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A Word About Adult Education

In this issue of the bulletin you will find a listing of courses. You are urged to join one of these classes.

We would like you to read the following remarks made by Mrs. Rae Pollack at the closing exercises of our Adult Institute in May. It speaks for itself.

"Good Evening,

Because my enthusiasm runneth over, I believe I was asked to share it with you in the hope that it will catch some of you and entice you to join one of the Jewish Adult Study Groups that we are so fortunate to have here at Young Israel.

Frankly, I was hesitant before I embarked on this new venture, but realized that everyone at this age would feel this way.

Anyhow, I joined the Hebrew beginners class hoping at best to relearn something of what I had learned as a child.

I soon found that under the skillful and gentle guidance of our lovely Rebbetzen, Mrs. Schwartz, we were learning to write as well as to read and translate many Hebrew words. We learned to read a Jewish newspaper. And what is most important to me, we even began to learn to dovven. So you see that what started out as a "maybe" developed into the positive knowledge that anyone can learn, and even enjoy the learning process with one's own contemporaries.

Is it any wonder I am so enthusiastic and feel inspired to continue my studies?

Therefore, on the basis of my own experience, shared with so many others, I hope to tempt you to seriously consider participating in this remarkable program.

In closing, I would like to warmly thank Mrs. Schwartz on behalf of my classmates and myself for her patience, and for imbuing us with her own enthusiasm, and opening the door to a fascinating world of study."

Institute of Adult Jewish Studies

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As we enter the 33rd year of our Young Israel of Parkchester we are imbued not only with a spirit of pride in our past accomplishments, but we view the future with a spirit of rededication. This can only be achieved by the study of Torah and continued education giving us a firm grasp of the basic intellectual and spiritual principles of our ancient heritage.

Our program of study is a modest attempt to help stimulate greater intellectual participation and inquiry on the part of our Parkchester Jewish community. It is earnestly hoped that each one of us will be able to pursue at least one course of study and help our Young Israel make what is perhaps its most important contribution to the perpetuation of Torah Judaism.

Courses are open to both men and women and you are urged to participate in this comprehensive program of Adult Jewish Education.

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A Forward Look

Lou Friedman

There are those in our time who mock religion as a fad, a weakness and as a superstition; only identifying the uneducated, the crippled mind, devoid of thought and substance. They sneer at any religious identification, which to them is further proof of allegiance to the establishment, a word which evokes their anger, resentment, distrust and hatred, marking you a traitor to the cause. To them "enlightenment" may not be burdened by any spiritual attachment or identification. They theorize that the educated man finds the ideology of religion foreign and unthinkable in his philosophy.

In Young Israel there exists the means to dispute that thesis. In our midst there are the intellectually gifted, who are in the flower of their youth, and who may well rank with the outstanding intellects of our time. In scholastic achievement they are second to none. They have eaten the fruits from the tree of enlightenment. They have exposed their minds to the ancient scholars, and have sat at the feet of the contemporary masters of current thought and teachings, and never have they learned that which may have cast doubts about their beliefs in Yiddishkeit, nor in its practice and in its significance.

How insignificant become the mouthings of the scoffer and the disbeliever when compared to those of our congregation who are recognized publicly as leaders in both the laic and secular spectrums. Well do we marvel at the

poise and confidence of Bernie Horowitz at his mastery of the mystery of the Torah, and in his rendition of the Shochris and Musaf services. The fact that he earned his Bachelor's Degree at Cornell University, and since then has acquired two Master's Degrees in the field of mathematics, has not diminished in the slightest his belief in the traditional observance of Orthodoxy and the Sabbath. He sees no conflict between the two as he happily continues teaching higher mathematics at the Bronx High School of Science, while at the same time practicing Judaism in its strictest sense.

Nor does Mark Steiner find an imbalance or an incongruity between the fervency of his religious leanings and his philosophy. Easily one of the outstanding minds in the United States, he was graduated from Columbia University, Summa Cum Laude. Mark continued his graduate work at Oxford University and Princeton University. He received a special award in Philosophy from Columbia University and was awarded his PHD in Philosophy. Several publishers vied with one another as to who would publish Dr. Steiner's thesis. Mark is a professor at Columbia University teaching pure Logic and Abstract Philosophy. He also teaches Jewish Studies at Touro College. Dr. Steiner (our Mark) reads the Megillah before hundreds of students at Columbia University every year. Mark's Yiddishkeit and his Orthodoxy, too, are impeccable.

Richard Steiner (Mark's younger brother) is another regular at Young Israel. Richard is a graduate of Yeshiva University with a BA degree and also a degree as Bachelor in Hebrew Letters. Upon his graduation he had his choice of several scholarships (as did Mark before him). Richard studied at a University in Sweden for one year and is now studying for his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania, in the field of Ancient Semitic Languages.

Joel Stern, he of the golden voice whose credentials in Orthodoxy are irreproachable, also achieved an enviable

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Adult Jewish Studies (Cont'd)

University and the National Council of Young Israel. A nominal registration fee of \$2.00 entitles the student to formal accreditation by the University and Council.

REGULAR CLASSES — Meet regularly from the last week in October through April.

Bible — Monday 8:00 - 9:00 P.M.

A comprehensive study of our Torah, giving the student an insight into the meaning and interpretation of classic and modern commentaries. This popular class is at the present time engaged in the study of the Third Book of the Bible, Leviticus (Vayikra).

Basic Judaism — Monday 9:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Designed to acquaint the student with the meaning and concept of Jewish law, ritual and ceremony. Active group discussion is an essential part of the course. Timely and conversational subjects discussed in depth.

Hebrew Ulpan

We are happy to announce that with the cooperation of the Jewish Agency we are sponsoring once again our Ulpan program. This is a thirteen week program and was extremely successful last year. This year we are planning two sections to the Ulpan, if there are sufficient registrants.

PART TIME ULPAN FOR BEGINNERS—Once a week, one 2 hour session.

ULPAN FOR INTERMEDIATES—Open to those who have elementary knowledge of Hebrew, one 2 hour session per week.

Ulpan has proved successful both in America and Israel. Time and day to be arranged.

Bible Class for Women — Tuesday morning 10:00 A.M.

A survey course of our Torah, especially designed to help the modern American Jewish woman have an understanding of the Book of Books.

Hebrew & Siddur (Classes for Women) — Tuesday morning 11:00 A.M.

Section I — 11:00 A.M. Beginners

Section II — 11:00 A.M. Advanced

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to obtain a reading knowledge of Hebrew and learn the basic prayers of our Prayer Book, the Siddur. This course is sponsored by the Women's League and is followed by a luncheon in Levin Hall.

Mishna Breakfast Series

In order to encourage the study of the Mishna, which is the Six Orders of The Oral Law, the Adult Education Committee is once again sponsoring a Breakfast Series to commence Sunday morning, October 29th at 9:30 A.M. After a traditional breakfast of lox, bagel, coffee, etc., Rabbi Schwartz will lead a discussion over selected Mishnayot. This series will prove most illuminating to those who have never had the opportunity to study any parts of the Oral Law. Those who attended last year's most successful series reaped a great deal of educational benefit. The group will be studying Sanhedrin.

Talmud — Saturday aft., (One hour before Mincha throughout the year)

A study of the Oral Law with the use of Talmudic Study opens new vistas of Jewish learning for the student and gives him a keen sense of perception and analytical study. This year the class will continue studying Moed Kotan.

Ein Yaakov (Legends of the Talmud and Shulchan Aruch)

(Code of Jewish Law)

This class is conducted daily throughout the year in the main synagogue, between the Mincha and Maariv services in the evening.

Classes commence on October 30th so register now.

The Institute will be only too happy to arrange other classes in various subjects if the registration warrants it. This can be accomplished by signifying your desire on registration night or by calling our office.

Women's League

From The President

Thank you members for coming to the Sukkah meeting. Thanks to the weatherman we avoided the rain so we could sit down in the beautifully decorated and carpeted Sukkah and start a friendly and productive season.

Thank you Mrs. Rose Grasheim for volunteering to fill the office of Recording Secretary.

Thanks to all committees for starting: the Tuesday Koffee Klotch, headed by Sara Kaufman and her workers, the donor table committee headed by Pauline Lehman and Gertrude Miller.

Thank you all members and committee members for reading thru this column and participating in all our activities, cooking, card parties and cultural.

Join us and enjoy your work for Young Israel.

Molly Gewertz

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Our opening meeting was a delight; a Sukkah full of smiling faces who came to do honor to three lovely, gracious ladies, to hear our Rabbi Schwartz and to greet each other after a summer's vacation. Our newly elected president, Molly Gewertz, officiated and did a fine job.

Our honored ladies were Helen Roth, always with a pleasant hello for everyone and a real money getter — if she can't come to our functions she has some at her home and brings in the money; Sylvia Feigeles, a smiling lady, who has worked for our Koffee Klotch longer than any one person. We thank them for their loyalty and having reached maturity received 'Life Membership' in our League.

Ruth Kohen, a lovely lady and our 'Woman of the Year' has been the cashier for the past four years at our Koffee Klotch and has helped in count-

less situations and is always ready to give a helping hand where needed.

Women's League wishes them well, continued good health and to continue working for our synagogue's welfare.

It was a pleasure to say welcome to so many members from their trips abroad and vacations in the country. We had a chance to say "Shalom" to Frances Needle, who is leaving for Israel. Pauline Lehman also left us for a short sojourn in South Hampton, have a nice time and hurry back.

Rose Grasheim graciously volunteered to be our new secretary and we thank her and wish her good writing.

The topping of the evening, which is always left for the last, was listening and learning, as our Rabbi told us the meaning of Succoth and the Esrog and Lulov. He also did the honors of awarding the scrolls of honor to our three recipients. Since our meeting Betty Waldman, a past president, and a tireless worker, had surgery at Bronx Lebanon Hospital and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

See you all at our next meeting and again, if you have news fit to print see me and I'll do the rest.

Your Reporter,

Fannie R. Brown

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

Hebrew Classes every Tuesday morning, followed by a Koffee Klotch at noon. The Donor Gift Shop will also be open at this time. Please contact:

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Mack and I want to thank everybody for their good wishes for my speedy recovery.

Betty Waldman

Our 33rd Annual Dinner

Young Israel prides itself on the relationship between it and its congregation and its many friends. We find that only in an honest approach to our problems are we able to bring home the message to you. We are proud of our tradition, and we are proud of the many services offered to you. We welcome all our Jewish brethren, and our doors are open to you in solace, in consolation, and in solicitude. We welcome all to worship with us, and to seek the greater knowledge that lies within our walls. In our 33 years that we have served the community, we have grown in strength and in number; largely so because of your generous response whenever the need arose.

Once each year, on the occasion of our Anniversary, we appeal to you for funds so that our services to you may continue. Our Annual Dinner, which honors Nathan H. Berliner, our past president, is celebrated in conjunction with a Journal, so that we may raise the funds needed for the continuance of an institution, Young Israel of Parkchester. While our volunteer workers dedicate themselves to serve you without charge, there are expenses to be paid for and budgetary costs to be met. These expenses recur from year to year and, due to the inflationary phenomena, the synagogue is hit harder each year.

We must, perforce, turn to you each year for help. We ask that you campaign for an Ad for our Journal. It is really amazing the ease with which the advertiser comes through, for he recognizes the validity of your request. It is not for you that you ask. It is for Young Israel.

The personal Ad, which is only \$10.00, goes far in closing the gap. We rely on you to make this a banner year for our Journal Ads. Don't be faint of heart in your approach for an Ad. Be our winter soldier, for the cause is just, and the perpetuation of our services is a must.

We URGE YOU TO SELL THAT AD!

Lou Friedman,
Chairman.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

This message comes to you from our beloved State of Israel, where Norma and I are spending a beautiful vacation. Naturally I must apologize for not having a meeting in September. However, I promise interesting meetings in the future and I ask all members to please reserve the second Wednesday of the month for our meeting.

At this time I want to take the opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for the contributions made in my honor, also for the numerous calls, many get well cards and personal visits during my recent illness.

Harry Brooks,
President.

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MAZEL TOV**Our Heartiest Congratulations to:**

Mrs. Lillian Becker, on the birth of her granddaughter Wendy Fleurette Becker.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Frohlich, on the birth of their daughter Julia Sharon.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Grey, on the birth of their grandson David Allen to their children Peter and Ellen Grey in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Ruth Halpern, on the marriage of her son Edward to Cheryl Goldgeier.

Mr. & Mrs. Max Klein, on the birth of their great-granddaughter Candace Klein.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Krohnengold, on the birth of their grandson Philip William to their children Shelley and Jay Krohnengold in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lott, on the birth of their granddaughter, and to Mrs. Ruth Lott the great-grandmother, Jennifer Rene to their children Jerry and Ellen Lott.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Pausack, on the marriage of their daughter Myrna to Martin Soslowitz.

We're Honored . . .

We are happy to note that one of our early members, Judge Irving Kirschenbaum, is running for the State Supreme Court on the Republican slate. He is the brother of our late founder, Abraham I. Kirschenbaum.

GET WELL

It's good to see Lou Finkelstein, Barry Lott, Mrs. Renée Milstein, Miss Claire Siegelman, Mrs. Billie Silver and Mrs. Betty Waldman after their recent hospitalization.

Our best wishes for a Refuah Shlema to Irving Wilson, who is at Beth Israel Hospital.

Our wish: let us see you back at Young Israel healthy and hearty.

BAR MITZVAHS

Our heartiest felicitations to the following young men who will be receiving honors in our Young Israel during the month of October:

Emanuel, son of Mrs. Ethel Cerezo.

Allen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Felman and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Felman.

Michael, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Glick.

May they be a source of pride and Nachas to all Israel.

A Forward Look (Cont'd)

record in the field of education. Joel received his Bachelor's Degree at City College, and his Master's Degree at the University of Chicago where he became the prodigy of Milton Friedman, the well-known Economist. Joel was "grabbed up" by the Chase Manhattan Bank, where he is now a Vice-President.

And so it is with Mark Steinberg in the field of Medicine; Ellis Rich studying for his Doctorate; Jeff Gurock at Columbia University, pursuing Jewish Studies and Jewish History; David Liebert who received his Master's Degree also in Jewish Studies; Karen Kutner, exceedingly well educated, now an Art Teacher and Yuditha Winkler a Youth Coordinator. These and others of our Youth are products of the finest in education, and the most ardent observers of the Jewish tradition of Orthodoxy and all its tenets.

What more evidence is needed to dispel the canard that education and religion are diametrically opposite and cannot mix. Doubt exists only in the mind of the uneducated who, despite their formal training, have allowed their minds to narrow in scope and in vision. It is they who lack the moral fibre; it is they whose hearts beat out of tune with mankind; and it is perhaps they who contribute to the violence and the hatred and the mistrust now rampant throughout the world.

Exposure to religion can only generate kindness and goodness, warmth and understanding so essential to progress and to civilization.

Candolences

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Mrs. Joseph Fox, on the loss of her beloved sister, Edith Simon.

Mr. Nathan Groginsky, on the loss of his beloved mother Gussie Groginsky.

Mrs. Leah Gurock, on the loss of her beloved brother Louis Lerner.

Mrs. Ruth Halpern, on the loss of her beloved father Louis Goldman.

Mrs. Robert Kradin, on the loss of her beloved mother Clara Holtzman.

Mrs. Fay Rosenhouse and Mrs. Ann Winkler, on the loss of their beloved sister Marion Newman.

Mrs. David Zimmerman, on the loss of her beloved sister Rose Kleiman.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Rose Weinstein; (2) David Alper, Mack Waldman, Marian Jaffe; (5) Morris Shelby; (7) Harold Weinstein; (8) Richard Diamond; (9) Marna Weiner, Sonia Proser, Joel Kutner; (10) Amy Moskowitz, Mildred Berman, Sidney Kurzer; (11) Allen Weiss; (13) Pearl Levy; (14) Dorothy Gura, Emanuel Kezner; (15) Samuel Sochrin; (16) Michael Michlin; (17) Ida Heller, Leonard Fink; (18) Rita Morawiec, Syd Beeber; (19) Clifford Weinreb, Walter Silverman; (20) Gertrude Drillings; (21) Ruth Weinreb; (23) Rivka Schwartz; (24) Lisa Stahl; (25) William Peltz, Cynthia Cohen, Martin Margulis; (27) Betty Kopp Altman, David Trompeter; (28) Steven Shatkin, Dorothy Rosenberg, Etel Schwartz; (29) Anne Hollander; (30) Doris Schuman, Robyn Shoulson.

ANNIVERSARIES

(11) Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nussbaum; (21) Mr. & Mrs. Hy Horn; (25) Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Berliner; (26) Mr. & Mrs. Martin Friedman; (27) Mr. & Mrs. Murray Heller; (29) Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Helfer * * * and many happy returns.



Mr. & Mrs. Club

This is a new season and with it, a new approach to our social get-togethers. We closed the season, before the summer, with a successful Square Dance that helped bring us together in our very first year of our existence. That was our organizational year and it proved to us that there is a need for a Mr. & Mrs. Club. For isn't it true that we all like a night out with our friends, where we can laugh and chat and chew and munch and just be together?

Well, then, let's do it again this year. And let us all get behind this effort this time. And we mean everybody — no matter what the age. There is room for everybody — and no one will feel out of place. We take an oath on that. And we'll tell you how we intend to accomplish that.

We have set aside Saturday, October 28th at 8:30 P.M. in Levin Hall, for our first meeting. This will be a get acquainted session devoted to an exchange of ideas, and to formulate a program for the year.

Don't be bashful about voicing your opinion. Your idea is as good, or even better, than mine. We'll have refreshments for you, and it will be a night out, and a welcome change of pace.

It's a challenge and it's free. Here's your chance to be heard. And remember, all ages are welcome. We are sincere in what we say. There is room for all, and we want you all in our room. May we expect you on October 28th?

Harvey & Carol Erenstein

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new additions to our evergrowing Young Israel family Steven M. Cohen, Richard Friedman and Dr. William H. Frishman.

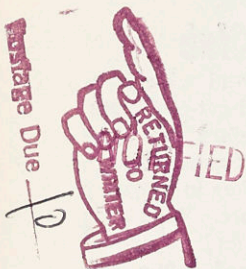
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