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CHANUKAH

First candle Thursday night, November 30th

CHANUKAH OBSERVANCES

Chanukah is the Festival of Lights. We celebrate it with joy and thanksgiving. Beginning with one candle on the first night, we kindle Chanukah candles in our homes, increasing their number each night by one until the last night, when we kindle eight.

The Menorah is lit each evening soon after sunset while people are still about so that seeing the candles they may be roused to renewed loyalty.

The Menorah should be placed in the window, preferably at the left of the doorway, opposite the Mezuzah.

Men, women and children may kindle the Menorah. It is a good custom to have a separate lamp for each member of the family, so that each person may light his own. This is particularly recommended for children.

On Friday night the Chanukah lights are lit before the Sabbath candles. At the conclusion of the Sabbath, the Chanukah lamp is lit after Havdalah.

Join with us for an Israeli Shabbas

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8th and

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th

Our guest for this Shabbas will be
the distinguished

RABBI ISRAEL WEINBERG

Deputy Director General Ministry
of Religious Affairs.

*Rabbi Weinberg will address our Oneg Shabbat Forum
on Friday evening at 8:00 P.M.*

and

*The Melava Malka on Saturday night
for the Yeshiva Har Etzion in Israel.*

Our 33rd Anniversary

On February 3rd, 1973 Young Israel of Parkchester celebrates 33 years of a glorious history in the Parkchester community.

This happy event takes place on that Saturday night at a Banquet to be held

in the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center in the Bronx. It will be our pleasure to honor Nate Berliner, our dedicated past president, who still continues his active interest in the affairs of the Shul.

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Maurice L. Schwartz *Rabbi*Sidney Sussman *President*Harry Brooks *Pres. Men's Club*Molly Gewertz *Pres. Women's League***A Forward Look***Lou Friedman***Meet Max Spielberger**

Quiet, unassuming, shunning the limelight, yet in the forefront of all Young Israel activity. You part the curtain to take a peek at the performers, and invariably you find Max Spielberger. Name any committee functioning on behalf of the Shul, and prominent on each list is our Max. Either he is fully designated member, or one serving without portfolio. It is no misstatement, nor is it exaggeration, to say that he knows almost every member by name.

Max wears so many different hats he oftentimes pauses in his labors to identify the beneficiary of a particular activity in which he finds himself engaged. Himself charitable to the point of personal strain, he is an indefatigable worker for all causes espousing Yiddishkeit, Young Israel, Yeshivoh, or the State of Israel. Belying his years, he is energetic, tireless, dedicating himself with a fervent devotion to causes that need financial and spiritual encouragement. It is often said that if you want anything done you must give it to a busy man. Max Spielberger is that man.

No task, no chore becomes a burden to Max Spielberger, no matter how menial it may be, so long as it furthers the cause. He is uncomplaining and never slows his step, even though others may falter or fail to do their part in the given task. His enthusiasm is catching, and you begin to examine yourself for fear of letting him down. Because of Max you work a little harder so as to

lessen the guilt feeling that comparison brings. His example has won many a recruit to "pitch in" on behalf of Young Israel and for the State of Israel. Max is privy to the inner council of Young Israel and stores a wealth of information about its structure, about its operations, about its problems and about its history.

Talk to Max about Young Israel, all of its chapters here and in the State of Israel, and his face lights up with pride. He is an ardent exponent of the Young Israel philosophy and is, indeed, active in the National Council of Young Israel. He serves as the liaison between the parent organization on 16th Street and the Young Israel of Parkchester. Max is a fund raiser not only for us, where he serves as our chairman of the Anniversary Journal, but he works just as hard for the National Council advertising journal, as well as for the Har Etzion Yeshiva and the Young Israel of Rishon LeZion, both of which are in the State of Israel.

His credentials in Orthodoxy are impeccable. He is warm, considerate, everybody's friend, and is a great source for news about the Young Israel congregation and its personalities. He is first and foremost a family man. His grandchildren adore their grandfather, and they love to swoop down upon him as he sits in Shul on Shabbos. Max boasts about all six grandchildren and how they look forward to the Shabbos so that they may be with him. To Max that is Nachas indeed, for which he is most grateful.

The Shul is fortunate to have a Max Spielberger, and Max is thankful to Young Israel for its comfort and its spiritual satisfaction.

BAZAAR FOR ISRAEL

Young Israel of Parkchester will run a two day Bazaar Sunday, December 31st and Monday, January 1st, proceeds to go to Israel. We are in dire need of all types of new merchandise as this is a Bazaar and not a White Elephant Sale. Ask the people you do business with to please help. If it has to be picked up, please let Kelly Winkler know at TA 8-5027 or John Greenfield at TA 2-5520.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Although this was our second trip to Israel, Norma and I were just as excited when we stepped down the landing ramp at the Lod Airport as we were two years ago. During our two weeks' stay we never ceased to be amazed by the successful accomplishments of our young nation and the remarkable changes and great achievements made in the last two years.

Since I have limited space in the Bulletin, I will touch only on certain highlights of the trip. The holiday of Succoth we spent in Hertzliah, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. It was a *Nachas Ruach* to have our meals in the beautiful Succah built on the grounds of Sharon Hotel for several hundred guests and it was a delight to witness the *Simchas Torah Hakofos* on the plaza in front of the Tel Aviv municipality, where thousands of people gathered to listen to beautiful music and watch the young men dancing with the Torahs until late at night, a sight we will never forget.

While in Jerusalem we met with Rabbi Spiegitz, the father of the young rabbi who is the Rosh Ha Yeshivah in Kfar Maimon. With him and his rebbitzen, we drove for 2½ hours to pay a visit to the Yeshivah. We were welcomed most cordially and spent the whole afternoon on the grounds of the Yeshivah. I was proud to present to the rabbi, in the name of the Men's Club, a check, our usual annual scholarship for a needy student and another check from the Young Israel of Bronx Gardens, part of the commission received by our dear member Charles Rubinstein from the sale of their building. In the evening we returned to Jerusalem, the golden city, which is the birthplace of three religions and is now the vibrant center of the government. After having dinner in our hotel, we were surprised by a musical given by some members of the *Nakuya* group of Japan, a unique group of some 50,000 *Judeo-Christians*, who are ardent supporters of Zionism. In the summer of 1972 they held a conference as the *New-Zionist* movement at the foot of the

Japan Alps, to which 4,000 fervent believers came from all over the world and enthusiastically welcomed their guest of honor, *General Uzi Narkiss*, Commander-in-Chief of the general command during the Six Day War and Liberator of Old Jerusalem. By the way the President of the *Nakuya* Group and General Uzi Narkiss were both present at the musical.

A word about safety in Israel. During our touring by taxi we stopped on one occasion ½ mile from the Syrian border and later ½ mile from the Jordanian border and I can truthfully say that we had absolutely no fear in being there or for that matter, walking in any place in Israel day or night, which is more than can be said for anywhere in New York City.

During my trip I davened in three Synagogues and I must say (with due respect to our own Kelly) that it is easier to get an Aliyah in Hertzliah, Tel Aviv and even in London, than in our Young Israel of Parkchester.

During our whole stay in Israel we felt like being among family in our own Home Land and we look forward to our returning there for our next trip.

Harry Brooks
President

WIN A COLOR TV SET

Abe Somerfield, one of our dedicated members, has made a generous offer — A Color Television Set.

Here is all you need to do, to be eligible to participate in the drawing for the set. In our Banquet Journal we will have a page (or more) devoted to the names of our children and/or grandchildren. For each name put on that page, you pay \$2.00. For each \$2.00 payment you will receive a ticket for the drawing. The more children you put on that Journal page, the more tickets you get, and the greater is your chance to win the TV set.

So start sending in the names of your children and/or grandchildren, plus the \$2.00 for each name. Send it to the attention of the Banquet Committee.

We thank Abe for his generosity.

Your Banquet Committee

Women's League

President's Message

We were rained out at our last meeting, but the Women's League still cheerfully carries on. Luncheon workers cater diligently and patiently to all guests, donor table personal "schlepp", buy, assemble, arrange and sell boutique merchandise at below department store prices, and officers serve faithfully and well.

To our members: Our Sunshine and Lma'an Hayered (our pet charity) chair-ladies are ready to help you. Let us know about yourselves — your troubles, your "simchas" — and give us your ideas and suggestions on how to improve our meetings and activities. Take part. We all need each other. We are one family. Join together, enjoy and have fun.

Sincerely,

Molly Gewertz

Women's League News

It's an ill wind that does no one any good and we were no exception. Our November meeting had to be called off due to one of the worst rainstorms our city has ever experienced. We will have the same speaker scheduled at our December meeting, when we hope the weather will be in our favor and the turnout will be large.

We are happy to report that Rose Goldner is back from Israel and recuperating nicely at home. Nice to say welcome back to Gert and Sam Miller back from their trip abroad.

We are in a *Happy Occasion Sending Message Business*. We will be happy to help you be on time with your card for your Simcha. Just tell us the date and we will send the card, the money going to the Mogen Hayered Home in Israel.

With Chanukah so close, the donor table has the nicest gifts for you to give and for yourself, at the most reasonable prices. You'll do well to patronize them.

Again I remind you if you would like to see your name in print, let me know

your news and I'll do the rest. See you at the next meeting.

Your News Reporter,
Fannie R. Brown

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

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

Please contact:

Donor Merchandise:

Pauline LehmanTA 2-8009

Gertrude MillerUN 3-1655

Lma'an Hayered:

Fannie R. Brown.....TA 9-4021

Sunshine Lady:

Molly Gewertz.....TA 9-9231

BAR MITZVAHS

Our heartiest felicitations to the following young men who received honors in our Young Israel of Parkchester during the month of November:

Alan, son of Mrs. Sondra Ives.

Marc, son of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Nathanson, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Israel Simon.

Mr. & Mrs. Club

The Mr. & Mrs. Club held its first meeting of the season in October and we're off to a successful start. The couples engaged in a hot discussion as to its future programs. Decisions were made in the following areas:

Dues were set at \$10.00 per couple per year.

Meetings would be held the last Saturday of each month.

Couples of any age were eligible to belong.

Officers were chosen.

The meeting was most gratifying and showed the need for a club of this kind. We are open for increased membership and we ask you all to join with us. A Program Committee has been chosen and an interesting program has been laid out for each future meeting.

We again urge you to join with us. You won't regret it. Remember, there is room for you no matter the age. We hope to see you. Why not write to us at the Shul. We would love to hear from you.

Harvey and Carol Erenstein

33rd Anniversary (Cont'd)

In conjunction with the Banquet we are publishing a Journal. And this is the life-line to our existence. Sad to say, spiritual solace is slave to a budget, too. We are frank to say that the funds raised by our Journal are needed to help us "reach the top". But to accomplish that, *we need your help!* We urge you to go out and get that AD!

If you say you can't get an ad, my answer must be that you're wrong. You haven't tried. Only the other day (and this is the truth), I called a Parkchester merchant, introduced myself as being a member of Young Israel and asked him to please place an ad in our Journal. Frankly, I expected a polite "No". Instead he asked a few questions and finally gave me a \$50.00 ad! If I can do it, you surely can. Just ask. Please?

Soon, each one of you will be called by a member of the Committee. You will be asked to place your personal ad for only \$10.00. We ask you not to turn us down. We so badly need these \$10.00 ads. You gave it to us last year, and the year before. We ask you to follow through this year, too.

The time of the Banquet is fast approaching. It is dangerous to put it off for tomorrow. Start now — this minute. We urge you again to please go out and GET THAT AD!

Lou Friedman
Chairman

Condolences**Our deepest sympathy to:**

Mrs. Tillie Gross, on the loss of her beloved brother David Bressler.

Mrs. Ceil Kerner, on the loss of her beloved brother Charles Dessler.

Mr. Julius Proser, on the loss of his beloved brother Aaron Proser.

Mrs. Faye Rosenhouse and Mrs. Ann Winkler, on the loss of their beloved brother Irving Zucker.

Mrs. Rose Siegel and Family, on the loss of their beloved husband and father Sol Siegel.

Mr. Morris Tischfeld, on the loss of his beloved brother Sidney Tischfeld.

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

MAZEL TOV**Our heartiest congratulations to:**

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Friedman, on the engagement of their daughter Joan to Steven Cooper.

Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Klein, on the birth of their grandson Jason Bradley Gelber.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Roth, on the marriage of their grandson Andrew Weitzer to Bluma Krigel.

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

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Esther Solomon, Robert H. Horowitz (2) Betty Barr (3) Melvyn Gross, Gertrude Miller (4) Mark Haiman, Al Gura (5) Irving Shatkin, Sydney Sloan (6) Nat Call, Bertha Panfield (7) Richard Steiner (8) Louis Gross, Russel Stern (9) Dr. William H. Frishman (10) Dorothy Haimowitz, Elaine Levy, Cele Kerner (11) Charles Feinstein, Eugene Zuckerman, Harriet Drillings, Mitchell Weiner (12) Irene Stahl (13) Fred Brown, Jeanette Robinson, Abraham Seidman, Stefan Gross (15) Lewis Goodman (17) Charlotte Lehrer, Scott Erenstein (19) Sol Spitz, David Krenkel (20) Stephanie Shatkin, Alan Felman (21) Rose Shelby, William Groginsky (22) Elaine Sokoler, Abraham Helfer (23) Sydney Brown, Barry Lott (24) Robert Lott (25) David Waldman, Gladys Laufer, Steven M. Cohen, Marian Weiler (26) Ida Diamond, Laura Yablonsky, Adrea Osroff (29) Jeanete J. Horowitz.

ANNIVERSARIES

(4) Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Breiman (6) Mr. & Mrs. Kalman Winkler (7) Mr. & Mrs. William Zisselman (8) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Boritz (14) Mr. & Mrs. Lester Silver, Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Weinreb (15) Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Daniels (17) Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Call, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund E. Breiner (18) Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Pausack (22) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bernstein (23) Mr. & Mrs. Albert Stein, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lott, Mr. & Mrs. Jules Canter (24) Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lehrer (26) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Koppelman, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Kolb (27) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cassler, Mr. & Mrs. Max Vegotsky (29) Mr. & Mrs. Steven M. Cohen * * * and many happy returns.

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Mrs. Mildred Anker, Mrs. Doris Bauer, Mr. Mack Waldman and Mrs. Esther Zonana.

Let's see you all back at Young Israel healthy and hearty.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new additions to our ever growing Young Israel family Werner Loew and Robert S. Yablonsky.

We hope our association will be a long and beneficial one.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Daily: Morning	6:45 A.M.
Evening	4:20 P.M.
Saturday	8:45 A.M.
Sunday	8:00 A.M.

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