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NEW YEAR'S EVE AFFAIR UNDER WAY

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

OUTLINES PROGRAM

The hot weather is gone but it is our hope that as far as our educational program for the coming year is concerned, we will approach it with the intensity of the proverbial heat wave.

Young Israel has always included Jewish education as a fundamental part of its program for membership and friends alike. This is so because of the realization that only a membership that is informed and aware of Jewish values and trends can be a vital force in our community. Following through on this basic assumption, our own education committee has projected the following program for the coming year:

FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS:

This was one of our major activities last year. We plan to continue it this year in a somewhat revised form. We cannot outline all the revisions here, but suffice it to say we have

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Plan to Spend this Gala Evening With Us

Our Third Annual NEW YEAR'S EVE affair is off with a bang!

Place: Popular Elsmere Hall - 170th Street and College Avenue

Program: A popular name band with vocalist.....brilliant, varied entertainment.....dancing into the wee hours

Dinner: Complete from fish to nuts, with drinks.....served lavishly.....favors for the ladies, noise-makers for the men

Cost: Just \$7.50 per person.....easy on the pocket-book.....more than your money's worth.....installment arrangements, if you prefer.

Act now! Plan to spend New Year's Eve with Young Israel, in the spirit of fun and good fellowship.

Don't delay! Our reservation and

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EDITORIAL

For the third time in as many years we are happy to bring to you particulars of our annual Dinner-Dance.

Never before, however, has the burden rested so heavily upon our shoulders. This year we dare not fail. We MUST succeed in this undertaking, made more challenging than ever, for the following reasons:

§ We have made commitments upon which we dare not default. From a financial viewpoint we must have a successful affair; of equal importance is the maintenance of our fine reputation.

§ The task before us lies mainly in the hands of a small number of members, in spite of the enthusiasm evinced by our new members and promises to participate actively.

§ The proceeds of the affair, and of the Journal, are ear-marked for our Building Fund. Our organization cannot show its true form unless we have our OWN quarters. Toward this end, a Fund was begun last year. The entire income of this affair will do much toward helping us realize our aim.

§ We owe it to our members, old and new, to provide an affair for our mutual enjoyment. This is the affair of the year! We guarantee a knock-out affair!

Don't let us down! Don't let yourself down! And don't wait for the last minute! Make your reservations NOW!

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

We wish to avail ourselves of this opportunity to thank you for the splendid showing of attendance during our High Holiday Services.

The number of letters of commendation that we have received and the kind thoughts expressed in these communications, gives us a feeling of satisfaction for a job well done.

The response to our membership appeal has been fruitful beyond our fondest dream. The strength and character of our new group of members co-mingled with our existing membership creates a revitalized Young Israel of Parkchester of indomitable force.

On October 7th, our National President, Edward S. Silver, had the pleasure of welcoming most of our new members, inducting all the new pledged members and installing the recently-elected officers of our branch. We had a very representative audience which enjoyed every minute of our arranged party for them, and in this spirit we desire to continue our existence, serving our people in our community with a glad hand.

In other portions of this publication you will find reference to our next major undertaking -- the New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance. That will be followed again and again throughout the season with affairs of merit and occasions for good cheer.

As executive officer of our branch, I wish also to extend felicitations to the newly elected officers of the Women's Chapter, with best wishes for success in their important and wonderful work for our combined organization.

We ask of our Almighty Creator to bless our people with courage until victory and with wisdom for the proper conduct of our affairs thereafter.

AD Kirschbaum

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We look at the calendar and find 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.

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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!!

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

FROM OUR YOUNG 'UNS—

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.

EDITORIAL

OUR WOMEN'S CHAPTER

It is with a deep sense of pride that we welcome an innovation to the YOUNG ISRAELIGHT. We have decided to devote a complete page each issue to the activities of the Women's Chapter, a page we know you too will welcome. And it is a justifiable pride we feel. For, at long last, the Women's Chapter is gaining the recognition it so richly deserves.

For little over a year, our Women's Chapter has been conducting itself along a two-fold line: as an entity in itself, and as an adjunct to the Men's Club. In both capacities the women have shown time and time again that they can carry on their own work and meet every requirement expected of such a group. And to prove how vital a force the Women's Chapter has become, both to the Men's Club and to the community at large, one need only to witness the ever-growing membership.

Surprisingly enough, however, one will notice another feature, in so doing -- namely, that there are quite a number of women (wives of members of the Men's Club) who have not yet joined the swelling ranks of the Women's Chapter. This is truly amazing! For no organization of the calibre of the Young Israel of Parkchester can carry out its avowed purpose without the active cooperation of a "ladies auxiliary". And it is further amazing to awake to the realization that there are so many of our members' wives who have not affiliated themselves with the Women's Chapter in order to help them in their important work, and to help Judaism in the community.

We believe a word to the wise is sufficient.

We wish to avail ourselves of this opportunity to congratulate the newly-elected officers of the Women's Chapter, and we look forward to still greater participation on their part in the activities of the Men's Club, toward the end that Orthodox Judaism in Parkchester will continue to greater and greater heights.

New Year's Eve Affair (continued)

ticket committee will be available at your convenience to arrange your seating list for your family and friends.

Call or write to:

Mr. Jack Slove
1558 Unionport Road
Bronx 62, New York
Tel.: TAlmadge 9-3672

LEST WE FORGET.....

Have you done your all toward getting ads for our Journal?

Time is growing short. We must make an outstanding success of the Journal if we hope to see our plans for our own building realized.

The deadline is Dec. 15th - Don't delay

Get your ads in today!

INTERMEDIATES TO ENTERTAIN AT CHANUKA FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Abraham Ort, who is our director of Youth Activities, introduced Mr. Zevi Harris to the membership, and plans were made for a complete program under the sponsorship of Mr. Ort.

Arrangements have been made to have a Chanuka play on Sunday, December 10th, at our Auditorium, where the Intermediates will stage a presentation.

Hold December 10th open for an unusual evening. Further details will be mailed to you SOON.

BUY BONDS FOR THE FUTURE -
ATTEND OUR RALLY ON DEC. 12th

SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE ON!!

Buy Bonds Through Young Israel!!

We just had a holiday here at home; it was Election Day -- excitement, bets, fun. On the fighting fronts, not many G. I.'s got a chance to vote; they didn't care who was elected. They were electing to keep themselves alive another day or even another hour, and that is almost all one can ballot at a time.

The Sixth War Loan Drive is about to begin. As in the past, the Young Israel of Parkchester will go over the top. Our members do not need any sales talks. We ask but one thing: let's work together in this great effort in the name of our organization. Buy your bonds through us. (See Jack Slove, Chairman of our War Effort Committee, TODAY).

We are planning a mass bond rally in cooperation with the Treasury Department. The date has been set for December 12th, in the auditorium of the Jewish Center of Unionport, 2137 Ellis Avenue. There will be a grand show, lots of swell talent -- a fine prelude to our own big New Year's Eve affair.

So save your pennies and your dollars. Remember, under the "cash-like-a-check" system of war bond redemption which is now in effect, war bonds are as easily negotiable as a government check, for they can be redeemed immediately at almost any neighborhood bank upon proper identification. It is now a five minute process as against the old procedure through the Federal Reserve Banks, which took several days.

Let's live up to our responsibilities. The war is far from won. We have a job to do. Let's not lay down now at the tail end. Let our slogan for the Sixth War Loan Drive be:

"BUY 'EM AND HOLD 'EM"

PLAN YOUR PARTY NOW - BE WITH US ON NEW YEAR'S EVE -
DON'T FORGET THE ADS FOR OUR JOURNAL

Educational Program (continued)

taken into account all the criticisms and suggestions of our members. It will afford greater participation to all those present at these classes. You will be notified where the classes will be held.

SERMONETTES:

These have already begun at our Sabbath morning services. They have proved to be a source of education and interest to our congregants.

MEETINGS:

An innovation being planned is the introduction of education content at our meetings. As we see it, between 15- and 30 minutes will be devoted at each meeting to a review of outstanding events in Jewish life. It is hoped that this will prove interesting and instructive.

The program we have outlined is at best a minimum one. It is our hope that our members and friends will look upon it as a program intended for their use, and one which will aid them in a greater participation in Jewish community living.

WE MAINTAIN . . .

- A Talmud Torah
- An educational program
- Outstanding social events
- Regular Saturday and Holiday services
- Intermediate activities for our youngsters
- Friday evening Bible classes
- Regular meetings of the Men's Club and Women's Chapter
- That it is your duty to take an active part in the work of an organization of the calibre of the Young Israel of Parkchester