

ATTEND OUR AUTUMN FESTIVAL -- FUN AND FROLIC FOR ALL ! ! !



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AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Hold Open the Evening of Oct. 27th!

for an all-out get-together of the members and friends of the
Men's Club and Women's Chapter, Young Israel of Parkchester



Our Autumn Festival gathering is open for *fun* only—
closed to anything serious. No speeches! No solici-
tations! No appeals!

We have planned a real nite, to be held at our Audi-
torium—2137 Ellis Avenue, near Castle Hill Avenue
Station—from 8:30 p.m. to the end—for your pleas-
ure . . . **Sunday, October 27th.**

Come—and bring as many of your friends you'd like
to have with you. Let us fill up the chairs . . . the
important thing is, we *want* you with us and you'll
long remember for laughs and pleasant surprises.

Don't forget to come — the two tickets enclosed
are for you and your best girl (wife or sweetheart).
If you need additional tickets reach for the phone
and call

BARNEY HARRIS — UN derhill 3-6771

OR

KALMAN WINKLER — UN derhill 3-0137

*It's time to
break out of our shells
AND HAVE SOME FUN!*



Don't forget to attend!!!

NATIONAL COUNCIL DEDICATION ON OCTOBER 27, 1946

The beautiful six-story building which serves as headquarters for the National Council of Young Israel will be officially dedicated at impressive Chanukas Habayis ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, October 27, 1946, at 2:00 P.M. In addition to National Officers of the Council, the program will feature outstanding Jewish leaders and an appropriate program of entertainment. The ceremonies will be open to the public and Young Israelites particularly are urged to be present. This is a Simcha not only for the National Council but for each individual Young Israel branch without whose support and interest the Council would be impeded in its activities. Let every Young Israelite take pride in this historic occasion for the Young Israel Movement by participating personally in the Dedication Exercises.

Israel Urbin

Attend Dedication of the
National Council Building
Sunday afternoon Oct. 27th

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YOUNG ISRAEL INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES

We are informed that the Institute
for Jewish Studies inaugurated last
year was an overwhelming success. Over
750 students were enrolled for courses
in Bible, Hebrew, Jewish History, Jew-
ish Ethics and Philosophy, Jewish Laws
and Customs, Contemporary Judaism,
Mishnah and Talmud.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The fall season of our Youth Activ-
ity is gradually getting under way

Israel Slokowsky has been engaged
as our new Director, and Miss "Chickie"
Berl will be with us again.

The first club to meet this season
was the Bernard Stoller Intermediates,
a co-ed club (girls 15 to 19 and boys
16 to 21). They got together on Sunday,
October 6th, and will meet every Sunday
evening at 8:30 P.M. at our quarters.
Israel Slokowsky, the new Director,
will lead this group.

The first meeting of the Macabees,
a boy's club (age 9 to 12) will resume
on Sunday afternoon, October 27th at
our quarters, under the leadership of
our new Director.

The first session of the Sunday
Morning Kiddie Bible Club, under the
joint supervision of the Jewish Center
of Unionport & Young Israel of Park-
chester will be held in our quarters at
10:30 A.M. on Sunday, October 27th.
The leader for this group is Miss
"Chickie" Berl who led this group so
successfully last year. Attendance
will be permitted only under proper
registration.

Young Israel is sponsoring a Boy
Scout Troop under the leadership of Mr.
Louis Gross. The first group to be
organized will range in ages from 12 to
15. For further information call
Nathaniel Saperstein, Chairman of Youth
Activities at TA 2-8582, or write to
2100 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx 62.

In the very near future, two
girls' clubs will start their weekly
meetings. The age limits of these
clubs are 11 to 13, and 13 to 15. They
will be led by Miss "Chickie" Berl.
For further information contact our
Youth Activities Chairman, Nat Saper-
stein.

Registration for the new term starts
October 31st. Classes begin October
21st. For further information write to
the National Council of Young Israel,
3 West 16th Street, New York.

WHY WE DO IT

(A New Feature - Explaining Customs and Ceremonies of Judaism. --- Ed.)

The lighting of the candles before the Sabbath is a time-old custom of Israel. It is one which is almost universally observed. The custom is so beautiful that for its own sake, it requires no explanation. It is most symbolic of Sabbath.

Sabbath is a holy day consecrated to God, as it is stated: "Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest; a holy convocation; you shall do no manner of work; it is a Sabbath to God in all your dwellings." Lev. 23.3.

The Sabbath perpetuates and commemorates the Creation, and Israel's becoming a free people.

The custom of Sabbath candles had its origin in the special prohibition contained in the Torah; "You shall kindle no fire throughout your habitation upon the Sabbath day." Ex. 5:3. Light is therefore provided before Sabbath.

On festivals, candles are kindled in honor of the holiday, and are lit even after sunset. Sabbath and holidays are observed from evening to evening, which is considered a day, since the evening is mentioned before the morning in Genesis.

Our service to God need be joyfully performed. The Sabbath ceremonial institutions, therefore, such as the lighting of candles before the Sabbath, in honor of the Sabbath **לכבוד שבת** are expressive of joy. Light and joy go hand in hand. Accordingly, every Friday evening, before sunset, the housewife, and in her absence or inability, the husband kindles at least two candles. They represent the two versions of the commandment regarding the Sabbath: "to remember" and "to observe." Some increase the number by one for each new member of the family. A special blessing is recited immediately after the lighting, thus dedicating the Sabbath. It is a welcome

PEACE OF MIND

- A Review of the Book -

This is more than a book, it is an experience, and is deserving of the attention which it has elicited.

Rabbi Liebman, the author, explains that as a young man he undertook to draw up a list of the acknowledged "goods" of life. He enumerated all the earthly desirables - health, love, talent, power, riches and fame. He showed this list to a wise friend.

"An excellent list", observed the friend, "and set down in not unreasonable order. But it appears that you have omitted the one important ingredient, lacking which, your list becomes an intolerable burden". The friend crossed out the entire list and substituted three words: peace of mind.

"This is the gift that God reserves for His special proteges", he said. Talent and health He gives to many. Wealth is commonplace, fame not rare. But peace of mind He bestows charily.

"This is no private opinion of mine", explained the friend. "I am merely paraphrasing from the Psalmists, Marcus Aurelius, Lao-Tse. 'God, Lord of the Universe' say these wise ones, 'heap worldly gifts at the feet of foolish men. Give me the gift of the Untroubled Mind'."

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symbol that all cares have fled and the day of rest is here. It is a light of inspiration renewed each week in every Jewish home. It ushers in a day of rest, joy and delight, worship and study. "And you shall call the Sabbath a delight." (Is. 58:13)--by which is meant the lighting of the candles for Sabbath. -- Midrash.

"The soul which I have put in you is called light, and I have charged you concerning the Sabbath light."

--TALMUD

NEW MEMBERS - 1946

Achs, Alfred	1594 Metropolitan Ave.
Acker, Sam	2010 Powell Ave.
Askanas, David	2147 Starling Ave.
Axelrod, Nathan	1469 East Ave.
Bachrach, Mrs. R.	22 Metropolitan Oval
Bauling, Milton	22 Metropolitan Oval
Braunstein, Perry	2100 E. Tremont Ave.
Chaleff, Bernard	2010 Powell Ave.
Chaleff, Harold	2010 Powell Ave.
Eckstein, D.	2075 St. Raymond Ave.
Gershoff, Morris	2010 Powell Ave.
Glassberg, H.	1439 East Ave.
Goldschlag, J.	1470 Parkchester Rd.
Greenfield, John	2125 St. Raymond Ave.
Katz, M.	1410 Metropolitan Ave.
Kosky, Irving	1595 Metropolitan Ave.
Lefkowitz, Max	1440 West Ave.
Lehrer, Jack	1540 Unionport Rd.
Linder, George	1706 Castle Hill Ave.
Lubowsky, Mr.	2070 Powell Ave.
Mandel, Chas.	2010 Powell Ave.
Ragovin, Mr.	2030 E. 177th St.
Robbins, Dr. Irving	2200 Powell Ave.
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Schenkler, Herman	2033 McGraw Ave.
Schussler, Harry	1268 Olmstead Ave.
Shenkin, Al	2143 Starling Ave.
Shenkin, Ben	1255 Stratford Ave.
Shenkin, I. L.	349 E. 149th St.
Shenkin, Max	1522 Unionport Rd.
Siegel, Herbert	2010 Powell Ave.
Willner, Samuel	1551 Unionport Rd.
Zolot, Alfred	2010 Powell Ave.

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CORRECTION

Veterans listed in last month's issue with an * are former Intermediates now eligible to full membership with free dues for one year following discharge from service. We forgot to explain the * - Beg pardon vets!

Ed.

BEST WISHES TO THE
YOUNG ISRAELIGHT FROM

Sol Kaplan
Kosher
Delicatessen
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Bet. Elder & Boynton Aves.
Bronx, New York

Dr. & Mrs. Jos. W. Wilner & Family
1248 White Plains Road

Mr. & Mrs. Julius Proser & Family
5 Metropolitan Oval

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gray & Family
1505 Archer Road

FUN & NONSENSE

RELATIVE TROUBLE

Father (to son on front steps): What's wrong now?

Junior: Oh, I just had a terrible scene with your wife.

PEACE OF MIND (Continued)

Rabbi Liebman goes on to express the perception to which religionists heretofore have been blind - that the function of dynamic psychology, of psychiatry, of psychoanalysis, is to promote, by therapy, the very same good life on this earth in which the church and the synagogue believe.

His chapter on "Grief" is obviously informed by his extensive experience with the bereaved and bereavement; it is interesting to note that the wisdom of Israel, in this detail, is supported by the probings of psychoanalysis, which has found that "emotions denied their proper expression....create the dynamite of psychic conflict and misery". The words of counsel in this chapter alone seem to me to be worth the price of the book.

J.S.

Our triplet delivery member is Dr. Joseph Wilner, not Wilson as noted in last month's "Young Israelight".