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Our 31st Annual Dinner and Journal

We have all received in the mail, a letter requesting us to make reservations for our Anniversary Dinner to be held Saturday evening, January 30th, 1971, at the Community Center of Israel, on the Esplanade, in The Bronx.

You are urged to be prompt with your reply, so that your Banquet Committee may arrange its seating plan to ensure your comfort and your pleasure. Commitments must be made to the caterer, so won't you please inform us immediately of your attendance and your seating preference.

The tempo quickens as the time of the Banquet draws near. From all indications the affair looks like it will be the coming social, not only of this year, but of all years. There is an undercurrent of excitement because of the surprise events designed to stimulate your response mechanism. We repeat, this year's Dinner promises to surpass all. You simply cannot afford to miss it. For your peace of mind, don't be left out.

To top it off we are honoring Nat Saperstein with the Man of the Year Award; and Harold Speck for dedicated service to Young Israel of Parkchester.

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Journal Chairman

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*Pres. Women's League***FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Lou Friedman has to be the first person to be mentioned as of my return to this corner, which he so very ably occupied during my temporary sidelining. The wonderful articles which he contributed, makes me hesitate about taking back this corner of our Young Israelite. I am sure that you all enjoyed reading him, as I do.

There are so many "thank yous" that I wish to make, that I don't feel at all embarrassed to take advantage of this means of personally thanking each of you for helping me to a speedy recovery by your cards, calls, visits and prayers.

Now to Young Israel — how can I best express something that I want you all to share with me?

The coming Annual Banquet which will be held January 30th, 1971, has all the preparations made, plans carefully worked out, and extra new features included so all of us can have one of the most enjoyable evenings in the thirty-one years of our annual affairs. All of this tremendous detail is the work of Lou Friedman and his fine committee. A big, big job that had to be done by newcomers and experienced members in a combined effort for your good time and the benefit of our Young Israel.

What I want you to know is that your committee early this summer, very carefully decided on honoring two guests, our National President Nathan Saperstein and a truly deserving member Harold Speck.

Harold Speck has retired from his banking activities and is relocating in Florida. Very few of us know that Harold in his modesty, year in and year

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A favorite cliché, which has become polarized into our contemporary society, is the expression "the generation gap." We rationalize the behavior of our offspring and explain his weird dress, his fantastic hairdo and his bewhiskered image by a shake of the head and a derisive allusion to his lack of maturity. His standards of social behavior, and his freedom from the normal inhibitions are incomprehensible to us. This seeming misunderstanding between father and son tends to divide the two, with the chasm deepening as time lengthens.

Are we, then, willing to accept this phenomenon as a fact of life? Are we ready to divest ourselves of the responsibility which we voluntarily assumed? If we feel that the path of our young ones leads only to anguish and frustration, what is our recourse? Perhaps it is we who are at fault. Perhaps we are the ones who have deviated from the norm. Perhaps our behavior is incongruous and confusing and incompatible. Perhaps youth fails to relate to us because we fail to relate to a principle, to a belief that is wholesome and noble and spiritual.

Are we not guilty of greed and avarice? Are we not guilty of seeking physical pleasures and loose moral values? Can we truly say *our* standards are always honorable?

The old axiom is as true today as it was a century ago "The apple falls not far from the tree." And in Young Israel of Parkchester I see it exemplified every day, and I marvel at it, for to me it spells out hope that others too, seeing it are influenced by it. I refer to the father-son relationships amongst our congregants. I'm privileged to witness the product of example, and the pride and the warmth that results. I see an honest sincerity and a strong bond that has been built between father and son. *Because the father has instilled in his son a belief, a sense of belonging, a tie, a faith, a foundation. And he has done that by example.*

I see in our synagogue three generations of Langers; Irving and his son, Stanley, and Stanley's two sons Richard

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FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

For those of you who are interested in the Fanny Eigner and Lillian Ross funds, you will be pleased to know that their names will be inscribed on the panels of the doors of the synagogue, when the stained glass windows are installed. Fanny Eigner will also have a plaque put up in her name in the L'Maan Hayaed Home In Bnei Braque.

Bob Liebert was the winner of the afghan started by Fanny Eigner before her demise and finished by Rose Gratz. The money collected for the raffle was added to the Fanny Eigner Fund. Our thanks to Rose Gratz for her help.

On behalf of my family and myself I want to wish you all a Happy Chanukah.

Sincerely,
SARA KAUFMAN
President

From The President (Cont'd)

out brought in to our Young Israel Annual Journals, among the greatest dollar ad amounts. No great fanfare, no big show, he just went out and did his job! So we, the Young Israel of Parkchester do not just say goodbye. We say, "Harold, all honor to you!"

The National Council of Young Israel at its last convention, reelected Nathan Saperstein to enable him to finish together with his administration, what is without dispute the most successful administration in the history of the movement.

Again, the Young Israel of Parkchester could not just take this wonderful accomplishment without doing something more concrete. We as a branch of the movement, can only bestow our highest compliment to such a great National President that has given us of the fruits of his achievements.

We honor him as our Guest of Honor at our Annual Banquet! The entire National Council of Young Israel and each of our member branches, I am sure, will join us in this sincere expression of thanks so richly earned by Nathan Saperstein.

The Young Israel of Parkchester prides itself in honoring they that serve, Harold Speck and Nathan Saperstein.

NATE BERLINER

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Our President, Sara Kaufman, greeted all the members warmly at our December meeting with a special welcome to the new members, Rose Goldner, Rose Grashheim, Eve Ponyman, Esther Steinberg and Elsie Weisenfeld and urged them to become active and participate in our League's activities.

Rachel Schwartz, our Chaplain, opened the meeting with the invocation and our Rabbi Schwartz ended the meeting with an interesting talk on Chanukah. It is always a pleasure to listen to these two people, they speak so well, it must run in the family.

The surprise of the evening was the naming of Rose Parnes as the 'Woman of the Year', a more deserving member would be hard to find. She, together with her committee, did a magnificent job on our White Elephant sale last year and we are sure that she will do an even better job this year.

After reporting of sisters traveling here and there our regular News Reporter Sadye Levine and her husband Al took off for the warm climate of Florida for the winter and I hope they are not disappointed.

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A Forward Look (Cont'd)

and Freddie. I see Kelly Winkler and his son, Neil; Julie Horowitz and Bernie; Boris Stern and Joel; Sid Sussman and his sons, Dr. Lennie and Kenneth; Lou Gitelman and his son, Dr. Zvi; I see Jack Gurock and Noah and Jeff; Ray Klugman and Jonathan; Fred Steiner and Mark and Richard; Fred Kutner and Joel; Ed Breiner and Mark; Jack Bernstein and Lou; Lou Gross and Mel and Danny; Jack List and Jerry; Sol Spitz and Sheldon; Charlie Rubinstein and Leon; Meyer Diamond and Mel; Jack Slove and Marty; Bob Liebert and David and others.

To me, the conclusion is obvious and forceful and inevitable. Youth seeks the guidelines that spell out a code, a road, a way of life. He cries out for guidance; he reaches for your hand. Be that the parent is strong and righteous, with a set of religious beliefs, so then is the son resolute and purposeful; for "as the tree is bent, the twig's inclined."

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

My wife and I recently returned from a trip to Israel and I would like to share our impressions of the State of Israel with the members of the Men's Club. This was our first visit to Israel and throughout our travels from North to South and East to West we were overwhelmed by the beauty of the land, the green scenery and the colorful flowers.

We also noticed that there is prosperity in the Land. People are earning good salaries, the stores are packed with merchandise and customers. There is a shortage of labor and the Government is actually bringing in Arab labor from the occupied territories. There is much construction of private homes and apartment houses all over the land, but more so in Jerusalem.

One of the most important industries is tourism and everything is being done to keep the tourists happy. The hotels are beautiful, food is good and plentiful, tour buses are air conditioned and the guides are very knowledgeable and accommodating.

A word about safety in the streets — for the first time in many years and thousands of miles away from our home in The Bronx, we were able to venture out into the streets at any time of day or night without any fear of returning to our hotel safely — what a grand feeling!

One of the highlights of the trip was our four visits to the Western Wall. I could not help myself, but each time my eyes filled up with tears — happy tears. While I was praying there I reminded myself of reading in our history books THAT IN 1898 OUR GREAT LEADER AND CREATOR OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, DR. THEODORE HERZL, STOOD AT THE WALL AND TEARS ROLLED DOWN HIS CHEEKS, ALSO, THAT ON PASSOVER IN 1928 OUR GREAT ZIONIST LEADER, MENACHEM USISHKIN, COMFORTED THE PEOPLE WHO GATHERED AT THE WALL TELLING THEM THAT UP TILL NOW THE STONES OF THE WALL WERE THE LAST STONES

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ON THE OBSERVANCE OF CHANUKAH

Chanukah, which in Hebrew means Dedication, is the Festival of Lights celebrated annually for eight days, from the 25th day of Kislev (this year, Tuesday Eve., December 22nd through Wednesday, December 30th).

Every evening in the Synagogue and at home, the Chanukah lights are lit. Though it is permissible to light the Chanukah candles before nightfall, they should be large enough or the Chanukah lamp should contain enough oil, to burn one half hour from the time of nightfall. On Friday evening, when the Chanukah lights are lit earlier than on weekdays, special care should be taken to use large enough candles to burn one half hour after nightfall.

The sole object of the kindling of the Chanukah lights is not the illumination of the house within, but that passersby should see them and recall the miracle of Chanukah. Therefore, they should be placed near a window. If one lives too high for the people in the street to see his Chanukah lamp, it should be placed on a chair or on a stand near the left side of one of the doors in the house, opposite the Mezuzah.

The order of lighting the Chanukah lights is as follows:

On the first evening of Chanukah one candle is lit; on the second night, two candles; on the third, three, and so, one more is added each evening until the eighth, when all the candles are lit.

On the first night, the candle to be lit is placed on the right end of the Chanukah lamp. On the second night, one is added next to the first from right to left and every evening, the candle added is from right to left. The newly added candle is lit first and then the lighting of the other candles is continued towards the right.

From The Men's Club (Cont'd)

OF OUR SECOND TEMPLE BUT, FROM NOW ON THE STONES WILL BE THE FIRST STONES OF OUR THIRD TEMPLE.

Of course I davened in Synagogues in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem, but my biggest thrill was during the last Shabbos at the Sharon Hotel in Hertzlia where the President of Israel, Zalman Shazar, was also spending the weekend — so we davened together in the same Shul.

In general our stay in Israel was very thrilling and exciting and we look forward with much anticipation to a return trip.

HARRY BROOKS
President

Women's League News (Cont'd)

Charlie and Norma Siegel, not to be outdone, are also going to Florida, where they will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on December 23rd. Lots of good luck!

Arnold Haiman, son of Hattie and Phil, passed the New York State Bar; (anyone in need of a good lawyer?) good luck!

I spoke to Ruth Lott and she wants to be remembered to all the sisters; she is feeling much better, but I am sure a card or call would gladden her heart and speed her recovery.

If you have any interesting news or gossip contact me as I will be your reporter for the time being.

Your news reporter
FANNIE R. BROWN

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GET WELL

Our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Murray Canter and Henry Halpern.

It's good to see Frank Alman, Bea Kutner and Arthur Needle home after their recent hospitalization.

Refuah Shlemah! A full and speedy recovery to all of you.

Best wishes and felicitation to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in December:

BIRTHDAYS

(6) Charlotte Zwisohn, Frederick Steiner; (9) Lewis Bernstein, Mildred Schwartz; (10) Susan Gross, Ted Buchsbaum, Janet Ross; (11) Boris Stern; (12) Jack Bernstein; (13) Fred Kerner, David Liebert, Beatrice Kanter; (15) Miriam Klugman, Stuart Rosenberg; (16) Jacob Reich; (18) Irene Horowitz; (19) Doris Greenberg, Moe Mandel; (20) Florence Feinstein; (21) Carl Felman, Ruth Kohen; (22) Sophie Levine, Jerry Zuckerman, Bessie Proser; (23) Steven Buchsbaum; (24) Sylvia Feigeles; (25) Sally Smith; (26) Roslyn A. Horowitz, Paula B. Horowitz, Caryl Kahn, Baruch Morawiec; (28) Nellie Burkhardt, Max Spielberger, Bradley Spitz; (29) Nat Anker; (30) Jack Slove, Bea Weiss, Robert A. Miller.

ANNIVERSARIES

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Krenkel, Mr. & Mrs. David Cohen; (4) Mr. & Mrs. David Ross; (6) Mr. & Mrs. David Alper; (8) Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Zwisohn; (11) Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kideckel; (12) Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Sommerfeld; (13) Mr. & Mrs. Moe Mandel; (14) Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wurmbrand; (16) Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Miller — their 36th, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gross; (18) Mr. & Mrs. Mack Bernfeld; (19) Mr. & Mrs. Martin Berish, Mr. & Mrs. Jack List; (21) Mr. & Mrs. Martin Margulis; (22) Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Spill; (23) Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Kurzer; (24) Mr. & Mrs. Louis Katz, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Siegel, Mr. & Mrs. Baruch Morawiec, Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Gewirtz; (25) Mr. & Mrs. Sam Willner, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Pollack; (26) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Miller; (28) Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Zuckerman *** and many happy returns.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Irene Boritz, on the loss of her beloved sister Rebecca Fishkin.

Mr. Alfred J. Daniels, on the loss of his beloved mother Rachel Daniels.

Mr. Charles Feinstein, on the loss of his beloved mother Sarah Feinstein.

Mrs. Shirley Hamburger, on the loss of her beloved mother Elka Beberman.

Mrs. Gertrude Kurzer, on the loss of her beloved father Michael Yancovitch.

Mrs. Helen Roth, on the loss of her beloved brother Milton S. Mandell.

Mrs. Tillie Shaw, on the loss of her beloved brother.

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

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kideckel, on the birth of their grandson Kenneth David Kideckel.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Koppelman, whose daughter Susan Gross, wife of Stuart, son of Tillie and Lou Gross, received her Doctorate in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago.

Marc Lewis, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Mac Glatman on his Bar Mitzvah in our Young Israel. Also, best wishes to them in their new home in Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Stadler, on the birth of their grandson Marc Philip to their children Barbara & Sol Wilkofsky.

Mrs. Mollie Weiss and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kaplan on the opening of a podiatry office by their son and son-in-law Dr. Mervyn Kaplan.

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