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## Succoth Services

### FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES

#### Thursday and Friday, October 11th and 12th

Eruv Tavshilin

Light candles Wednesday evening, Oct. 10th at .....6:04 P.M.

Morning Services at .....8:45 A.M.

Kiddush in the Succah following services

Evening Services at .....6:00 P.M.

Light candles Thursday evening, Oct. 11th at .....7:07 P.M.

#### CHOL HAMOED (Intermediate Days)

#### Saturday through Tuesday, October 13th - 16th

Saturday morning services .....8:45 A.M.

Sunday morning services .....8:00 A.M.

Monday and Tuesday morning services .....6:30 A.M.

#### HOSHANA RABAH (The Great Salvation)

Wednesday morning, October 17th .....6:00 A.M.

#### SHEMINI ATSERETH

(The 8th Day of Solemn Assembly)

Eruv Tavshilin

#### Thursday, October 18th

Light candles Wednesday evening, Oct. 17th at .....5:53 P.M.

Morning services at .....8:45 A.M.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AT .....10:30 A.M.

Rabbi's Reception at .....5:00 P.M.

#### SIMCHAS TORAH

(Rejoicing of The Torah)

#### Friday, October 19th

Hakofoth (Torah Processional)

Thursday evening, October 18th at .....6:30 P.M.

Light candles Thursday evening, Oct. 18th at .....6:57 P.M.

Morning services at .....8:45 A.M.

During the Festival Children's Services at .....9:30 A.M.

A "Gut Yom Tov" to all our Members, Worshippers  
and their families.





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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***To These Ladies We Dedicate  
Our 34th Anniversary**

Young Israel of Parkchester, born in 1940, is still in the early vigorous years of its maturity. Inspired by the genius of its much-beloved Rabbi Schwartz, its ideals remain as fresh today as they were at its inception. Its foundation stands firm and remains unshakable as the staunchest proponent of traditional orthodoxy. It has lived through years of change, of turmoil, and of uncertainty, but it has remained inflexible in its observance of Torah and of Yiddishkeit. Concern for the future of Young Israel has been the concern of our many workers who are dedicated to its perpetuation and to its expansion.

Young Israel of Parkchester has been fortunate, over its span of years in this community, to have a strong, articulate and forceful Women's League devoted to its standards and to its excellence. The many thousands of dollars turned over to the synagogue by our Ladies have helped Young Israel in its program of spiritual fulfillment on behalf of its congregation. Young Israel is grateful indeed to the Women's League, to its members, and to its presidents. We are mindful of the fact that our survival is based on the love and the loyalty of our friends, our children, and of our various adjuncts. The Women's League has been the muscle and the sinew of our organization. While oftentimes we take these Ladies for granted, we are filled with pride at their dedication and their devotion.

Young Israel eagerly welcomes the opportunity to proclaim in public, on the

occasion of its 34th Anniversary, its gratitude to the Women's League for its labors, unceasing and constant, on behalf of our House of Worship. With you we face a period of growth, not so much in numbers as in the range and quality of our programs, the improvement of our spiritual lives and the enhancement of our service to the community.

We ask each and every one of our congregation, and of our friends, to set aside the night of February 23rd, 1974, to join with us in honoring the past presidents of our Women's League and its members. The occasion is our 34th Anniversary at the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center. Reserve now and let's give our Ladies the proper recognition.

Oh yes, the new ad blanks have just arrived from the printer. How many, please?

Our Rabbi and Mrs. Maurice L. Schwartz extend a cordial invitation to all members, worshippers, and friends of Young Israel to attend a Simchas Torah Reception, Thursday afternoon, October 18th at 5 P.M. in Levin Hall.

**MEN'S CLUB**

The cycle of the High Holy Days begins with Rosh Hashonah — the Jewish New Year and initiates the Ten Days of Repentance. At this time we have to give a CHESHBON HANEFESH (an examination of our souls). We have to say to ourselves — did we contribute to the activities of the Men's Club for the benefit of our synagogue? If the answer is in the affirmative, then we should be satisfied, if not, we must see how we can improve ourselves in the upcoming year.

However, the motto of the Men's Club is not "All work and no play," and to prove this, we, in conjunction with the Women's League, have in store for you and your friends social gatherings such as the Grossinger Weekend on November 9th, 10th and 11th. Although the reservations are going fast, we still have a few available rooms. For further details please call the undersigned at 881-0790.

Happy Succoth to all.

HARRY BROOKS



## Succoth

This beautiful festival reveals its meaning not only in the symbols which accompany its observance, but also in the names by which it is known. Both history and nature play a role here. The Succah is a temporary booth of historical wilderness, when "I did cause the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt," (Leviticus XXIII). But Succoth is also called the Festival of Ingathering, and celebrates the bounties of nature, with thanksgiving for the fruit of the soil.

The most dramatic feature of this festival is the Succah — symbolical tabernacle, standing as a visual reminder of man's common dependence on God. The other principal symbol of Succoth are striking reminders of its agricultural background. The *Lulav* is a palm branch, to which have been bound sprigs of myrtle and branches of the willow tree. The *Esrog* is a citron, a fragrant golden fruit which grows in the land of Israel.

The Succoth Festival continues for eight days. It concludes with Shemini Atzeres, the Eighth Day of the Festival, and Simchat Torah, the Day of Rejoicing over the Law.



## Succoth

Following the solemn High Holidays, it is, in contrast, a time of joyous celebration. The keynote of its observance is as expressed in the phrase "Vesumachtaw Bechagechaw," "And thou shalt rejoice in thy festival."

### The Succah

The festival derives its name from the Succah, a temporary dwelling built especially for the holiday. The temporary nature of the Tabernacle is symbolic of the tribulations faced by the Jew in this world. One should eat his meals in the Succah.

### The Esrog and Lulav

We hold the four species together when the blessing is said, as an indication of the necessity of unity.

### Chol Hamoed

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth days are known as "Chol Hamoed." "Chol" means ordinary week day and "moed" means holiday. These days are considered as half-holidays. Necessary work is allowed on these days, but we are to make them as much a holiday as is possible. We observe Chol Hamoed by also eating in the Succah, making a blessing over the Esrog and Lulav, and by reciting the Hallel and holiday musaf in our prayers.

### Hoshanah Rabbah

The last day of Chol Hamoed is called Hoshanah Rabbah. It is on this day that the decrees of Yom Kippur are closed and the fate prescribed therein for each individual takes effect.

### Simchas Torah

On Simchas Torah, the rejoicing of the Law, we complete the reading of the Scroll of Law, and we begin the reading of it once again. This festive occasion is celebrated by seven joyous processions, "Hakofos" around the Synagogue in the evening and at the morning services. The children join in the procession. It's the most joyous Holiday of all.



## Women's League

### From the President

Greetings and welcome — and let's get back to work. Overwhelming thanks and praise is due to all our officers and workers of the past year — and since Women's League officers hold their posts for two years—we are inviting everyone to participate and carry on for the coming year. Pick your interest and aptitude — go down the past and present roster.

All our past presidents and officers continue to work outside and inside such as Helen Sochrin, Sophie Levine and Frances Needle. *Past President Fannie Brown* continues to serve as chairlady for our Children's Home in Bnai Brak, fills in at every meeting, and turns a crisis into a quip.

Past President Sara Kaufman, ably and efficiently and elegantly, and her staff, serve gourmet meals, and Sara serves on decorating committees, and did you ever hear her blow her horn?

President Molly Gewertz minds everyone's business, mixed up information, but means well, and still gets loyal and unswerving cooperation from Young Israel proper and Women's League.

You can help with our three Vices (Presidents).

*Rose Parness*, she of the head of White Elephant, and also most of the trunk; Norma Brooks, our only current singer and arranger of programs; Betty Waldman, friend to all and of all; Fay Spitz, fashion consultant, height of taste; all are responsible for raising funds.

Secretaries: Financial, Hannah Katz watches the bills carefully, and pays them, not only a bala busta with the money, but takes on serving tasty refreshments for joyous occasions. Doris Schuman worries and works over our income and outgo, minds it carefully and tactfully and truthfully tells you where and what your money is up to. Rose Grasheim new and coordinated recording secretary. Hattie Haiman and Charlotte Zwisohn quietly and efficiently get out

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## Women's League News

This is the time of our calendar year that I like, the Jewish New Year and the beginning of happy holidays to come. Rosh Hashonah, a time to reflect on our mode of living, how to better them, how to forgive, how to renew friendships and a prayer for the renewal of our days.

Yom Kippur, the most sacred of days, devoted to meditation and prayer for forgiveness of our transgressions, and to realize that Prayer, Penitence and Charity is really the modes which guide us along the path of our lives.

Then comes joyous Succoth followed by happy Simchas Torah and so on. Don't forget our first Succoth meeting October 16th which is always a happy occasion full of surprises in our beautiful Succah.

This being a joyous column — sooooo, I am happy to tell our readers the good news that a couple of our members are soon to become mother-in-laws.

Joel, son of Sara and Al Kaufman will be married at the end of October and Gene, son of Ruth and Ben Kohen will be married in March — we wish them all Mazel Tov and the best of everything. I watched these boys grow up and they are the kind of young men that parents may be proud of and a credit to our race. Whatever you may do this year

Wherever you may go  
May you know all the peace and joy  
G-d's blessings can bestow.

My husband Joe and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Your reporter,  
FANNIE R. BROWN

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

First Koffee Klotch will be held Tuesday, October 23rd at 12 noon.

PLEASE CONTACT:

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Pauline Lehman — TA 2-8009

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MAGEN HAYELED:

Happy occasion cards for a nominal fee available, call Fannie R. Brown — TA 9-4021

SUNSHINE LADY:

Molly Gewertz — TA 9-9231



### THANKS AGAIN, ABE SOMERFIELD

Our hearty thanks to our worthy member Abraham Somerfield, who is donating once again a beautiful TV set to help our Journal Campaign Booster Page, which lists your children and grandchildren.

We thank Abe for his graciousness and generosity.

### CONDOLENCES

#### Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Irving Rosenberg, on the loss of her beloved mother Rose Wrubel.

Mrs. Marilyn Sauerstrom, on the loss of her beloved father Julius Tuck.

Mrs. Maye Shaw, on the loss of her beloved father Louis P. Levine.

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

### MAZEL TOV

#### Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Alex Kaufman, on the engagement of their son Joel to Cheryl Kaplan.

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Kohen, on the engagement of their son Gene to Rachelle Kunin.

Mr. & Mrs. Kalman S. Winkler, on the birth of their granddaughter Shira born to their children Rabbi & Mrs. Neil Winkler of Trenton, N.J.

### Women's League (Cont'd)

volumes of mail. Want to do clerical work?

Our own spiritual advisor and sister confessor Rachel Schwartz.

We just say thank you and will say more next bulletin, together with all about our outstanding Boutique Workers — Pauline Lehman, Gert Miller, Sara Miller, Dorothy Haimowitz, Harriet Kossak, etc., and other diligent workers.

Dear Membership come in and pitch in, we need you, and help sweeten our projects for a Happy New Year.

*Molly Gewertz*

### CALLING ALL CHILDREN! SIMCHAS TORAH PARTY!

All boys and girls are invited to celebrate Simchas Torah on Thursday afternoon, October 18th at 3:30 P.M. in our main synagogue. Flags and goodies will be distributed to all attending and the children will conduct their own Hakofos — Torah Processionals.

**Come One!**

**Come All!**

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Register Your Children  
In Our Tuition Free  
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and  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
\* Special Girls' Classes \*  
Don't Neglect Your Children's  
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### Meeting Dates To Remember

**\* GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AND BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14th at 9:00 A.M.  
IN OUR SUCCAH**

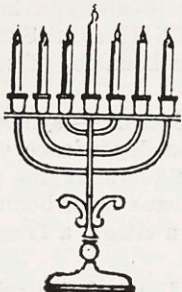
**\* MEN'S CLUB                      \* WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
OPENING MEETINGS  
TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 16th  
8:30 P.M.  
IN OUR SUCCAH**



### GET WELL

Our best wishes for a Refuah Shlemah to Joe Fox recuperating from surgery.

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



### Schedule of Services

Daily (Monday through Friday)

Mornings 6:45 A.M. and evenings  
6:30 P.M.

Saturday morning .....8:45 A.M.

Talmud Class .....5:20 P.M.

Sunday morning .....8:00 A.M.

### ATTENTION

**The Gala Weekend  
at Grossinger's**  
will take place on

**on November 9th, 10th, 11th.**

For reservations call

Harry Brooks at 881-0790

Join us for a wonderful time!

### THE PLAYHOUSE NURSERY

is open for registration. Parents interested in enrolling children from the ages of three and up should call Roberta Horowitz 597-3167.

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