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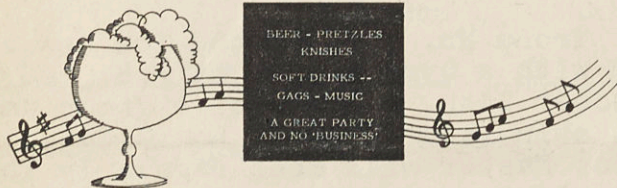
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## OPEN MEETING & INSTALLATION AFFAIR

### *Hold Open the Evening of Nov. 1st.*

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



BEER - PRETZLES  
KNISHES  
SOFT DRINKS --  
GAGS - MUSIC  
A GREAT PARTY  
AND NO 'BUSINESS'

This party is  
being thrown  
by the Men's  
Club and Wo-  
men's Chapter.  
--We'll supply  
the fun -- you  
bring your  
friends.

FIRST OPEN MEETING OF THE SEASON --  
SPARKLING ENTERTAINMENT, DELICIOUS  
REFRESHMENTS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

COME WITH YOUR FRIENDS -- LET'S  
HONOR OUR NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS  
AND MEMBERS AND HAVE A NITE OF FUN  
AND FROLIC.....

2137 ELLIS AVE., SAT., NOV. 1st AT 8:30 P.M.



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

## ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL AFFAIR

### Plan to Spend this Gala Evening With Us

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

Place: Popular Senate Mansion - East  
188th Street near Grand Con-  
course.

Program: Stanley Forbes' Orchestra..  
brilliant, varied entertain-  
ment...dancing into the wee  
hours

Dinner: Complete from soup to nuts,  
with drinks...served lavishly  
...favors and noise-makers for  
all

Cost: Just \$11.00 per person...easy  
on the pocket-book...more than  
your money's worth...install-  
ment arrangements, if you pre-  
fer.

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

ATTEND OPEN MEETING & INSTALLATION -- FUN & FROLIC FOR ALL !!!



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## YOUNG ISRAEL INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES

Registration has been extended to October 31st. The enlarged curriculum now includes 38 weekly courses in the 8 major departments of Bible, Hebrew, Jewish History, Philosophy, Laws and Customs, Contemporary Judaism, Mishnah and Talmud, and Social Studies. Beginners as well as advanced students are invited. Bulletins on request. Write to Natl. Council, 3 West 167th St. or phone Watkins 9-1525.

## EDITORIAL

With the holiday season now past we look to the future for a vigorous of Young Israel activity in Parkchester to be marked by the successful completion of our building program. Indeed we are full of excitement as we anticipate the realization of our hopes, a Young Israel building in Parkchester.

To make this a reality, we must all adopt a "do-or-die" spirit and resolve that we must succeed in reaching our goal. For seven years, Young Israel has sponsored many activities for the benefit of the Jewish Community in and around Parkchester. To make our influence most effective, we must expand our activities, and what is more important, we must erect a Young Israel community center for Parkchester.

This will take plenty of time, money and effort. All can help by getting ads for our Journal which will be issued in conjunction with our New Year's Eve affair. We must all get behind our Men's Club and Ladies Chapter and together, we will get that building up very soon!

Bernard Friesler

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Troop No. 266 started its new season with a Gym session at P.S. 106 on October 14th. This active group under the able leadership of Lou Gross, Scout Master will meet regularly Tuesday nights. A cub scout troop is in process of formation. Interested parents should contact Scout Chairman, Bernard Friesler, 2125 St. Raymond Ave.

Our Sunday morning kiddies' Bible classes will be continued under the direction of our popular teacher, Miss Chickie Berl. Two sessions will be held; from 10 to 11 for the 4 to 6 year olds and from 11 to 12 for those from 7 to 8. Parents are requested to send in the application form and fee (see page 6) promptly as these groups will be limited, first come, first served.

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE NOW!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is really a source of pleasure to view in retrospect the season of festivals which we have just celebrated. From the first Rosh Hashona service to the very end of the Simchath Torah service, Young Israel worshippers are unanimous in their praise of the manner in which the holidays were commemorated.

In spite of our limited accommodations, the High Holiday services were conducted in a most decorous and inspiring fashion. The beautiful rendition of our cantors, the scholarly and enlightening sermons, and the participation of the entire congregation in their uniform Young Israel skull caps blended together in one, to make these services memorable for their impressiveness and dignity.

Succoth services were conducted with beauty and dignity. Esrog and lulov were provided and kiddush was served in the succah.

The Simchas Torah service was especially beautiful. Flags and goodies were provided for the youngsters and they were entertained with stories and songs while the adults enjoyed the dignity of the Hakofoth procession, the special prayers and the congregational singing.

To our synagogue committee we extend our heartfelt gratitude for a job well done.

Kalman S. Winkler

## A PAGE OF OUR WOMEN'S CHAPTER

Our fall season opened with enthusiasm thanks to the news of the acquisition of a site for our Young Israel. Now it is imperative that we enlarge our membership so that together with the men we can start work on our building.

First order of business is our social affair Nov. 1st (see page 1). All wives of our men members should come to this affair and learn what Young Israel stands for and what it has to offer to us and our families.

Bring your friends. There will be plenty in the way of gags, music, food and drinks. A lovely evening has been planned for all.

Shirley Ratner

A very lively and most interesting meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fay Spitz on October 14th. There was a very good attendance and the meeting was graced with the presence of Mrs. Sarah D. Amitin, President of the Women's League of the National Council.

A new slate of officers were elected consisting of Mrs. Reba Posner, President; Mrs. Reggie Slove, Vice President; Mrs. Bessie Proser, Secretary and Mrs. Anne Tutshen, Treasurer. The new administration promises to produce a very effective program of activity integrated with the men's organization and the men's club.

Mrs. Shirley Ratner reports progress for the open meeting and installation on Nov. 1st, and also for our New Year's Eve extravaganza. The women are very enthusiastic now that Young Israel has a land site and are eager to work for our own building.

Mrs. Amitin delivered a very inspiring address which was very well received. In greeting our women for the first time, Mrs. Amitin said:

"Jewish women in particular must awaken to the potential powers of straight thinking and courageous action. By precept and example the Jewish woman can rise to the high position of a real *יהודיה* with virtues enriched by holiness of spirit, thinking and doing --- Like an earnest gardener Young Israel devotes itself to the sacred task of implanting within our children a love for and understanding of traditional Judaism!"

Mrs. Amitin's talk closed with a plea for our women to work for and attend the National Council's Women's League's Donor Luncheon on Nov. 24th at the Waldorf Astoria.

R. S.

DON'T FORGET NOVEMBER 1st  
FIRST OPEN MEETING OF THE  
SEASON. A PARTY-'NO BUSINESS'

RESERVE NOVEMBER 23RD - YOUNG ISRAEL'S FOOTBALL DATE!



## OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY

### B'NAI B'RITH

(This is the first in a series of articles on leading Jewish organizations in Parchester vitally contributing to Jewish life today. Ed.)

Evolution from its position as a substitute for the synagogue to its present position of leadership in American Jewish life has marked B'nai B'rith's voyage of a century across the American scene.

B'nai B'rith originated in 1843 at the time of German-Jewish Reformism's adolescence in the United States. Henry Monsky, the late President of the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith, wrote in "This Is B'nai B'rith" that B'nai B'rith was "created as an agency for the unification and cultural development of the American Jewish community". In the same volume, its editor Bernard Postal speaking of B'nai B'rith's origin said, "Organized Jewish life -- centered around the synagogue....Synagogues increased in numbers but more because of the spirit of competition and lack of leadership than out of any real need. The times called for a new type of organization, and it was some of the younger and better educated among the German newcomers who did something about it.

At its inception, its membership consisting almost exclusively of Reformist-indoctrinated German Jews, B'nai B'rith's main activities tended to philanthropy. The arrival of Eastern European Jewish immigrants in the second half of the 19th century brought about a gradual change in the character of B'nai B'rith membership with a resulting modification of B'nai B'rith's original aims and a broadening of its spheres of activity.

By 1940, with a membership of 175,000, B'nai B'rith's program embraced projects for the furtherance of youth welfare, Americanism, defense of Jewish rights, social and community service, education, interfaith understanding and philanthropy. In many of our smaller American communities today, B'nai B'rith leaders are synagogue leaders and B'nai B'rith's pres-

ent attitude on Jewish education is summarized by Abram L. Sachar, the National director of the Hillel Foundations, as follows: "A well-developed program of Jewish education, a luxury in the past, has now become a prime necessity for Jewish survival." During the war, B'nai B'rith added another feather to its cap when, in a nationwide campaign, it borrowed 137 Sifrei Torah from synagogues and temples which were loaned for use in Jewish religious services at Army camps, Naval stations and air bases in the United States and its territories.

Among B'nai B'rith's manifold important activities, the work of its Anti-Defamation League and its Hillel Foundations stand out. The League's experience in cleaning up defamation of the Jew in vaudeville and in combating biased advertising, prepared it for the war on American anti-Semitism generated by the economic depression and the advent of Hitlerism in 1933. At present, the League is actively fighting axis-inspired war canards against the Jew.

The first Hillel Foundation was founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois under the sponsorship of B'nai B'rith. This unique campus institution was inspired by a wise Christian educator, Dr. Edward Chauncey Baldwin, who revolted at the thought that his Jewish students at Illinois knew so little about their own Bible, and by a self-sacrificing young rabbi, Benjamin Frankel. This first Hillel unit, the precursor of many others, served as a cultural, religious and social welfare station for Jewish students at Illinois. Its program was designed to inspire Jewish college men and women with an awakened interest in and respect for Jewish culture and traditions and to prepare them to take their proper place in community leadership. Since then, at 70 colleges and universities, thousands of students have been brought within the sphere of Hillel influence with ultimate benefits to Jewry, Judaism and America.

J. S.



## Among Ourselves

-Pitput

In poker fashion, the "Kelly" Winklers are coming out with a rare hand - "Four of a Kind" - All Girls! ---Following suit, the "Irv" Pollacks are expecting another, to make it "Three of a Kind" -- The Sam Pausacks have their order in to complete their first "pair"--How about it Spitzer and Sterns, can you make it "Two Pairs?" --Hope every little thing comes out alright, folks!

*Poser* Irene and Julie Horowitz celebrate "Tin" years of wedded bliss Oct. 10th --it's "23" for the Frank Nussbaums Oct. 11th, and "24" for the Abe Kirsch-  
 Kenbaums Oct. 14th -- Mazel Tov to all of Yez!--- Happy Birthday to Sonia Posner who reached "7" Oct. 9th--The Grosses celebrate in November, Melvyn's "12th" on the 3rd and Irene's "2nd" on the 12th--Many Happy Returns, Kids!

Jack Slove celebrated the New Year holidays with an Appendectomy, but is OK now. Stay well, Jack!

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

Girls from 11 to 13 will be glad to hear that "The Jordanettes" will resume their club meetings very soon. "The Assorted Charm", girls from 13 to 15 will continue their club and will be led once more by Miss Berl.

The "Intermediates", a co-ed club of girls from 15 to 19 and boys from 16 to 21 will continue their "jam" sessions Sunday nights at our headquarters. Si Fine, our new director of Youth Activities promises a most interesting program of activity this season.

Other clubs are in the process of formation including a girl scout troop that will be led by Mary Chaleff.

Young Israel aims to provide recreational, cultural and pleasurable activity for Jewish boys and girls of all ages. Don't be bashful, come in and join.

Louis Gross

## SHYLOCK AND HIS DAUGHTER

- A Review of the Play -

The difference between villainy and martyrdom can be just a matter of perspective. From the standpoint of "Shylock and His Daughter," which Maurice Schwartz offers at his Yiddish Art Theatre on lower Second Avenue, Shakespeare's harsh portrait of the villain in "The Merchant of Venice" takes on dimensions of humanity and sympathy. What the new Yiddish play has done is to give Shylock something of the goading provocation that Shakespeare gave to Hamlet. As enacted by Mr. Schwartz in one of his most eloquent portrayals, the character achieves a real measure of tragic stature.

In motivating Shylock, the play exploits to the hilt the documentation of sixteenth-century Venice that buttressed the Palestinian novel by Ari Ibn-Zahav, on which it is based. It is against a background of anti-Jewish persecution and terrorism that Shylock's bitterness is multiplied by his oppressors' treachery. For in the current version, he is duped into lending 3,000 ducats toward the courtship and conversion of his daughter by his enemies. It has the makings of a successful season for Mr. Schwartz and his troupe of vigorous actors. With the uninhibited style of the Yiddish stage, the players seem perfectly at home in Shakespearean costumes. They deserve to prosper in a play that has dignity, substance and the best of intentions.

L.B.

Young Israel has engaged the entire Yiddish Art Theatre for Wednesday Evening, Nov. 19th. Tickets range from \$1.00 to \$3.50. If you wish to join our theatre party, fill in questionnaire on page 6.

"Mr. Schwartz, in one of his most eloquent portrayals, achieves a real measure of stature, humanity and sympathy, in a play that has dignity and substance!"

--N. Y. Times

"A memorable performance of competence and distinction, comparable to 'Brothers Ashkenazi'!"

--N. Y. Sun



## NEW MEMBERS - 1947

Ammer, Philip.....1439 East Ave.  
 Bauman, Milton.....1420 Wood Road  
 Bransky, Mr.....2201 Haviland Ave.  
 Brown, Emil.....7 Metropolitan Oval  
 Elkin, Joseph.....1595 Odell St.  
 Fenster, H.....1236 Virginia Ave.  
 Florman, Lewis.....1410 East Ave.  
 Goldsmith, Morris.1579 Metropolitan Ave.  
 Graff, Joseph.....1553 Unionport Road  
 Kuhn, Ralph.....2212 Chatterton Ave.  
 Kutner, Fred.....2212 Chatterton Ave.  
 Lauer, Mrs. Leo....1361 Castle Hill Ave.  
 Linder, Meyer.....1521 Unionport Road  
 Nussbaum, Frank.....1409 West Ave.  
 Schaeffler, Martin...1551 Unionport Road  
 Schmulbach, Wm.....5 Metropolitan Oval  
 Schoenback, Mr. 2201 Haviland Ave.  
 Waldman, David 1670 Metropolitan Ave.  
 Wrubel, H.....1848 Guerlain St.

## DO YOU KNOW THAT.....

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

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

.....Over 1,300,000 Jews fought in the armies of the United Nations? Six 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?

.....November 1st will witness a major event in Jewish life, in Parkchester?

.....Dues for the year 1947/48 are now due. Please make your check payable to Young Israel of Parkchester and mail to Jack Slove, 1558 Unionport Rd. include your Kol Nidre (Bldg. Fund) pledge as well as your Yiskor donation.

....."The Young Israelight" is your paper. If you have any items that are of interest, please send them to the

editor who will see that they get in-to print.

## WHAT IS A JEW?

The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire, and has illumined with it the entire world. He is the religious source, spring, and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their religions.

The Jew is the pioneer of liberty.

The Jew is the pioneer of civilization.

The Jew is the emblem of civil and religious toleration. "Love the stranger and the sojourner."

The Jew is the emblem of eternity.

--Leo Tolstoy

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 Please detach here and mail to:  
 Jack Slove, 1558 Unionport Road. It is imperative that the information called for be submitted as requested by all members. Please!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month and Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (Month and Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's First Name and Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names, Ages and Birthday) \_\_\_\_\_

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 I am interested in joining theatre party "Shylock and his Daughter"  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (check here)

Please register my child, \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_, in the Sunday Morning Bible Club. Enclosed is a \$3.00 registration fee (to cover cost of supplies).

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**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS  
 FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE NOW.**

**SUPPORT OUR JOURNAL - GIVE AN AD, GET AN AD! !**