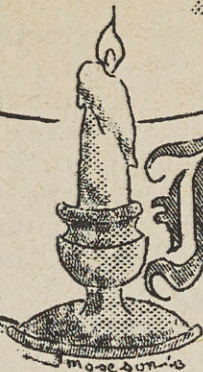


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ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES COMPLETED

Ticket Committee Now Ready to Serve You

NATIONAL COUNCIL PURCHASES NEW HOME

One of the first history-making steps taken by the recently-elected administration of the National Council of Young Israel, has been the purchase of a new home, a building that befits the dignity and high purposes of the Movement.

Ideally located (3 West 16th Street, just west of Fifth Avenue), the building, when alterations are completed, will house the administrative offices, a model Synagogue (air-conditioned) and Beth Hamedrosh, a Central School for Adult Jewish Education, a Hebrew-Yiddish-English library, recreation and lounge rooms, and full facilities for carrying out all of the Council's activities, such as the Employment Bureau for Sabbath Observers, Army and Navy work, Junior and Intermediate activities -- and aid to every cause deemed worthy.

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Tickets for High Holiday services, it was announced by the Synagogue Committee, were placed on sale August 30. In order to avoid the last-minute rush, the Committee recommends that you, our members and friends, reserve your seats immediately. A committee is in attendance nightly, from 7:30 to 10:30 P. M. to serve you.

As in previous years, Young Israel decorum will dominate the services, conducted as usual in traditional orthodox manner. In keeping with uniformity, an integral part of a decorous service, white skull-caps will again be distributed free to every seat-holder, with the

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EDITORIAL

We stand at the threshold of a momentous period in human history. We shall witness in the very near future, with the help of G-d, the utter defeat of Jewry's -- nay, humanity's -- most brutal and heartless enemy. We await the momentary announcement of Allied total victory in the European theatre of operations.

But with our joy -- a justifiable joy, perhaps, which will know no bounds -- will come a reality whose sobering effects will determine our every action in the post-war world, and which we dare not pass by. And that reality is the burden which will be placed on our shoulders by the return of thousands, and possibly millions, from the battle-fronts in dire need of upbuilding -- spiritual as well as physical, moral as well as material.

We in Parkchester will have to share that burden as American citizens. And as American citizens we will be able to aid, to a very great extent, in the physical rejuvenation of our fighting men.

But, as Americans -- and especially as Jews -- are we prepared to cope with the even more pressing and difficult problem of a spiritual uplifting of our Jewish warriors? From the smugness and complacency evidenced thus far by Parkchester Jews in response to calls for numerous humanitarian needs, we dare say that the return of our boys will find us utterly and totally lacking in the barest essentials necessary for our own spiritual needs, let alone the needs of hundreds of local fighting men.

It is not too late, thank Heaven. The Young Israel of Parkchester is in the midst of a campaign to raise the funds necessary for the erection of a building adequate enough to serve the purposes of local Jewish youth. Your cash contribution, although welcome, is not sufficient; your personal participation in our activities counts more. Join in our activities NOW!

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS —

We look at the calendar and the year 5705 about to ring up the curtain on the stage of our existence. Another year either passed us by, or we passed it by, or we lived through it every month, week, day and hour. What we have accomplished for the betterment of ourselves, our families and for our fellow man is the yardstick by which we measure time.

I thought it was time for a little stock-taking of ourselves; of our job or mission on this earth; of the things we learned about our Jewish people, their needs, the meaning of our Religion, its values, the shortcomings of our endeavors and the hope for our future.

I thought it would be worthwhile to review what I had learned about the attitude of our people locally, towards Jewish education, about what Jewish education could do for them and what effect the lack of it had upon them.

We feel ourselves part of a Jewish community. We believe our children's happiness, as ours, depends upon their feeling themselves part of such a community which, in turn, is an integral part of the society in which we live. But what kind of Jewish community would our children find themselves in if its members by and large were not educated in things Jewish and did not understand our history, tradition and our place in the world?

The community I find is generally apathetic towards an orthodox Jewish education. It has not quite understood it and it nurtures many misconceptions about it. Many people I met were not only apathetic, they were antagonistic. Frankly, they thought orthodox Jewish education something for their children to keep away from; something strange, foreign and disturbing; something

which would only serve to disrupt the proper adjustment of their children to the normal life about them.

I lay the blame for this condition squarely on the shoulders of the leaders of orthodox Jewry in the community; for their laxity in not putting forth every effort in promoting and propagating the Torah True orthodox Judaism in its proper light.

The only source of hope in that direction is Young Israel because we sense the possibilities, the function and the ideals of orthodox Jewish education. We believe, and practice the belief, that we must turn to the synagogue, the Talmud Torah, the Yeshiva, not only when we are threatened or insecure, but always as a definite pattern for our existence, because our security will be threatened only when we forsake the House of Worship and the halls of orthodox learning.

The new year, into which we are about to enter, is the forerunner or the condition precedent to the following year which numerically adds up to the figure eighteen (י"ח), meaning life. If we are to be entitled to life with its bountiful goodness, with health, happiness and plenty (without war and strife), then we must be on our best behavior during this new year. We must create goodness not only for ourselves but for our fellow man according to the tenets of the laws of G-d as brought down from Mt. Sinai by the hands of Moses.

It is our fervent prayer that the Almighty deliver us from evil days and that He will once again dwell among us.

Amen.

A. S. Kirshenbaum

WHY I AM A JEW

- I am a Jew because born of Israel and having lost it, I felt it revive within me more alive than I am myself.
- I am a Jew because born of Israel, and having found it again, I would have it live after me more alive than it is within me.
- I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands no abdication of my mind.
- I am a Jew because the faith of Israel asks every possible sacrifice of my soul.
- I am a Jew because in all places where there are tears and suffering the Jew weeps.
- I am a Jew because in every age when the cry of despair is heard, the Jew hopes.
- I am a Jew because the message of Israel is the most ancient and the most modern.
- I am a Jew because Israel's promise is a universal promise.
- I am a Jew because for Israel the world is not finished; men will complete it.
- I am a Jew because for Israel Man is not yet created; men are creating him.
- I am a Jew because Israel places man and his Unity above nations and above Israel itself.
- I am a Jew because above Man, image of the Divine Unity, Israel places the Unity which is divine.

FLASH!!

KEEP NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN

OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE HAS PLANNED AN AFFAIR YOU'LL LONG REMEMBER. DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN A LATER EDITION

FROM OUR YOUNG 'UNS—

That the Intermediates of the Young Israel of Parkchester have progressed steadily in the past year can be shown by the increased numbers of boys and girls that have joined us, by the larger percentage of members taking active part in our activities, and by the greater scope of these activities. Indeed, during the summer months, with the bulk of the membership away on vacations, we maintained meetings and functions which were as complete and as successful as those of ordinary seasons.

Last year we sponsored several social affairs at the Centre and have learned from experience much about them so that our future socials will be even more prosperous than those of the past. We held hikes, outings, and other trips both by ourselves, and in conjunction with the Young Israel of University Heights. At the close of our Sunday night meetings, we sponsored dancing, Ping Pong, checkers, and other pastimes for our members and their friends. Each of these meetings was terminated with a lecture debate, or quiz on some topic relative to Jewish culture or religion.

For the coming year, we have already started making plans. We shall continue all of the above activities and enlarge upon them. At the end of September, we will sponsor a large social affair which will be highlighted by a popular dance orchestra and an original show. Free refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

This group has felt the weight of the war. Many of our active members are serving with the armed forces. Almost all of those fellows who remain, are either leaving for the service in a short period of time, or they are in the doubtful class that may too be called shortly. However, we still have more than enough members, boys as well as girls, to continue our well-organized, well-functioning club for the next year, and more.

REGISTRATION IN TALMUD TORAH NOW IN PROGRESS

Mr. David Silverman, Chairman of the Board of Education of the Jewish Center-Young Israel Talmud Torah, has announced that registration in the Hebrew School for the coming year will commence September 1st, according to the following schedule:

Monday thru Thursday - 9 to 11 AM
Sundays - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Classes will begin in regular session Monday, September 11th.

It is incumbent upon every Jewish parent in the vicinity to see to it that his son and daughter receive an ample Hebrew training. Our Talmud Torah is well equipped to give your child that training.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY.

High Holiday Services

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beauty of the services. Officiating will be William Posner and Kalman S. Winkler, with the aid of the congregants in ever-welcome Congregational Singing. A roster of eloquent speakers who will deliver inspiring and interesting sermons, rounds out the arrangements as planned by the Committee, and which, you may be assured, will offer you a Holiday you will long remember.

The Committee requests that for our mutual benefit, you place your reservations at the earliest possible moment.

Join us in praying to the Almighty for a year of health and happiness, one in which we shall see the attainment of a speedy and everlasting Peace.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Slichoth:

Saturday, Sept. 9th, midnight

Rosh Hasnonah:

Sunday, September 17th, 6:30 P.M.
Monday, September 18th, 8:00 A.M.
Monday, September 18th, 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, September 19th, 8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, September 19th, 6:30 P.M.

Shabbos Shuvah:

Friday, September 22nd, 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00 A.M.

Kol Nidre:

Tuesday, September 26th, 6:15 P.M.

Yom Kippur:

Wednesday, September 27, 8:00 A.M.
(Yizkor Services - 11 A.M.)

Succoth:

Sunday, October 1st, 6:15 P.M.
Monday, October 2nd, 9:00 A.M.
Monday, October 2nd, 6:15 P.M.
Tuesday, October 3rd, 9:00 A.M.
Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:15 P.M.

Hoshanah Rabba: Breakfast Club

Sunday, October 8th, 9:00 A.M.

Shemini Atzereth:

Sunday, October 8th, 6:15 P.M.
Monday, October 9th, 9:00 A.M.
(Yizkor Services - 10:30)

Simchath Torah:

Monday, October 9th, 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 10th, 9:00 A.M.

Committee Chairmen Plan Active Season for Young Israel

Now that vacation time is practically over, the Young Israel of Parkchester is busily planning its activities for the coming fall and winter seasons. With the High Holy Days approaching rapidly, we are concentrating on making this year's services even more memorable than last year's. We have the assurance of the Chairman of the High Holiday Committee, Kalman Winkler, that many new features have been added to our already decorous services, and he guarantees satisfaction to our patrons.

William Posner and his Education Committee have worked out a number of innovations in their program for the coming year. Our Sabbath minyan is in for a pleasant surprise: something new has been added by way of Sermonettes. Furthermore, classes in History, Customs and Ceremonies, and Hebrew (elementary and advanced) will be offered this year as in the past, but the Committee hopes these classes will be better received. Why not take advantage of these free courses to brush up on these subjects? Enrollment blanks will be mailed to you in the near future. Help yourselves to these free courses; their success depends upon your participation.

Our usual Friday evening Bible classes will commence right after the Holidays, and you will be notified of the time and place of the first class. The Committee is also making plans for an Oneg Shabbat class for the youngsters, to be conducted Saturday afternoons under the supervision of our Junior and Intermediate leader.

Speaking of our Junior and Intermediate activities, we of Young Israel feel justly proud of our youth

your child, and for the sake of providing him or her with the proper environment, we suggest they join one of our clubs immediately.

Our social season once again promises to be filled with celebrations and gaiety. Irving Pollack and Barnett Harris, Co-Chairmen of our Social Committee, are going to out-do their achievements of the past social season. Our mid-year Dinner and Dance -- and Souvenir Journal -- will be something to look forward to.

We are hoping to make this a banner year in all our activities. All we ask is for your participation and cooperation.

National Council Building

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The Building Committee of the National Council has announced that it is in receipt of a letter from a great leader in Jewish life (not a Young Israelite), who wrote, in part

"You've lifted Orthodoxy out of the doldrums! I can point to your fine edifice and say 'Young American Orthodox Jews -- that's their headquarters'. You've put real Judaism where it rightfully belongs. It's more than just a home for Young Israel; it is a living monument to the orthodox way of life. Young Israel has earned our eternal gratitude."

The Building Committee has set a goal of \$150,000 for the purchase and alteration needs of the new building. The Committee has asked 100% cooperation of all constituent branches, and the Young Israel of Parkchester was one of the first branches to respond with its pledge.

The goal is a modest one when one considers the innumerable benefits we will derive. With the help of all branches, it will be attained. Won't you help?