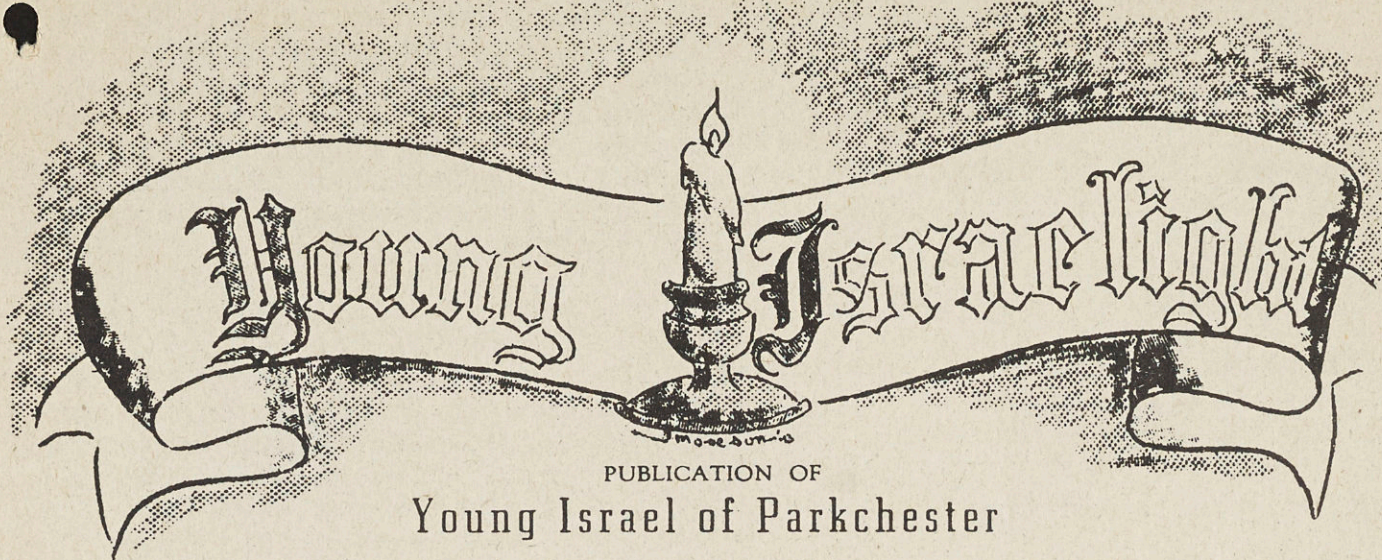


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ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR GALA CHANUKKAH AFFAIR

On Sunday evening, December 2nd, the Young Israel of Parkchester will hold its annual Chanukkah Celebration at its headquarters, 2137 Ellis Avenue.

A Committee under the leadership of Boris Stern has been making special preparations for the occasion. Mr. Stern announced that in addition to a well known cantor who will perform the candle lighting ceremony, his Committee has arranged for the traditional games and plenty of food - in the real Young Israel manner. The admission price has been set at the nominal sum of forty-nine cents.

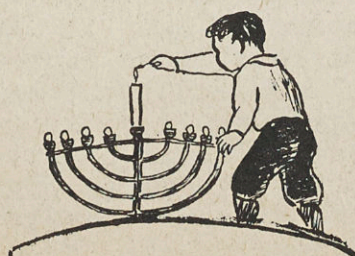
COME ONE - COME ALL

CHANUKKAH

The Rabbis in asking the question "What is Chanukkah", answer with the familiar story of the brilliant and heroic victory of Judes Maccabeus over the vast army of Antiochus, King of Syria, who ruled over Palestine 2100 years ago. After the battle was over, the holy Temple was again entered and amid the ruins was found a small vessel containing unpolluted oil enough for one day's burning, but which miraculously sufficed for eight days. To commemorate this event we celebrate the feast of Chanukkah for eight days.

To understand the full import of the holiday one must perforce go somewhat deeper into the historical setting of the period when the event of Chanukkah occurred. Antiochus, the tyrant that he was, aimed to uproot the Jewish culture at its very foundation and replace it with the Greek. He resorted to cruelty, torture; he defiled the Temple and forbade Jewish observances. Those who did not submit suffered the death of martyrdom.

It was only after much struggle that a small band of loyal Jews under the leadership of the Priest Mattathias
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and his five sons arose to resist the tyrants. Judas, one of these sons, proved to be a good strategist and in spite of the fact that the Jews were outnumbered, they achieved final Victory.

Chanukkah has been a source of inspiration to the Jewish people throughout our history. That inspiration sprung from the fact that the Victory that was achieved was not one of might but a Victory of the spirit. Had it not been for a small group of men who had conviction about what they were fighting for, Victory might never have been achieved.

It is this very spirit based on faith in G-d and in the rightness of our cause that has carried us through to the present day.

Our forebearers had faith in the value of spiritual power and they never relaxed in their efforts to become imbued themselves and to pass on to their children the traditions which made for strength to carry on in spite of the persecutions and trials and tribulations.

What were some of these values? First and foremost they had faith in G-d, second, was a devotion to the synagogue and worship and third, was an insatiable thirst for study and knowledge.
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BIGGER AND BETTER JOURNAL FORESEEN

In conjunction with our annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance to be held at the Elsmere Hall, we are once again issuing our annual Souvenir Journal. We, therefore, urge every member and every friend of Young Israel of Parkchester to get as many business advertisements, Booster Ads, and Kiddy Ads as possible.

Advertisement blanks can be procured from Bernie Friesler, 2125 St. Raymond Avenue, Bronx 62, N. Y. All ads must be in the hands of the committee by December 15th. Our slogan this year is, "Get an Ad - Give an Ad". Let us make our expectation a reality. Let us make this journal bigger and better than ever.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE AFFAIR

Young Israel of Parkchester will usher in the New Year with a grand dinner and dance at the spacious Elsmere Hall.

"The war is over and we have cause to celebrate", announced Irving Pollack, Chairman of the Dinner Committee.

It is a matter of common knowledge that our affairs in the past have been considered the best run functions in our community. This coming dinner promises to outdo the previous ones.

This is an opportunity for everyone to spend an evening in fun and good fellowship. So reserve the date.

CHANUKKAH OBSERVANCE

The festival of Chanukkah begins Thursday evening, November 29th and continues for eight days. On the first evening a light is kindled, the number of lights being increased by one on each consecutive evening. The Chanukkah lights should be kindled as soon as possible after nightfall with the exception of Friday night, when they are to be kindled immediately preceding the kindling of the Sabbath candles.

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edge of our Bible and traditions.

In our own day when so many of our people have little regard for either worship or study, we must come to grips with the very problem of spiritual survival.

The burden it seems to us rests upon the shoulders of the small remnant which still believes and practices Torah-true Judaism.

We - Young Israelites - are the small remnant of Israel. We have got to carry on ourselves and pass on to others those values which alone can make for a regeneration of Jewish living in our day.

In this Chanukkah season, we must re-dedicate ourselves to a faith in G-d and to a renewed spirit and sacrifice for our people. When that time comes, we shall be able to say with the prophet, "Not by strength, and not by might, but with My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

OUR TALMUD TORAH

This year, again, we are participating in the Talmud Torah together with the Jewish Center of Unionport.

The Board of Education was eminently successful in securing as teacher Mr. Gittleman to replace Mr. J. Rosenblum, who found it necessary to resign. Mr. Gittelman is recognized as one of the best qualified teachers in the city.

Pupil enrollment has been increasing steadily and all indications lead us to feel that this year will be a most successful one.

Register your own children and tell your friends about us.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR
NEW YEAR'S EVE

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS —

The theme of the hour, the focal point for all eyes the world over is Palestine. It is our desire and duty to redeem the Holy Land, call it once again our home, and to welcome within its boundaries all of our displaced co-religionists.

How much longer shall we be tenants on this planet when by covenant and by recorded deed in the scriptures that are accepted by all nations, we own an area on the face of the globe which G-d set aside for us.

Could it be that the nations deny us our rights and privileges because we claim a large slice of the earth? By looking at a map it can be seen that Palestine is a small segment facing partly on the Mediterranean Sea, and bounded by Egypt, Trans-Jordania, Syria, and Lebanon. We desire no other territory than that which is rightfully ours.

Can the Jews of the Western Hemisphere continue a passive role, when in the so-called great, cultured, civilized countries of Europe over five millions of our people have been butchered, burned, gassed and poisoned? They do not permit us to live on borrowed land, and they refuse to give us back our own land! Are we a doomed people?

NO we are not! because G-d is the Supreme One, and His wishes must be obeyed by all nations. Our ancestors were delivered out of Egypt and brought into Palestine and there we established our home, our Temple, and our great culture, pursuant to the covenant between G-d and Abraham.

We gave to the pagan world the Torah, the Commandments, a culture and a civilization that was the basis for all learning, for all great philosophies.

The foundation for social justice is to be found in the religious and
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social principles given to the Jewish people as directives for their national life.

The supreme principle was that of unity. Our G-d was one G-d; and we were one people, one social organism, bound together by our common heritage and the principle of love and mutual service.

From our laws, customs and ceremonies, the world learned to live. And when the other nations began to torment, attack and persecute us, the world lost its beauty, its righteousness, and its claim to exist. Wars brought other wars, each succeeding one more ghastly than the one before. And finally World War II has given birth to a new weapon, that, if ever used in a new conflict, will wipe off the face of the earth all humanity.

There is only one antidote against such a holocaust. Give our people back the land which the Torah speaks of as our heritage so that we may rebuild our Temple and worship Him in the manner prescribed in his Holy teachings, that the G-d of Israel and of all peoples shall dwell among us and bless us with a final peace for all time, happiness within our ranks and with brotherly love towards all nations on the face of the earth.

A. I. Kirschenbaum

CONDOLENCES

The condolences of the Young Israel of Parkchester are extended to Mrs. A.I. Kirschenbaum upon the recent death of her father. May she find real comfort in the hour of her grief in the knowledge that we are with her in spirit and sympathy.

REMEMBER NEW YEAR'S EVE AFFAIR AT
ELSMERE HALL

FRIDAY EVENING CLASSES

On Friday evening, November 23rd, the Young Israel of Parkchester, ushered in its annual series of Friday evening Bible Classes and forums for the coming season. As in previous years, these classes will be held at the homes of members.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Kirschenbaum played hosts for our first class.

These Friday evening classes have evoked considerable interest and enjoyment in the past. In addition to discussions on the Bible, our forums will consider topics of Current Jewish interest.

All members and their friends are invited to attend these classes for a real oneg Shabbat.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

- November 30th - Mr. and Mrs. W. Posner
1585 Odell Street,
Apt. 5F
- December 7th - Mr. and Mrs. Boris Stern
1553 Unionport Road,
Apt. 7B
- December 14th - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slove
1558 Unionport Road,
Apt. 4C

ATTEND SABBATH SERVICES AT OUR

MODEL SYNAGOGUE

SERMONS IN ENGLISH ENGLISH READINGS

KIDDUSH

AFTER SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENING CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

November 16th	-	4:18 P.M.
November 23rd	-	4:13 P.M.
November 30th	-	4:10 P.M.
December 7th	-	4:09 P.M.
December 14th	-	4:09 P.M.

A REVIEW OF OUR WAR EFFORT

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, our War Effort Committee went to work under the capable leadership of our controller, treasurer and financial genius, Jack Slove. Our first concern was to help in the financing of the war. Thus we participated actively in every War Bond drive and succeeded in selling about \$75,000. worth to date. We expect to reach our goal of \$100,000. during the current Victory Loan Drive, set for the period from October 29th to December 8th.

Last December, we held a special War Bond Rally at our auditorium. At that occasion alone, we sold over \$25,000. worth of bonds, as a result of which our organization received a citation from the U.S. Treasury Dept. and a Navy plane was named in our honor.

Our next effort was concerned with the welfare of our members inducted into the armed forces. A handsome honor roll was dedicated and dignifies our waiting rooms as an everlasting tribute to those "whom so proudly we hail". Every Purim and Chanukkah our boys receive gift packages, and in between, letters, books and other reading matter are sent regularly.

Finally we gave blood! Of those patriotic members (listed on a special honor roll in our meeting rooms) who gave, gave and gave again and again, when the going was tough, we are indeed proud for their share in our great victory. Honorable mention especially to our "five pint" men - Bill Posner and Boris Stern.

We can truly say that Young Israel of Parkchester did its share for the victory that is ours. By contribution to the armed forces, in civilian defense, Red Cross, War Fund Drives and all other efforts, our members were always ready to answer the call.

In announcing the new Victory Loan Drive which will be the last of the big public drives, Secretary of the Treasury Vinson said:

"The aftermath of war, however, carries grave responsibilities that must be met. A substantial army and navy must be maintained until order is restored throughout the world. The cost of contract settlements, bringing our forces home, their mustering-out pay, hospitalization, care and rehabilitation will be great and will require large sums for which we must plan now."

A special Series E bond of \$200. denomination is being issued at \$150. in memory of President Roosevelt. What more fitting tribute can be paid to our beloved champion of humanity!

See Jack Slove about your bond order now and help secure a permanent peace.

TALMUD TORAH CHANUKKAH CELEBRATION

The Jewish Center - Young Israel Talmud Torah will hold its annual children's Chanukkah Celebration on Sunday, December 9th, 2:00 P.M. at the Jewish Center, 2137 Ellis Avenue. A rich program of entertainment is promised.

THE YOUNG ISRAEL INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES

We are informed that the Institute for Jewish Studies inaugurated this year by the National Council of Young Israel has been a terrific success. Latest figures indicate that there is a registration of over 600 students.

Courses are offered in Bible, Jewish History, Hebrew, Contemporary Judaism, etc.

Registration for the new term begins the first week in January. For additional information write to the National Council of Young Israel, 3 West 16th Street, New York.

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AMONG OURSELVES

Being president of Parkchester was not enough for A.I.K. He was recently elected 2nd V.P. of the National Council - We hope it augurs well for his blood pressure - "Rabbi" Irv Pollack is doing well by his new title. We even honor him by waiting until he finishes the AMIDAH

Adele Clayman has been honorably mentioned by Lorston Studios for 1945. All eligible men will kindly step forward. (She's only $4\frac{1}{2}$)..... Where is Sol Spitz these days? Is he winding up his Sol Haturim for the Bible Classes? All Irving Kirschenbaum does now is whale (wail). His Jonah left him cold..... The Jerry Rosenblums are boying (we hope)..... To those contemplating a life of relaxation, we recommend seeing Boris Stern and Irv Pollack. They've gone towards Beacon Hills..... Our overseas correspondent reports that Sam Feinberg now a shave-tail is on his way back from the Pacific..... Local impressario of Con-tor-torial grunts, groans and shrieks, Hank Topel is thinking of vacationing at a local boiler factory.....

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

.....Maryland was the last American State to grant complete religious equality to the Jews?

.....Less than 5% of the population in America is Jewish; about half live in New York?

.....Over 1,300,000 Jews fought in the armies of the United Nations? Four million Jews were murdered in Europe during the Nazi siege, destroying three quarters of the Jews in Nazi occupied Europe and wiping out one third of world Jewry.

.....Palestine wines produced in the colonies of Rishon l'Zion and Zichron-Jacob, were served to the late President Roosevelt and former Prime Minister Churchill during their conference in Cairo?

Women's Chapter NEWS

At a recent meeting held at our auditorium, the Women's Chapter of Young Israel nominated officers for the year 1945-1946 - a program of youth activity and welfare was arranged.

The bible class which has been an important part of this group is being formed for the children - and will be a reality in the near future.

This class will be held every Sunday with the proper instructors - more information will be forthcoming in our next issue of the Israelight.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO

ADULTS

Louis Gross
Mrs. Jack Ratner
Arnold Schaffer
Sol Spitz

CHILDREN

Perry Friesler
Melvin Gross
Russell Stern

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. K. Winkler

MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT
YOUNG ISRAEL NIGHT



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