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High Holy Day Services

ROSH HASHONAH (New Year 5733)

Saturday and Sunday, September 9th - 10th

Light candles

| Friday evening, September 8th | P.M. |
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| Morning Services | A.M. |
| Evening Services | P.M. |
| Light candles Saturday eve., Sept. 9th8:06 | P.M. |

Shabbos Shuvah (Sabbath of Repentance)

Saturday, September 16th

| Light candles Friday evening, September 15th6:47 | P.M. |
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| Morning Services | A.M. |
| Rabbi Schwartz's Drosha in | |
| Halacha and Agada | P.M. |

YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement)

Monday, September 18th

| Light candles | |
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| Sunday evening, September 17th6:44 | P.M. |
| Kol Nidre Services Sunday evening6:50 | P.M. |
| Morning Services | A.M. |
| Yizkor Memorial Services | |
| Seatholders11:30 | A.M. |
| General Public | P.M. |
| Fast ends at | P.M. |
| Children's Services on all Holy Days10:00 | A.M. |

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will officiate and our Cantors Kalman S. Winkler, Boris Stern, Bernard Horowitz and Joel Stern will alternate at the Altar, both in the synagogue and Levin Hall. The above scheduled services are the same in both halls of worship.

A Happy New Year

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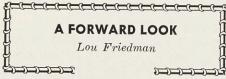
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From The President

As we approach the new year I wish to extend my personal greetings to all our membership and congregants for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Practical experience, observation and study have convinced me that in order to be a good American we must be better Jews. Being better Jews includes, of course, our work and support for Israel through Bonds, UJA, and the Israeli Emergency Fund. We at Young Israel also must help build our new State spiritually and therefore, we have adopted the Young Israel of Rish L'Zion and support many outstanding Yeshivos and Torah centers. In our own community we maintain a free Hebrew School for our youth and an adult education program for all. Our goal is to instill the spirit of Yiddishkeit in the hearts and minds of every Jew.

I hope and pray that our efforts in the coming year will be crowned with success and build an even greater Young Israel of Parkchester. Sidney Sussman



The Exodus From Faith

As we approach our traditional holidays we feel the stirring within us of anticipation and gratification. Somehow the world seems brighter, our mood is lighter; we seem to reflect more togetherness and more warmth. The fact that we have roots in our community, and that we have a common home where we may congregate, makes possible a life that is more enriched and more meaningful. Satisfaction, contentment and an untroubled mind come from living a "whole" life. We need spiritual fulfillment to make our lives complete. The wholesomeness of a full life radiates that sense of peace that sinks into the soul.

Because of thoughts such as these, I find difficulty in following the logic of our contemporaries who are retiring into condominiums. In our travels this summer, we visited many of our friends who have given up their lives here, for condominium living in Florida. Their search is for a new life, a Shangri-la; but instead they find themselves retiring from the mainstream of normal living. There is no panacea and there is no Shangri-la. Normal living may not be found in a faraway land away from the everyday problems that man is heir to. Our lives are geared to coping with our anxieties, cancelling them out, deriving satisfaction from solving each of them, and looking forward to tomorrow. We can all look forward to successful retirements with benefits undreamed of, if only we are not panicked into hasty decisions.

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Condominium living is not the answer. We very carefully observed this type of communal living. We watched this "carefree" living, this life of easy retirement so prevalent amongst the hundreds upon hundreds of condominium villages spread over Southern Florida. We found every day to be Sunday there; from the moment you have your breakfast to slumber time to strive at "pleasures" so that time will be consumed till the next day. You must go swimming, you must play shuffleboard, you must golf and play cards and you must wait your turn at the ping pong tables. And of course you must go shopping (this chore is being taken over by the men), for it means time is being consumed.

And what is most disturbing is to find that you have lost your religion. Condominiums do not permit a house of worship within their walls. Condominiums generally are situated in isolated areas. Obstacles arise in trying to build on adjacent property. You find apathy on the part of your neighbors. It means money which they don't have,

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Jewish Calendar: The calendar we use in our daily activity is solar, based upon the movement of the earth around the sun. The Jewish calendar (luach) is both solar and lunar, and is based upon the revolutions of the moon around the earth. As the moon takes $29\frac{1}{2}$ days to travel around the earth, the Jewish year has twelve months of 29 or 30 days each, 354 days in all. In order to bring the calendar in line with the solar year, a leap month is added 7 times every 19 years.

In olden days, there was no fixed calendar in Palestine. Each month was proclaimed when the new moon was seen by two witnesses who reported it to the Sanhedrin, the supreme Jewish court. Inasmuch as communities outside of Palestine received the information about the new moon very late, all the festivals were celebrated for two days instead of one. In Palestine itself only one day was observed, except for Rosh Hashono, which was celebrated for two days everywhere.

Yo-mim no-ro-im: The High Holy Days are known as Yomim Noroim, or awe-inspiring days. This description comes from the solemn nature of both Rosh Hashono and Yom Kippur.

Aseres y'me T'shuvo: The ten-day period beginning with Rosh Hashono and ending with Yom Kippur is called Aseres y'me T'shuvo, the ten days of penitence. Traditionally, Jews went to persons they had harmed and begged forgiveness during this period.

Shabos Shuvo: The Sabbath between Rosh Hashono and Yom Kippur is known as Shabbos Shuvo, the Sabbath of Return. Its name is taken from the Haftoro read on that Sabbath, which begins "Shuvo Yisroel," "Return O Israel unto the Lord thy God." (Hosea 14:2ff.)

Memorial Light: On Yom Kippur eve a memorial light, to burn for 24 hours, may be kindled in the home to recall departed loved ones.

Kaporos: It is customary to give a donation to charity on the day before Yom Kippur. The offering is called Kaporos and is reminiscent of the offering of a sacrifice in the ancient Temple on that day.

The Shofor: The Shofor is made from the horn of a ram. It is blown at the morning service on Rosh Hashono and at the end of N'ilo, the closing service on Yom Kippur. The great Jewish Philosopher, Saadia Gaon, gave ten reasons for blowing the shofor. Among them were:

1. To proclaim the sovereignty of God on the anniversary of the creation of the world. (According to tradition, God created the world on Rosh Hashono.)

2. To stir man to repentance.

3. To remind us of the message of the prophets.

4. To remind us of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac, which legend holds took place on Rosh Hashono. Instead of Isaac, Abraham eventually sacrificed a ram, according to the Bible.

Fasting: In ordaining Yom Kippur, the Bible says: "Ye shall afflict your souls." This is the basis of fasting, the abstinence from food and drink on Yom Kippur. The purpose of fasting is to emphasize the spiritual nature of man. Children usually begin to fast as the age of 13.

Kol-Nidre: The eve of Yom Kippur is called Ko lNidre. The inspiringmelody chanted at the beginning of the evening service speaks of God's forgiveness of legilious vows unfulfilled through negligence or persecution. Kol Nidre is more inspiring in our day for its fervid melody than for its limited verbal significance.

White Mantle: The Torah and Ark are decorated with white covers during the High Holy Day season. White is the symbol of purity, as we read in Isaiah: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

A New Year's Resolution

Millions of our people heed the call of these awesome and majestic days — a call to self-examination and meditation upon the true meaning of life and its struggles, which leads to stronger faith in G-d and loyalty to His Torah.

Our hearts will thrill as we read the Machzor, realizing as we do that the hallowed prayers for the restoration of "glory to Thy people, hope to those who seek Thee, and confidence to those who yearn for Thee" and for "new joy to Thy land" are on their way to fulfillment.

These events should strengthen our conviction that the Jews and Judaism are as eternal as the earth upon which we live. If we read these signs aright, we will gird ourselves with new resolution to make Judaism a living reality in our lives. Fortifying our homes by the observance of Kashruth, Sabbath and Yom Tov; inculcating in our children a love of Judaism by precept and example and providing them with a maximum Jewish education that will assure the Jewish tomorrow; strengthening our synagogues by using them throughout the year as houses of worship and centers of learning, dispensing charity and supporting Israel — in all these ways, we may bring our lives into tune with this new era and assure our people eternal life.

The Rabbi, Officers and Trustees of Young Israel of Parkchester extend their warmest wishes to all members, worshippers, and friends for a Year of Health, Happiness, Prosperity and Peace!

SUCCOS PREPARATIONS

Meals

As in the past we will be catering meals in our beautiful congregational Succah on the first days of the Yom Tov. Reservations will be on a first come basis 50 kindly call our office immediately.



Esrogim

In order to celebrate the festival properly the purchase of the "Four Species" (Esrog, lulov, etc.) is incumbent upon every Jew. These can be obtained by calling our office and placing your order now. Remember you help Israel's economy by purchasing an Israeli Esrog.

A Forward Look (Cont'd)

since it was spent buying the condominium. Frantically, you begin to realize that you allowed yourself to be pulled away from your family, your friends, your life-time habits, and your spiritual comfort. You find yourself trapped and living a life consisting of vacations only.

Hence the danger to Jewish life is real. We seem to be turning our backs to the Shul, to the Synagogue, to our religion. And I wonder whether we mean to do that. We let ourselves be swayed by well-meaning friends who are afraid to transfer to condominiums alone. They want you to be with them. In your great desire to find a "new life" (whatever that may be) you follow blindly, without analyzing what it really is you're getting into. The great danger is that faith and spiritual comfort will be dealt a heavy blow. Condominiums grow at the expense of religion. Condominiums cause one to compromise his religious beliefs, and for many it is too great a sacrifice.

And so, as we worship in this new year, let us give thought to the lives we must lead to perpetuate our Yiddishkeit; to strengthen its ties so as to bind us together. Let us ever be mindful that the family that prays together stays together.



Happy New Year to all and welcome back from travels, pool-side, summer vacations and just resting in the neighborhood. May we be inscribed for good health, mazel and blessings and be granted lots of energy to carry on our work.

Over the twelve years that I have been associated with the Women's League, I continue to be impressed with the sincere efforts and sustained accomplishments of officers, committees and general membership. There is always some one who steps in and cleans up literally in the kitchen, and generally in solving problems. All cooperate for the good of the shul and they have set a pattern for us to carry into the new season.

Our opening meeting will take place in our beautifully decorated Succah Wednesday evening, September 27th, at 8 o'clock. You and your friends are invited; come and celebrate and bring new and interesting ideas and suggestions for fund raising, functions, meetings, some summer and fall gossip just socialize and enjoy.

> Molly Gewertz President

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Have I got news for you — but won't tell till I see you all at our very first meeting, which will be Wednesday, September 27th, in our Succah. My advice — don't miss it!

Here I go again — I must put in a word or two about members who just don't know how to relax, they just keep working for our League, whether it be summer, winter, fall or spring. I am talking about members like Dottie Haimowitz, Gert Miller, Charlotte Lehrer, Harriet Kossak to name a few; you can always see them scurrying about Castle Hill Pool with their shopping bags and "have I got a bargain for you" expression. I guess the same is true with Pauline Lehman and her crew at Shorehaven. Girls you are great! Keep it up! Now that the summer is almost at an end and we start another year of meetings and affairs may this year be a fruitful, happy and successful one both financially and socially for our newly elected President Mollie Gewertz and her administration. The way to insure this is for all members to get behind them and give of themselves in time and energy; they need your support.

Hattie and Phil Haiman are very happy and proud parents as their children Lt. and Mrs. Arnold are here on a visit from Hawaii, where their other son Mark also resides, and was promoted to major.

If you have news and would like to share it with all of us tell me all about it and I'll do the rest.

Welcome back — glad to see you all. Your Reporter

Fannie R. Brown

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

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Sunshine Lady

GET WELL

It is good to see Mrs. Goldie Burstein, Mrs. Evelyn Hein, David Juroff, Max Katz, Mrs. Cele Kerner, Sam Schneider and Abe Taubman home after their recent hospitalization. Our wish: Keep well and let us always see you healthy and hearty.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO ISRAEL?

Our congregation is planning a trip to Israel for the summer of '73 including first class hotels, extensive touring, etc. If you are interested call our office, indicating what weeks you are able to go. Remember this is Israel's 25th Jubilee Year. See our homeland with your friends and neighbors in Young Israel spirit. Watch your mail in the coming weeks for more details. Page Six



By the time you receive this bulletin you will have already returned from your pleasant and restful summer vacation and be full of enthusiasm to help the Men's Club in its activities for the benefit of our beloved Young Israel.

Our immediate project is the sale of tickets for the World Series of our Baseball Booster Club. When you receive the tickets by mail please accept them and return the stubs and check. The prizes are great and the income goes to a most worthwhile cause.

The Women's League and the Men's Club are planning a number of joint programs for the coming months and we ask you to attend the functions and thus give our energetic workers impetus to make 1972-1973 a year of outstanding accomplishments.

At this time I want to take this opportunity to say Shalom to the officers and members of the Men's Club as Norma and I are planning to leave on September 19th on a twenty two day trip to Israel and Europe. During our stay in Israel we expect to visit the Young Israel Synagogue in Rishon L'Zion which is supported by our branch, and also the Yeshiva Bnai Akivah in Kfar Maimon, where the Men's Club is sponsoring an annual scholarship for a needy student. Upon our return I will report to our members on these two visits and give my impressions of the latest accomplishments in our beloved State of Israel.

As the year 5733 is about to be ushered in I want to extend on behalf of the officers and myself, warmest greetings and best wishes for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to you and your families. Harry Brooks President

NEW MEMBER

We welcome as a new addition to our evergrowing Young Israel family Harry Seidel.

May our association be a long and happy one.

MAZEL TOV

Our Heartiest Congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brooks, (Men's Club President) on the appointment of their son Dr. Barry Brooks as assistant professor, at the Albany College of Medicine and on his passing the State Board Examinations in New York and California.

Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Gewertz, (Mollie is our Women's League President) on the birth of their granddaughter Tami Jill to their children Theodore and Jacqueline Gewertz.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horowitz, (our financial secretary) on the birth of their granddaughter Amy Samantha to their children Madeline and Alex Horowitz in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kossak, on the birth of their grandson Daniel Stuart to their children Fern and Stephen Kossak.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kutner, on the engagement of their daughter Karen to David Kedmi.

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Maslow, on the birth of their granddaughter Jennifer Havah Marx.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Messing, on the birth of their grandson Marc Scott to their children Harvey and Sandy Linder.

Mrs. Evelyn Rich, on the birth of her granddaughter Wendy Fleuerette Becker.

Mr. & Mrs. David Ross, on the marriage of their son Michael to Erica Lobsenz.

Mr. & Mrs. Moe H. Scher on the birth of their grandson Scott Robert to their children Marilyn and Richard Besen.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Spiritus, on the marriage of their daughter Harriet to Arthur Kays.

Mr. & Mrs. Kalman S. Winkler, on the appointment of their son Rabbi Neil N. Winkler as associate Rabbi of the Cong. Agudas Israel, Golf Manor Synagogue of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ruth and Nat Saperstein, on the marriage of their son Yisroel Avraham.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sperling, on the birth of their twin granddaughters Joy Robin and Lana Hope to their children Barry and Sonia Sperling.

Our 33rd Annual Dinner

Young Israel of Parkchester is in for an exciting happening on February 3rd, 1973. On that eventful day we will celebrate our 33rd Anniversary and honor our beloved past president Nathan H. Berliner. That will present a challenge to all our members and our many friends because they take pride in belonging and owing allegiance to this House of Tradition and Orthodoxy.

In this era of rising prices our treasury is strained to its utmost limit in our battle to withstand the constant economic pressure. But one thing is certain, Young Israel *will* maintain its services to the community without the slightest diminution. We therefore, embark on an exercise in hope and faith, and that is to publish a Journal in conjunction with our 33rd Anniversary Banquet. The goal of our Journal is \$10,000 in ads. With your help we intend to meet our goal and thus fulfill our obligation.

Think of the many opportunities we have to "Bring In That Ad." You say you're not in business and that, therefore, ads do not come easy. On the other hand, you are a consumer. You buy many things, you use many services; shopkeepers and proprietors vie for your goodwill. Are we, then, not in a good bargaining position? We need only to overcome that inertia and the feeling that we may be turned down. Well, how do we know if we don't even ask? And we're not asking for ourselves, it's for the greatest cause in the world - for charity - for Young Israel of Parkchester.

There is the butcher, the baker, the appetizing store, the grocer, the dry cleaner, the barber, the beautician, your travel agent, your insurance man, the restaurant where you dine out, the bowling alley, the delicatessen, your clothier, your shoe store, your haberdasher, the day camp where you send your children, sleep away camp, the movie house.

Get the idea. All you have to do is to ask. Don't be discouraged by a "no." At least you know you tried. There are you and me, and all of us together. Each of us can certainly give a personal ad, a family ad. Remember, ads can get you a free admission to the Banquet. In the coming weeks and months you will be reminded time and again to "Get That Ad." This is no game we're playing. We're in the World Series and the pressure is on all of us. We must deliver.

The date of the Banquet is February 3rd. Make no other plans for that date. The place is the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center in the Bronx, the same as last year. We strongly appeal to all of you to go out and GET THAT AD!

> Lou Friedman Chairman — Banquet Committee

CALLING ALL PARENTS! Register your son and daughter in our Hebrew School No tuition charge in our Hebrew and Sunday School

TALMUD TORAH — Children reaching their eighth birthday should be registered at this time in order to ensure them a basic religious education. Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays, one and one quarter hour sessions per day, Hebrew, Bible, History, Laws and Customs are included in the curriculum. Sessions begin September 11th.

GIRLS' CLASSES — Special classes geared to the need of the American Jewish girl, meeting twice weekly.

HIGH SCHOOL — For graduates of the Talmud Torah or those who have an equivalent Jewish education, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — For boys and girls ages 5-8, meeting on Sunday mornings, at 10 A.M. for an hour and a half session. Bible stories, laws and customs, arts and crafts and celebration of the holidays are included in the children's activities. Opening session Sunday, Oct. 8th.

Our Hebrew School is an affiliate of the Bronx Council for Education of the Jewish Education Committee and the Metropolitan Commission of Talmud Torahs, Register Now! Page Eight

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

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Joel Drillings, Anna Sommerfield, Arthur J. Weiner; (2) Irene Messing; (5) Jean Katz; (6) Daniel Breiman; (8) Rose Friedman; (9) Edmund E. Breiner; (10) Rose Spielberger, Louis Kideckel; (12) Evelyn Hein, Rose Krenkel; (14) Fannie Brown; (15) Al Hein, Adrienne Astor, Natalie Smith; (16) Ronald Kossak, Matthew Osroff; (18) Harry Koppelman; (20) Julius Proser, Hattie Haiman; (21) Winifred Schare, Madeline List, Lillian Matlins; (24) Henry Sokoler, David Wachter, Morris Tischfeld; (25) Laurence Anker, Bessie Sussman, Howard Zuckerman, Alex Maslin; (26) Florence Groginsky; (27) Surri Rapaport, Rena Kerner, Karen Sue Kutner, Marla Weiss; (28) Kalman S. Winkler, Rae Kideckel; (29) Abraham Gewertz, Ralph Kossak, Donald Messing; (30) Mark Kornblum.

ANNIVERSARIES

(2) Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Weiner;
(3) Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Diamond;
(5) Mr. & Mrs. Julius Proser;
(6) Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Greenberg, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Thau;
(7) Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. Isidore Kramer;
(9) Mr. & Mrs. Mack Katz, Mr. & Mrs. David Haimowitz;
(10) Mr. & Mrs. Nack Katz, Nat Anker;
(16) Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Spitz;
(19) Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Klugman * * * and many happy returns.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Elaine Alper, on the loss of her beloved father Abraham Dickerman.

Mrs. Beatrice Kanter and family, on the loss of their beloved husband and father Morris Kanter.

Mr. Ralph Kossak, on the loss of his beloved mother Rae Kossak.

Mr. Irving Roseman, on the loss of his beloved mother Jennie Roseman.

Mrs. Harry Schwartz, on the loss of her beloved husband.

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



The Young Israelite

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לשנה טובה תכתבו New Year's Greetings

The Young Israelite is happy to be the medium for conveying best wishes for a Happy, Healthful and Prosperous New Year to relatives, friends and to all Israel.

Rabbi & Mrs. Maurice L. Schwartz & Family Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Sussman Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Levy Mr. & Mrs. Hy Horn Mr. Leonard Eigner Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Horowitz Mr. & Mrs. Moe H. Scher Sol & Fay Spitz Max & Rose Spielberger Mr. & Mrs. Al Hein & Family Kelly & Helen Winkler & Family Mr. & Mrs. Dave Lesser Mr. & Mrs. Jack M. Lehrer Mr. & Mrs. Irving Roseman Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Katz Mr. Louis Weiss Mr. & Mrs. Al Gura Mr. & Mrs. Al Messing & Family Mack & Betty Waldman & Family Mr. & Mrs. Philip Haiman & Family Mr. & Mrs. Simon Brown & Carol Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Silverstein Mrs. Rose Gratz Mr. & Mrs. William Bogner Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gurock Mr. & Mrs. George Rockman Mr. & Mrs. Edmund E. Breiner Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Nussbaum Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brooks & Family Mr. & Mrs. Louis Friedman Mr. & Mrs. Martin Margulis & Son Mr. & Mrs. Albert Stein Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kideckel Mr. & Mrs. Jack Levy Mr. & Mrs. George Rothman & Family Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rubinstein Mr. & Mrs. Martin Berish Mr. & Mrs. Leo Maslow & Family Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Spill Mr. & Mrs. Harry Koppelman Mrs. Anna Cheynovitz Mr. & Mrs. Alex Maslin Mr. & Mrs. Louis Finkelstein Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Daniels & Family Mr. & Mrs. H. Lehman Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bernstein Chai Sarah Orinofsky & Family Mr. & Mrs. Philip Ammer Mr. & Mrs. Alex Kaufman Mr. & Mrs. John Greenfield

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