . . . tailored to serve the changing needs of modern Americans.

Services are in English as well as in Hebrew. Liberal Judaism doesn't insist upon rigorous adherence to forms such as Kashruth. A failure to observe a ceremony doesn't make you a "sinner." On the other hand, Liberal Judaism doesn't discourage the observance of ceremonies like Kashruth. It simply maintains that the moral law is mandatory while the ceremonial law is not.

Liberal Judaism urges the observance of those forms or customs which have either aesthetic value or group survival value . . . lighting candles on the Sabbath, for example. It holds that we have the right to select what customs we shall observe, and the right to create new ones, Bas Mitzvah, and Confirmation for example.

The Rabbi feels with the Hebrew Prophets that the ceremonial aspects of Judaism are not musts, but the moral aspects are. And through Judaism, observes the Rabbi, we can find the moral truths, needed to integrate the world community.

"The search for these truths is a never-ending one. Let us grope together in this quest," urged the Rabbi, "for in a cohesive group we can help each other, through mutual inspiration, to perceive meaning and significance to a much greater extent than we can as individuals."

Boiled down to fundamentals, synagogue participation serves the individual in three ways: (1) it gives him a historical understanding of Judaism, (it enables the individual to understand what he as a "Jew" is) (2) it inspires him to improve himself and the community, and (3) helps him plan to achieve these improvements.

A clue to what Temple B'nai Israel activities hold in store for you comes from Rabbi Baumgard's parting remark to us: "I want to teach the people in my congregation that Judaism is something to dance and sing about, and not merely the blind adherence to forms of the past.