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We Are Happy to Announce the Opening of Our Friday Night Forums

ON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, at 8:30 P.M.

"The Promised Land"

is the first topic to be discussed by Rabbi Margolies

Community singing, social hour and refreshments will follow.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

"PROMISED LAND" —

FIRST FORUM

Our Friday Night Forum will get under way beginning Friday, December 6th at 8:30 P.M. Rabbi Margolies will speak on "The Promised Land."

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel. This is the glory of our generation in the story of the Jewish people. How did it begin, how was it developed and where can it lead to? Rabbi Margolies will attempt to answer these questions in the first forum of this season.

Our forum series will also include guest speakers, some of our own members who will discuss present day problems in a live, stimulating manner to be followed by audience participation.

On December 13th, Charles Rubinstein, veteran Zionist and Young Israel leader, will speak on "What the State of Israel means to Young Israel Members."

Community singing of popular Israeli and Yiddish melodies will be led by our Rabbi's wife, Shoshana, and Shabbos tea with refreshments will be served 'round our Sabbath tables.

Join us with your friends on Friday, December 6th and each successive Friday evening for a real Oneg Shabbat!

CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

The festival of Chanukah, one of the most meaningful and colorful days of rejoicing on the Jewish calendar, will be celebrated for eight nights and days beginning on Tuesday night, December 17th.

Israeli Chanukah candles and Menorahs are now available in the Synagogue office.

Inasmuch as the ceremony of the kindling of the lights is the most significant phase of the Festival, it should be observed in a spirit of reverence and joy.

The proper time to kindle the Chanukah lights is immediately before sitting down at the dinner table. The whole family, from the youngest to the oldest should witness the candle lighting ceremony.

Candle Blessings

As the "Shamash" (the candle which is used to light the other candles) is lit, the first blessing is chanted or recited. Here is the blessing:

Bo-ruch a-toh ado- * elo-Key-nu me-lech ha-olom a-she- Kid-deshonu be-mitzvo-soy ve-tzi-vo-nu le-had-lik ner

YOUTH SHABBOS THIS

COMING SATURDAY MORNING

This coming Shabbos, November 30th, is designated as Youth Shabbos and our teen-age youth, members of the Minyanair Club, will take over the conduct of the Services.

Barry Smith and Teddy Haiman will officiate as cantors. Alex Horowitz will deliver the sermonette; Stanley Freilich and Edward Zutler will summarize the Torah and Haftorah readings respectively. Mark Steiner will read the Biblical portion and Murray Ackerman will chant the Haftorah. Edward Maslow will read the prayer before the open Ark.

All our youth groups and the Congregation at large are urged to be in attendance with us this coming Shabbos. This visit will be truly rewarding.

Shel Chanukah.

"Blessed art thou O L-d, our G-d, King of the Universe who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah Lights."

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THE MESSAGE OF CHANUKAH

Rabbi Irving A. Margolies

Chanukah reminds us of the first occasion in human history when a group found it necessary to wage a struggle for religious liberty. The Jews, by reason of the severe oppression placed upon them by their Syrian masters, had been deprived of their rights and freedom of worship. Their sacred Temple in Jerusalem was defiled and the people had been ordered under compulsion to bow down before strange gods and idols and to offer polluted sacrifices.

Inspired by the courageous leadership of the Maccabees, the Jews revolted and in the struggle which found them greatly outnumbered, the children of Israel won a miraculous victory — a victory for religious freedom. It also marked the beginning of a fully independent Jewish state.

In our day, as in other periods of Jewish history, this display of heroism on the part of the Maccabees has inspired new generations of Jews to stand up and fight; to sacrifice their lives in order that Judaism and the Jewish people might live.

For ten years, the citizens of the State of Israel have stood guard, like the Maccabees of old, against enemies around them. But the L-d "prepared a table" for them in the face of their adversaries.

Israel has toiled ceaselessly, heroically, to share with brethren who were driven and bereft, the blessings of the Promised Land. The few became the many, the fearful the brave, the haunted the welcoming host, the downtrodden the free man.

Today the flag of freedom flies over Israel. Just as our Chanukah heroes fought for their land and for their Faith, our modern Maccabees — men and women, young and old, stand prepared to make every sacrifice in order to preserve the freedom and independence of Israel.

ISRAEL IN G-D'S IMAGE

Charles Rubinstein

Israel's re-birth is one sunny spot on the earth's dark and Sputnik horizon.

With joy and pride we salute Israel's achievements during the first ten years of its new life.

In assessing the historic happenings of the past decade we highly acclaim the fine strides made in uniting nearly all Jews who are building the State.

No event in our challenging and bloody history had the electrifying effect on all Jews as the living, dignified re-entry of Israel as an equal, free State in the United Nations.

A year ago when the entire world erred in mis-judging Israel it stood up magnificently before the bar of world opinion and judgment of history.

Ours is indeed the fortunate generation to actually witness the unfolding of the great drama. What a privilege it is for each of us to humbly participate in the very making of Jewish history.

Our National Young Israel Council is doing its share in aiding the dynamic re-development of Israel. Our fine branch Parkchester is obligated to share in the grand co-operation.

I urge that every member join our Israel committee. I recommend that our Friday night forums should include addresses by our Youth, Men and Women on various phases of Zionist activities. I suggest book review nights on the best books about Israel. I plead for an upsurge of Israeli participation until we experience the feel and impact and joy that we are the great, grand-children of our 600,000 ancestors who were at the foot of Sinai and heard the voice of G-d and saw Moses reveal the immortal Ten Commandments.

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

will be kindled beside the names on our

BRONZE MEMORIAL TABLET

for the Yahrzeits of

December

3 Stanley B. Canal
8 Harry Bank
11 Gedelia Lehrer
17 Esther Gottfried
20 Tillie Ackerman
21 Betty Scher
21 Dora Parr

HEBREW SCHOOL**CHANUKAH CELEBRATION**

The boys and girls of our Hebrew School will hold a gala Chanukah party on Sunday, December 22nd in our auditorium at 10:00 A.M.

Pupils of the school will present a Chanukah play titled, "The Call To Freedom."

Under the direction of Miss Weintraub, Dramatics teacher, the cast includes the following: David Robinson, Michael Scher, Sidney Brown, David Ross, Gene Kohen, William Frishman, Michael Weinstein, Elliot Kopp, Mirabelle Rich, Jeffrey Waxman, Ronnie Horowitz, Thelma Levine, Ira Ziporkin, Ira Rich, Michael Hammerman, Jeffrey Needle, Jack Calman, Philip Balch, Joel Kaufman, Howard Herrenstadt.

In addition to the play, Chanukah songs, recitations and dances will be offered.

All children attending will receive special Chanukah gifts and refreshments following the program.

**OPEN SCHOOL NIGHT
DECEMBER 4th**

Our Hebrew School will hold Open School Night on Wednesday, December 4th from 8 to 9 P.M.

Rabbi Margolies, Mr. Bronfin and Miss Weintraub will be in their respective classrooms to speak with parents concerning the work, attitude and progress of their children thus far.

Report cards will be given out the same day (Dec. 4). Parents are urged to read them carefully and note the comments made by the teachers. Parents are always welcome to call or come to the school if there are any inquiries regarding their child's work.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION**HONORS**

A most welcome innovation to the Junior Congregation this year is the "Junior Jew" honor to be bestowed each week at the adult Sabbath services upon pupils who attend Junior Congregation regularly and take an active part in conducting the service.

The Junior Jew citation on Saturday, November 30 will be bestowed upon Jeffrey Needle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Needle. Jeffrey will also be given the privilege of singing the "Adon Olom" at the conclusion of the Synagogue service.

YOUNG ISRAEL NEWS

By Sam Shapin and Al Hein

Meetings are held once a month. The next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd, 1957, and members are urged to attend and participate in these sessions. Perhaps you have some ideas and suggestions as to what you think will be of value to the organization. One thing is certain — we will never know about them unless you let us know what they are. So come down and spend an evening among your friends. You will enjoy it, and who knows, we may have some coffee and cake.

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Many children of our members attend out of town colleges. We think perhaps they would like to keep in contact with their friends in Young Israel, and what better way is there than reading about them in the Young Israelite. If you will furnish us with their names and addresses we will be happy to place them on our mailing list. It's for free.

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Over 150 people joined us at the Sabbath service on November 16, in honor of "Kelly" Winkler. In his masterful sermon, Rabbi Margolies paid eloquent tribute to our guest of honor for his many years of untiring, selfless service to Young Israel. Neil, Kelly's son, chanted the Haftorah and everyone "shepped nachas." Following the services a Kiddush and "cho-lent" Luncheon was served. Among the distinguished guests were Rabbis, Gris, Silver and Romanoff; Messrs. Becker, Fuhrman, Komitee and Weingarten.

Many thanks to Mr. Fleischer who generously donated all of the meats and to Sam and Shirley Bogart for making the affair a success.

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Mr. Sidney Sussman, President of Young Israel and Mrs. Sussman happily announce the engagement of their son Leonard, to Miss Rosalie Weitzner. Mazel Tov!

Sheldon Adler, grandson of our esteemed member, Mr. Sam Levy, will be married on Dec. 24th to Estelle Samuels — Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Schaffer have jumped the gun and have gone off to Florida to enjoy the sunshine. Hope they have a wonderful time and that Murray returns full of vim and vinegar to resume his cheerful method of conducting congregants to their seats.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Meyer Linder

Now that the Bazaar is over, we are concentrating on our big event of the year, our New Year's Eve Party. The affair will be held in our own building and it will be limited to 75 couples. The subscription is \$15.00 per couple.

Our committee, headed by Lou Gross and Nat Drillings, co-chairman, is working hard to make this affair one which you will long remember. There will be a good band, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, cold cuts, liquor and all the trimmings that go with a good New Year's Eve Party. The Liquor Bar will open at 10 P.M.

If you have not already made your reservations, contact Lou Gross — TA 8-0627. Make up a table with your friends and join us in the fun.

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At our meeting on October 24th, the Men's Club gave a party in honor of Murray Schaffer and presented him with a gift on the eve of his departure for Florida. Rabbi Margolies spoke for all of us when he praised our able and industrious scribe for his years of excellent and devoted service to Young Israel. Our best wishes to you, Murray, for a happy and restful vacation in the Sunshine State.

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We are very happy to learn that Sam Birnhak, Harry Friedman, Al Levine and Mickey Weinrieb are feeling much better now. We wish them a couple and speedy recovery and we are looking forward to the pleasure of their company.

CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

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Immediately following this "Brocho," the second "Brocho" is recited.

Bo-ruch a-toh ado- * elo-key-nu me-lech ha-olom sheh-oso nisim la-avosey-nu ba-yo-mim he-heym ba-z' man ha-zeh.

* insert name of G-d when blessing is said.

"Blessed art Thou, O L-d, our G-d, King of the Universe, who performed miracles for our Fathers in days gone by at this season."

On the first night only add the "She-hechey-nu" blessing.

Then with the "Shamash" kindle the lights in the Menorah, lighting one candle the first night and adding a candle every night for eight nights.

After the candles are lit, recite the following:

"We kindle these lights on account of the miracles, the deliverances, and the wonders which Thou didst work for our fathers, by means of Thy holy priests. During all the eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred; neither is it permitted to make any profane use of them, but we are only to look at them, in order that we may give thanks unto Thy name for Thy miracles, Thy deliverances and Thy wonders."

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The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place on Thursday evening, December 19th, at 8:30 P.M. in our building. Attend the meeting and enjoy the congenial company of your fellow Young Israelites.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

By Julie Horowitz

Sunday is indeed a very busy day at Young Israel for our boys and girls. Our youth activities are in full bloom from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. every Sunday.

At 9 in the morning our Minyan-aire Club of teen age boys and girls gather for services, have breakfast, then their cultural period followed by an hour of athletic activities. This popular group now numbering 18 boys and girls led by Kenny Sussman, promises to grow and expand both in membership and activities.

At 11 A.M. Miss Harriet Becker conducts a very lively club of girls between the age of 11 and 12. This group is planning several socials including a Thanksgiving Party.

For the small fry Robyn Winkler leads a club of boys and girls 9 to 10 years of age. They show a lively interest in Israeli songs and dances.

There are 2 more girls clubs. Miss Rosalie Seligson conducts the 12 year club every Wednesday night at 7:30 P.M. and Miss Judy Mogil leads a group of 13 year old girls every Sunday afternoon. These girls show an interest in social dancing and arts and crafts.

The very popular Michael Horowitz conducts 2 boys clubs. The Beavers 12 to 13 years of age meet every Sunday at 2:15 P.M. and another group of boys, 10 to 12 years of age, meet at 3 P.M. After their meetings both clubs join for their athletic activities.

Saturday afternoon at 3 P.M. Robyn Winkler conducts her popular Oneg Shabbat for boys and girls up to 12 years of age. Plans are now in formation for another Oneg Shabbat group where boys and girls of teen age will find many interesting cultural and social activities. A Sholosh-Seudoth meal is included in the plans for this group.

The big news for our youngsters is that plans have been completed for the conversion of our upstairs quarters into a gym with a regular basketball court. This will be in operation very shortly.

The chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, Mr. Julius Horowitz announces that plans for an inter-collegiate group will be discussed at the next meeting of the committee. The Youth Committee consists of Sid Robinson, Lou Zutler, Bob Lott, Julie Rosenzweig, Mrs. Ida Diamond, and Dave Wrubel. Rabbi Margolies is an invaluable advisor to the committee.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Saturday night, November 30th is the date of an evening of fun and dancing sponsored by the Women's League at Young Israel. Lynda Ondelman and her committee have gone all out to plan a wonderful evening, with special guest Joyce Edelson and Bob and Ray Lott lending their terpsichorean talents to insure a full evening ranging from country dancing to cha-cha-cha! Add Ruthie Lott's refreshments and you've got perfection. So dust off your dancing shoes and come trip the light fantastic!

Shoshana Margolies and her committee presented a delightful program commemorating Jewish Book Month at the last membership meeting. Members who did not attend missed a rare treat!

Our next meeting promises to be equally entertaining. So reserve December 11th and come on time, so that business may be disposed of with dispatch, and we may devote ourselves to Chanukah fun. Bring a friend and a 25c Chanukah gift, and we'll all enjoy some of the lively Chanukah songs and games.

Don't forget, girls. The DONOR TABLE is well stocked with Chanukah gift suggestions.

POEM

By Robyn Winkler

Whene'er I scanned the shelves
whereon my life
Stood stack'd in volumes neatly
in a row,
I thought on how each happiness
or strife
In my existence, helped my being
grow,
My library grew on and I did too,
As on I strove to make my person
whole,
I nourished mind and body, so they
grew,
But saw no cause to feed my hollow
soul,
And so I found no order in the set,
I lacked some vital volume on my
shelves.
I sought advice and all I could get:
"Have you found G-d? Then look
within yourselves!"
There's meaning now to all my joy
and strife.
The book of G-d's my catalogue of
life.

ANNIVERSARIES

November

6 Kalman & Helen Winkler — 20th
14 Mickey & Ruth Weinrieb
18 Samuel & Frances Pausack
22 Jack & Mary Bernstein — 18th
24 Harry & Bess Koppelman — 27th

December

16 Lou & Tillie Gross — 24th
18 Mack & Doris Bernfeld
24 Mr. & Mrs. Lou Katz
24 Charles & Norma Siegel
25 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Willner
25 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pollack

BIRTHDAYS

December

9 Lewis Bernstein
10 Susan Koppelman
11 Boris Stern
13 David Liebert
15 Jack Bernstein
18 Irene Horowitz
22 Bessie Proser
22 Malka Ziona Margolies
28 Nellie Burkhardt
28 Max Spielberger
30 Jack Slove

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If you want to be reminded of **your** anniversary or birthday or any other happy event in your family, just drop us a line, and we'll be glad to put it in print — Editor.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Many children are taking advantage of the fine books on the shelves of our library. Each class in the school has a library period once a week. We ask the cooperation of the parents to encourage their children to read books from our library.

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

To Julia Friedman upon the loss of her husband.

To Lou Rifkin upon the loss of his father.

To Mary Bernstein upon the loss of her father.

To Phil Sturim upon the loss of his brother.

May the Almighty comfort all of the bereaved.