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## Was It Worth It? Reflections on Thirty One Years of Young Israel of Parkchester

When an institute like Young Israel of Parkchester celebrates its 31st Birthday perhaps there are those who will venture the question "Was it worth it — all the years of fund raising, toil, labor, frustration and constant battle with an indifferent Jewish community"?

Of course one can say take a look what you have on Virginia Avenue, a modern functional three story edifice, a fine membership, activities for the young and old, services every day of the year, the largest Adult Educational program in the Bronx, and still getting new members so you're a success!

But there is perhaps something else that bothers you — have you fulfilled the mission of Young Israel — have you reached the youth of our community?

Here are excerpts from letters from two of our boys who attended our Young Israel Talmud Torah and youth program, who are today in the Armed Forces of our country.

... I have become more and more Orthodox. I daven three times daily and put on Tefilin every morning except Shabbatt. I am thinking about continuing my Jewish Schooling and going to Yeshiva when I finish my tour here. I would appreciate anything you could tell me about what I am going to attempt ...

Dear Rabbi Schwartz:

I have some good news to tell you about myself and the Army. I do hope this letter finds you and your family in good health.

This past Shabbos I attended services in the Temple here at Fort Polk. As it turned out the boys who were running the services are getting ready to leave for home. They were scared because they did not think there would be anyone to take their place. Well, it was as history says there always seems to be one more Jew. A friend of mine and I volunteered to run services. He went to Yeshiva for eight years so he'll be the Rabbi. I have a better singing voice so I'll try to be a Cantor.

Seriously, it is a good feeling to know that I can use my training in Hebrew in a remote place such as Fort Polk. For that I can only thank you for your inspiration and guidance.

I only ask that you pray for us to do a job pleasing to G-d. I hope to be seeing you soon. Please relay my regards to my friends at Young Israel." ...

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*Pres. Women's League***A FORWARD LOOK***Lou Friedman*

The pages of history list names of men who have distinguished themselves by deeds of valor and/or accomplishment. There are those who long will be remembered for fulfilling a dream that haunted them endlessly. The spotlight searches them out for the impact they made. To these men we pay honor and respect, for they touched our lives and changed the course of history.

To a lesser degree, there are those who played major roles in shaping events, and in realizing dreams, while not national scope, yet affecting the lives of communities, and smaller segments of our population. Are we not to say that such individuals should not similarly be singled out and recognized by the community so benefited?

Young Israel of Parkchester celebrated its 31st Anniversary at its January 30th Dinner. Its continuance for 31 years is taken matter of factly by us all, which is indeed a tribute to the administrations of today and yesterday. Difficult as it may be in these troublous times where the mores of the community are prone to change because of the pressures exerted by those who seek a new way of life, our admiration must be expressed to those who refused to compromise with orthodoxy. It was because of their dedication, and in their strong conviction that true yiddiskeit is best exemplified in the Young Israel

movement, that today we well may boast that, in truth, we indeed dwell in a House of Tradition.

And so, 31 years ago today, Kelly Winkler, Boris Stern and Julie Horowitz set in motion those ideals by which they had lived and learned to love so well. It was because of their determination and "stick-to-itiveness" and their devotion to the principles of true religion that made possible true fulfillment. The ability to breathe life into a dream was singularly possessed by Kelly, Boris and Julie. These three like-minded individuals dreamed a dream, and were not afraid to build that dream into reality.

We marvel at the sheer courage of men to embark on an adventure which at any stage may topple and falter. We look with awe upon men beset by a cause and willing to fight to see it prevail. The fact that the cause is just does not diminish from the possible disappointments, frustrations, worries and heartaches. It is to the credit of these three that their spirit, their high sense of moral integrity, their honesty and their own devotion, so inspired all those from whom they sought support, that the incredible did become the reality. It was their enthusiasm that gave rise to the Young Israel of Parkchester.

And so, in a sense, when we refer to our Kelly, our Boris and our Julie as pioneers, we swell with pride that men of their calibre are still with us, still strong in their practice of Torah, and still imbued with their strength and their sincerity. Men like that made possible the growth of the Young Israel movement. In less than 60 years the national movement has grown to well over 100 branches and has seen the establishment of Kosher clubs on many of our college campuses. Young Israel cannot be denied, for in its halls are men like our three Founders.

Fears for the future of our Synagogue may be put to rest, so long as we have men like Kelly and Boris and Julie. In the hearts of all of the worshippers of Young Israel of Parkchester there will always be respect and admiration for them.





### FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

As we look back on the 29 years that the Women's League has been in existence, we have a great deal to be proud of.

The Women's League has helped imple- ment, and in many cases instigated the improvements we see around us in Young Israel.

As your president I salute you all for your marvelous cooperation to every president in the past, and I pray that the future will see your continued cooperation.

SARA KAUFMAN  
President

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Hebrew Classes every Tuesday morn- ing, followed by a Koffee Klotch at noon. The Donor Gift Shop will also be open at this time.

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Women's League news items should be sent to Fannie R. Brown, 1366 White Plains Road.

#### CALLING ALL TEENAGERS

Join our new Teen Group  
Boys and Girls Ages 15 - 17

**OPENING MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28th**  
**at 10:30 A.M.**

Be sure to be there for an excit- ing educational and social experien- e.

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

So there I was at a family wedding, true we had a very good time, and you all were having the traditional grand time at our 31st Testimonial Dinner.

Snooping around, as reporters do, I heard that the place was beautiful, the women dressed to the hilt, the speeches short, the music hot and so a good time was had by all.

Sid and Sara Edelson are back from Florida looking tan and healthy, attest- ing to the fact a vacation helps.

Nat and Shirley Hamburger are happy their daughter Jerri became en- gaged to David Greene; an early wed- ding is planned.

My husband Joe, and myself are happy to announce we became grand- parents to a future member of the Women's League.

Some members, altho confined to their home, because of illness or weather, still have Women's League at heart.

Ruth Lott, is one of these women, she always keeps in touch and now sent a very generous donation to the Fanny Eigner Fund.

Helen Roth, is another, if she can't come out she has card games at home and donates the money to the Women's League.

That's the spirit, and now we need this same get up and do spirit from all the members. We need *LOADS* and *LOADS* of merchandise for the March 28th WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Don't let our chairman Rose Parness down, she did a tremendous job last year and would like to do an even big- ger one this year. She can with your help.

Your News Reporter  
FANNIE R. BROWN

#### Women's League Urgently Needs Merchandise For WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

To be held  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 28th, 1971**

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### FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

The main purpose of the Men's Club is to socialize and thus create an atmosphere of brotherhood in Young Israel. We help our parent body financially so that they can successfully carry out their many educational and religious programs.

Our only fund raising project is the BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB, which has proven to be a great source of income. In order to achieve our ambition we must engage the services of our loyal and hard working members. Our captains have always done a yeoman's job, and the success of this project has been very gratifying to them and to me. I would very much welcome the interest of other members as well.

Tickets for the 1971 Baseball Season will be distributed at our breakfast meeting, which will take place on Sunday March 21st in Levin Hall.

Please make arrangements to attend, get your tickets and at the same time pay tribute to our 1970 captains.

HARRY BROOKS  
President

### GET WELL

Our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Mrs. Marie Glassroth and Mr. Louis Wellen.

Refuah Shlemah!

### CONDOLENCES

#### Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Dr. Arthur Getzkin, on the loss of his beloved father Alexander Getzkin.

Mrs. Irene Horowitz, Mrs. Pearl Steiner and Mr. Louis Weiss, on the loss of their beloved mother and wife Jennie Weiss.

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

### MAZEL TOV

#### Our Heartiest Congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Sol Bobroy, on the birth of their granddaughter Lori Beth to their children Mr. & Mrs. Steven Bobroy.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brown, on the birth of their granddaughter Jennifer Beth to their children Rosann and Jay Kalish.

Mr. & Mrs. David Heisler, on the birth of their new granddaughter Jody.

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



### BIRTHDAYS

(1) Beth Anker, Howard Hein; (2) Sandra Linder, Susan Hirsh; (4) David Ross, Elaine Alper; (5) Michael Solomon, Richard Kurzer; (7) Wendy Amstel, Michael Wurmbrand, Mac Bernfeld; (9) Hy Horn; (12) Rose Fox, Meyer Diamond, Larry Sochrin, Albert Beeber; (13) Mitzi Fink, Robert Kornblum; (16) Joan Friedman, Jeanne Weiss; (17) Adrienne Bensch; (18) Stuart Shelby; (20) Nathan Groginsky; (21) David Margulis, Aaron Bernstein; (22) Arnold Weinreb, Mitchel Ian Siegel, Abraham Evans; (24) Marilyn Sperber; (25) Meyer Linder, Carol Erenstein; (27) Arline Heller, Barbara Heller, Esther Reisman.

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## Anniversaries

(2) Mr. & Mrs. Julius Solomon; (4) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Levy; (5) Mr. & Mrs. Leo Maslow; (13) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Parness; (18) Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Fink; (20) Mr. & Mrs. Philip Haiman; (22) Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Lacher; (23) Dr. & Mrs. Maurice Appel; (27) Mr. & Mrs. Harold Koch \*\*\* and many happy returns.



## Young Israel Thanks You

The affair was magnificent. The many people who attended will attest to that. Not only was it a success socially, but also fiscally.

The Banquet Committee is grateful indeed to the many members and non-members who unselfishly helped Young Israel in raising the revenue so vital to its existence. We are grateful, and we offer thanks to you for your whole-hearted support. We pledge ourselves to continue our effort to maintain in Young Israel the warmth and fellowship and solicitude which our Synagogue stands for. Your Committee is proud to be associated with the many, many friends of Young Israel, who unhesitatingly subscribed to a personal ad in our Journal. When "the chips are down" it's good to know that we can count on your support.

To those who were unable to come to the Banquet, we are sorry indeed. Goodwill and laughter and gaiety pervaded the halls of the Community Center of Israel. Everyone present was in that mood that lent itself to happy banter, good natured kidding and close camaraderie. Everyone present participated in the good cheer that prevailed throughout the evening. The softness of Joe King's music and his nostalgic tunes lent enchantment to the evening's festivities.

And to be privileged to watch our Rabbi and Rabbitz dance the age-old dance of the handkerchiefs, is like taking a page from "Fiddler on the Roof." As they whirled and twirled the men encircled them, dancing and singing to the haunting chant of a thousand years. One felt suddenly transported into the land of the ancients. Your heart and soul tapped an ecstatic rhythm in response to the beat and the message of the music.

And when the Rabbi was lifted on high, as he sat on a chair, you felt the exultation of the crowd as we all joined in this climactic dance. It was a gesture, conveying to the Rabbi, the gratefulness of his congregation, and dramatized what the Rabbi meant to us all. This was an evening that lives on in memory.

To my committee members, I offer my thanks for their hard work and sacrifice. Permit me to name them all:

John Greenfield  
Julie Horowitz  
Max Spielberger  
Mack Waldman

Lou Gross  
Bob Liebert  
Sid Sussman  
Kelly Winkler

To Nate Berliner, our president, goes my gratitude for his guidance and confidence. To all of you out there goes my appreciation for a wonderful response.

LOU FRIEDMAN

Chairman — Banquet Committee

## Adult Institute

YOU CAN STILL ENROLL IN ONE OF OUR CLASSES

MONDAYS	8:00 P.M.	BIBLE
	9:00 P.M.	BASIC JUDAISM
TUESDAYS	10:00 A.M.	BIBLE FOR WOMEN
	11:00 A.M.	HEBREW <i>Section One</i> — Beginner's Hebrew <i>Section Two</i> — Advanced Hebrew
SATURDAYS	4:00 P.M.	TALMUD
SUNDAYS	9:00 A.M.	MISHNA BREAKFAST LECTURES

AN ULPAN FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER IS BEING PLANNED.



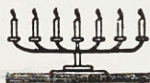
**Was It Worth It? (Cont'd)**

I believe we can all say — yes we have succeeded and it was worth it — it wasn't for nothing, we have not only built buildings but we have bolstered the Nishama — the Jewish soul in our Parkchester community. These two boys are only representation of the hundreds, if not thousands who have passed through our portals these past three decades. Truly we have lived up to the words of the Prophet Malachi which is the slogan of our movement. "He shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their father."

RABBI MAURICE L. SCHWARTZ

**Dates To Remember**

- March 10th — Fast of Esther and Reading of Megillah in evening
- March 11th — Purim
- March 13th — Purim Party Sponsored by Social Committee
- March 20th — Vegas Night — Benefit of Har Etzion Yeshiva in Israel
- March 21st — Men's Club Breakfast
- March 28th — White Elephant Sale

**Services**

Daily	
Mornings .....	6:45 A.M.
Evenings .....	5:00 P.M.
Saturday .....	8:45 A.M.
Sunday .....	8:00 A.M.

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