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## Purim Services

Fast of Esther — Thursday, March 23rd - 6:30 A.M.

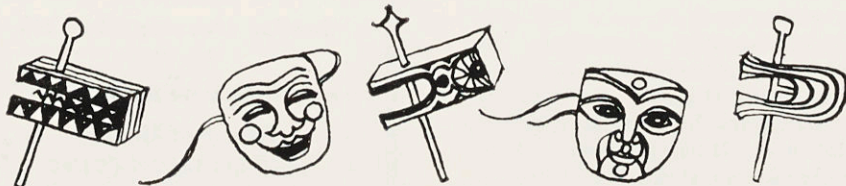
Reading of the Megillah (Scroll of Esther)  
on Saturday evening, March 25th at 7 P.M.  
and

Sunday morning, March 26th at 8 A.M.

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## **A BACKWARD GLANCE**

SIDNEY ROBINSON

Although your correspondent did not attend the Annual Banquet, the distaff side of his family did and reported that never was an affair of ours as sumptuous and enjoyable as this one . . . The new catering hall, the Young Israel of the Concourse, was a fitting site for the grand time that was had by all . . . Never did the ladies look more beautiful and more dazzlingly gowned than on this night . . . The meal was delicious and the service par excellence . . . The guests of honor, John and Bertha Greenfield, in their speeches of acceptance of the awards and gifts, were as gracious as one would expect two people who have done yeoman service for the organization in an almost imperceptible manner, to be . . . Our thanks to the committee for providing such a gala and, incidentally, financially rewarding (the Journal carried the greatest amount of ads of any over the years) evening . . . By the way, John has a most wonderful shot, taken by Mack Waldman, of one of the chandeliers at the Concourse . . . John was meant to be photographed while he was being carried around on a chair up in the air . . . Mack either wasn't wearing his right glasses or the chair moved too fast . . . Our thanks to the Levin family for the decorating job in the building . . . We cherish the family's friendship and wish the members years of health and prosperity . . . Shortly, the congregation will witness the third step in the redecoration of our synagogue when the new Ark and Torah coverings are unveiled . . . Still more will come that will enhance the beauty of the sanctuary—the committee is working diligently on this phase . . . The an-

## **PASSOVER FUND (MO'OS CHITTIM)**

With the advent of Purim, we realize that Pesach is just around the corner.

There is hardly a local charity in Jewish life that has appealed more warmly to the heart of the Jews than the Mo'os Chittim Appeal, providing Passover needs for poor families in dire and wretched circumstances.

Our Young Israel of Parkchester has never failed each year to put this Passover help into the outstretched hand of every deserving individual and institution, whether in our own locality, in Europe or in Israel. Last year, over \$900.00 was dispensed to various worthy causes.

Please send your contribution to the synagogue office and help those who need it most. Your preparations for Passover are not complete without having given your Mo'os Chittim contribution.

## **ECUMENISM AND JUDAISM**

In view of the confusion that has arisen in the minds of many Jews due to the change in policy of the Roman Catholic Church, we reprint herewith a statement by the renowned Talmudic scholar and philosopher, Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik on this most delicate issue.

### **RESERVE**

**Sunday Morning, May 7th  
for the  
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**Guest of Honor:  
ABRAHAM I. LEVINE**

## **SERVICES**

Daily .....6:45 A.M.  
Saturday .....8:45 A.M.  
Sunday .....8:00 A.M.  
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Talmud Class Saturday .....4:45 P.M.

nual appeal for the National Council successfully raised a sizeable sum for the parent body of our branch . . . A happy and merry Purim to all . . .



## DOCUMENTS OF OUR TIME On Interfaith Relationships

By Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik

"The Jewish religious tradition expresses itself in a fusion of universalism and singularism." On the one hand, Jews are vitally concerned with the problems affecting the common destiny of man. We consider ourselves members of the universal community charged with the responsibility of promoting progress in all fields, economic, social, scientific and ethical. As such, we are opposed to a philosophy of isolationism or esoterism which would see the Jews living in a culturally closed society.

On the other hand, we are a distinctive faith community with a unique commitment, singular relationship to G-d and a specific way of life. We must never confuse our role as the bearers of a particular commitment and destiny with our role as members of the family of man.

In the areas of universal concern, we welcome an exchange of ideas and impressions. Communication among the various communities will greatly contribute towards mutual understanding and will enhance and deepen our knowledge of those universal aspects of man which are relevant to all of us.

In the area of faith, religious law, doctrine and ritual, Jews have throughout the ages been a community guided exclusively by distinctive concerns, ideals and commitments. Our love of and dedication to G-d are personal and bespeak an intimate relationship which must not be debated with others whose relationship to G-d has been moulded by different historical events and in different terms. *Discussion will in no way enhance or hallow these emotions.*

We are, therefore, opposed to any public debate, dialogue or symposium concerning the doctrinal, dogmatic or ritual aspects of our faith vis à vis "similar" aspects of another faith community. We believe in and are committed to our Maker in a specific manner and we will not question, defend, offer apologies, analyze or rationalize our faith in dialogues centered about these "private" topics which express our personal relationship to the G-d of Israel. We assume that members of other faith communities will feel similarly about their individual religious commitment.

We would deem it improper to enter into dialogues on such topics as:

1. Judaic monotheism and the Christian idea of Trinity.
2. The Messianic idea of Judaism and Christianity.
3. The Jewish attitude on Jesus.
4. The concept of the Covenant in Judaism and Christianity.
5. The Eucharist mass and Jewish prayer service.
6. The Holy Ghost and prophetic inspiration.
7. Isaiah and Christianity.
8. The Priest and the Rabbi.
9. Sacrifice and the Eucharist.
10. The Church and the Synagogue—their sanctity and meta-physical nature, etc.

There cannot be mutual understanding, concerning these topics, *for Jew and Christian will employ different categories and move within incommensurate frames of reference and evaluation.*

When, however, we move from the private world of faith to the public world of humanitarian and cultural endeavors, communication among the various faith communities is desirable and even essential. We are ready to enter into dialogue on such topics as War and Peace, Poverty, Freedom, Man's Moral Values, The Threat of Secularism, Technology, and Human Values, Civil Rights, etc. which revolve about religious spiritual aspects of our civilization. Discussion within these areas will, of course, be within the framework of our religious outlooks and terminology.

Jewish rabbis and Christian clergymen cannot discuss socio-cultural and moral problems as sociologists, historians or cultural ethicists in agnostic or secularist categories. As men of G-d, our thoughts, feelings, perceptions and terminology bear the imprint of a religious world outlook. We define ideas in religious categories and we express our feelings in a peculiar language which quite often is incomprehensible to the secularist. In discussions we apply the religious yardstick and the religious idiom. We evaluate man as the bearer of G-d's Likeness. We define morality as an act of "Imitatio Dei", etc. In a word, even our dialogue at a socio-humanitarian level must inevitably be grounded in universal religious cate-

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## WOMEN'S LEAGUE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Member:

How did you like the fashion show? Wasn't it lovely? Thanks to everyone for their splendid cooperation in making it such a success.

Spring is on the way—I hope—the snows and rains should stop now and let us get on with all our projects—plans for a Hobby Show are in the making for next season. Get busy and make something to show.

Our meeting on April 12th will be devoted to PASSOVER and I urge everyone to attend. Rabbi Schwartz will give us the benefit of his knowledge in getting our homes ready for the holiday so that we can all have a ZIESEN UND KOSHEREN PESACH.

Sincerely, Frances E. Needle,  
*President.*

### NEWS

Our sincere appreciation goes to Macy's Parkchester and especially, to Messrs. Stephen Steinberg and Terry Liffland who devoted much time and effort to make our Fashion Show on March 8th the success that it was. Many thanks to the chairladies, Fay Spitz and Norma Brooks and their committee, Helen Fox who played the piano so beautifully, Bob Horowitz for his invaluable assistance, to all our charming models, and to Shear Charm Hair Stylists at 1412 Unionport Road, who made our models look so glamorous. It was indeed my pleasure and an honor to be the commentator for such a beautiful affair.

At our Twenty Fifth Anniversary Donor Dinner on May 10th, at the Parkside Plaza, we will pay tribute to our devoted and wonderful President, Frances Needle. Time is flying, so please try to earn your quota and let's make this the biggest and best donor dinner we've ever had! Please see your donor chairlady, Ruth Kohen, if you need assistance.

A hearty welcome to Mrs. Helen Buchen who joined our League.

Dr. Jonathan and Sandy Cohen (Fay and Sol Spitz's daughter) are on a jaunt through Europe to celebrate, belatedly, their first wedding anniversary. Happy landings!

Joanna Gewertz Harris, daughter of Molly and Abe Gewertz, is at UCLA, Berkeley, working towards her doctorate

in Fine Arts; also doing the choreography and directing in the drama department. Joanna was recently interviewed by the Sunday Examiner and Chronicle and featured in a two page spread with colorful pictures. She also teaches at the San Francisco Museum of Art. We are proud of you Joanna!

Frances Pausack informs us that accommodations for our Grossinger's Week End, November 17th-19th are going fast, so we'd advise you to send in your reservations now if you don't want to miss the fun.

Wishing you a Happy Purim,  
Sadye R. Levine,  
*Your News Reporter.*

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Tuesdays at Noon—Koffee Klotches.

Saturday evening, March 25th—Purim Party.

Saturday evening, April 8th—Theatre Party—"Cabaret".

Wednesday evening, April 12th—Passover Meeting.

November 17th-19th — Grossinger Week End.

### PLEASE CONTACT:

Theatre Chairladies: Helen Sochrin — SY 2-8279; Betty Waldman—TA 2-3843.

Donor Merchandise: Ruth Kohen—TA 9-0735.

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Israeli Gifts: Ida Diamond—TA 8-9866.

Knit Dresses: Bea Kutner—SY 2-9095; Hannah Katz—TA 8-6346.

Bronx Press Review: Evelyn Rifkin — UN 3-1367.

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Grossinger Week End Chairladies: Frances Pausack—TA 2-2304; Gertrude Drillings—TA 8-0239.

Women's League news items should be sent to Sadye R. Levine, 1553 Unionport Road.

### CHARITY CORNER

During the past few weeks we have conducted drives for two worthy enterprises, the National Council of Young Israel and the Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem (headed by the renowned Rabbi Moses Feinstein). Those who would like to contribute are urged to send in their donation for these worthy endeavors to our office. They would be most appreciated.



## **JAVITS TO SPEAK AT COUNCIL DINNER**

Senator Jacob K. Javits, of New York, will receive the Special Service Award at the 55th Annual Dinner of the National Council of Young Israel to take place at the New York Hilton Hotel on April 16th.

Trends seem to point to the fact that the Senator will make a most important statement at this Dinner in the presence of some 1,200 Young Israelites.

Not only will our New York branches be represented, but the Council already has reservations from members in Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Connecticut and Boston.

## **FROM THE MEN'S CLUB**

Our ambitious Men's Club members have braved the elements to come to Young Israel for the purpose of preparing the 1967 Baseball Boosters Project. I want to thank publicly our members Lou Gross, Al Levine, Leo Maslow, Al Messing, Moe Scher and Mack Waldman for spending several Sunday mornings with me to complete this task.

I am happy to report that the sun was shining in full glory for our March Breakfast Meeting, which was well attended. We had the pleasure of hearing our own Charles Rubinstein discuss his open letter to Yergeny Yvtushenko in the New York Times and the public reaction to this ad. An interesting question and answer period followed. Many thanks to Charlie for a Sunday morning well spent.

I am urging all of our members to make early reservations for our November 17th-19th, 1967 weekend at Grosinger's, a joint undertaking of the Men's Club and the Women's League.

I hope to see many of our members at our Purim Party Saturday evening, March 25th in Levin Hall.

Till then, my best wishes for a Happy Purim.

Harry Brooks,  
*President.*

## **GET WELL**

Our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Irving Buchen, Harry Grey, Bertha Panfield and Rena Krohnengold. Our wish: Refuah Shlemah!

*Best wishes and felicitations to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in March:*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

(2) Leon Brown, Bess Seidman; (4) Mary Zuckerman, Loretta Solomon, Philip Haiman; (6) Samuel C. Schwartz; (7) Phyllis Grossman, Arthur Lowenthal; (8) Rosann Kalish, Shirley Silverman, Stella Carlin; (10) Norma Siegel, Murray Weinreb, Ruth Kutner; (11) Robert Lowenthal, Rose Schaffer; (12) Grace Green, Reba Septimus, Irving Greenfield, David Cohen; (14) Murray Heller; (15) Kenneth Horowitz; (15) Stephanie Jaret, Anne Konigsberg, Robert Kaplan, Louis Friedman, Joseph Krenkel; (16) Charles Schwartz, Bessie Vegatsky; (17) Jerome Shelby; (18) Eugene Fink; (19) Marion Silverman, Norma Brooks; (21) Roslyn S. Scher, Sophia Speck; (22) Ruth Weiden; (23) Frances Pausack, Beatrice Buchsbaum, Bob Lott, Helen Winkler; (24) Pearl Feinstein, Lois Danis, Jerry Lott; (25) Emma Slavin, Henry Dominik; (26) Alex Sobel, Leslie Sobel, Irving Banarer; (28) Rae Call; (29) Milton Skulnik, Renée Canter; (31) Rochelle Dominik.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

(4) Mr. & Mrs. Sam Berman; (6) Mr. & Mrs. Milton Carlin; (7) Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Bernstein; (9) Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Groginsky; (11) Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kossak; (12) Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jaffe; (13) Mr. and Mrs. Sol Spitz; (16) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horowitz; (19) Mr. & Mrs. Max Kaplan; (20) Mr. and Mrs. Leo Slavin, Mr. and Mrs. Al Messing; (21) Mr. and Mrs. Harold Speck; (26) Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Bengel; (28) Mr. and Mrs. Philip Osroff; (29) Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Chalson \* \* \* and Many Happy Returns.

## **CONDOLENCES**

*Our deepest sympathy to:*

Mrs. Reba Pollack and the Schneider Family, on the loss of their beloved father, David Schneider.

Mrs. Hannah Langer, on the loss of her beloved brother, Louis Pasmanick.

Nathan Lifshay, on the loss of his beloved brother.

Mrs. Billy Silver and Herman Reisman, on the loss of their beloved mother, Esther Reisman.

May they be comforted amongst the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



## MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to:

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Brown, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Leon.

Mrs. Yetta Daniels, on the birth of her new granddaughter Deborah Jean Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Finkelstein, on the birth of their grandson Eric Steven, born to their children Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hymowitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schuman, on the engagement of their daughter Marilyn to Mark Sperber.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheldon, on the Bar Mitzvah of their twin sons Ronald and David.

Mr. and Mrs. William Werner, on the conferral of a Ph.D. degree upon their son Stephen, by Columbia University.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Zwisohn, on the engagement of their daughter Meryl to Harold Marshak.

## Documents (Cont'd)

gories and values. However, these categories and values, even though religious in nature and biblical in origin represent the universal and public—not the individual and private—in religion.

To repeat, we are ready to discuss universal religious problems. We will resist any attempt to debate our private individual commitment.

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