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As we enter the 34th 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.

Our Institute is affiliated with the Department of Adult Education of Yeshiva 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 third week in November through April.

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Our 34th Anniversary Dinner

Being Chairman of the Annual Dinner has its moments of exhilaration, frustration, despondency, hope, despair, gratefulness and several redeeming features. The goal of our Banquets, in addition to celebrating our anniversary, is primarily Fund Raising. Without this vital added revenue, Young Israel would be sorely tried to meet its many responsibilities and commitments. Our budget expands each year as a result of inflation and our activities, and as a consequence of the nature of a House of Worship and study for young and old.

It is the moral responsibility and the duty of each member, congregant, worshipper and friend of Young Israel to help in its financial fight each year to keep its revenue a step ahead of its expenditures. Your butcher will be glad to give you, his customer, an Ad, even if it's only \$5.00. Your barber, hairdresser, bakery, stockbroker, car dealer, insurance agent (life insurance and car insurance), your travel

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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***Let Us Stand Up And Be Counted**

Today, we stand at the crossroads. Where are we? Who are we? Where do we belong?

Identity is probably the strongest factor in one's adjustment to society and to his environment. No man is an island—sufficient unto himself. Gregariousness is a man's most precious instinct preventing him and protecting him from living alone. We address ourselves to the Jewish community in Parkchester and its environs. A community that should be unified for the betterment and benefit of our Jewish brethren. Ethnically speaking, the Jew can ill afford to live a life divorced from his heritage. The strength of the Jew is nowhere more apparent than when he lives his life in close proximity with his fellow Jews. I am reminded of a story fabled in antiquity:

"Once upon a time there lived an absent-minded man. So absent-minded was he that he would forget in the morning where he had put his clothes the night before. He would spend hours and hours looking for them, which made him late for work, late for meals, late at meetings. One day a friend gave him this excellent advice. Why trust to memory? Write down everything. So, that very evening he took a pen and a piece of paper and jotted down: My jacket is on the chair; my shoes are under the chair; my hat is on the table; and I, I am in my bed. That night he slept soundly and peacefully. He rose early, as always, and was lucky to find the piece of paper. Quick, where is the jacket?

On the chair! The shoes? Under the chair! In a matter of minutes everything was located. He was, indeed, very happy. He felt like screaming with joy, for he had finally found a solution to his problem. He was about to sing and dance when his eyes fell on the last line on the piece of paper — "And I am in my bed." He was seized with horror when he looked and found he was not in bed, not even under the bed. In a frenzy he began searching the room, and the next room; in vain. And then he became sad once more, terribly sad. And one heard his forlorn whisper: "And I. Where am I?"

The parable drawn from this anecdote is apocryphal, with moral overtones. The Jew may do well to ask himself — Who Am I and Where Am I? It brings out the point of identity — your identity as a Jew — and your identity with Young Israel of Parkchester, which tirelessly devotes its full efforts to foster a spirit of serenity, devotion, warmth, friendship and intimacy.

We are forever welcomed into its sanctuary — we come to worship there — we absolve our obligations in Yizkor and in Kaddish — we join in its socials — in its seminars — in the Shabbos Kiddush — we even send our children to its tuition free Hebrew School — and join in its Adult and Senior Citizen Programs. *But Are We Members?* Has that question crossed our minds? Is that not an obligation of every Jew?

Let us show our allegiance to Young Israel. Let us stand firm in our deep devotion to Young Israel that shows such devotion to us. Let us show our reverence to our proud heritage, and let us stand together with a unanimity of purpose. Let us be inscribed as members in gratitude and appreciation. Can one deny the fact that we should, we must all be members? It was a very wise man who said: "If Fraternal Love Held All Men Bound, How Beautiful This World Would Be."

In these days of great trial — when the State of Israel is rocked and shaken — and mocked by all the world — it is not enough to give money. *In Great*

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Reflections On The Yom Kippur War

The official cessation of hostilities on the borders of Israel marking the end of the Yom Kippur War brings a sigh of relief to all of us knowing that mass killing has stopped. At this writing, we have been informed that 1854 Israelis fell in this unprovoked attack and another 1800 are hospitalized. In a country like Israel, whose population is close to 3 million, this an appalling number tantamount to 130,000 in a country like our own USA. We must fervently pray that the Almighty endow the leaders of the free democratic world, of which there are unfortunately not too many, with the wisdom and understanding to stand on the side of Israel and support and strengthen her.

All of Jewry must remain vigilant and organized to come to Israel's support in every manner possible. We have done a wonderful job at Young Israel so far during this emergency drive, realizing close to \$70,000 for the Israel Emergency Fund and Israeli Bonds, but we will be called upon again and again to support our homeland; and we cannot falter even for one moment.

Also we must not forget our responsibility and obligation to all our institutions here in the U.S. such as our synagogues, Yeshivos and other philanthropic endeavors. They should not become, and cannot become, the victims of our Arab victory, if they go down in financial ruin. We must gird ourselves with renewed strength and vigor to meet our obligations to these crucial times.

Am Yisroel Chai. The People of Israel Live On!



Adult Jewish Studies (Cont'd)**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. e.g. Abortion, Euthenasia, etc.

Hebrew Ulpán

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

Ulpán 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 (No previous knowledge required)

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 every Sunday morning, 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 Baba Metzia.

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 Megillah.

**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 November 19th, 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 accompanied by signifying your desire on registration night or by calling our office.

Women's League

From the President

Thank you members of Women's League for coming out enmass to our Succoth meeting. Thank you one and all for voting to turn over such a generous sum for the purchase of a State of Israel Bond.

When you are so good, it seems that you must continue to be good. Do dig out your hidden talents, or obvious ones, and volunteer to help further, at the Koffee Klotches, Boutique Table, clerical work and be generally useful.

Contribution of \$5.00 per person for the Card Party on Saturday evening, November 24th in Levin Hall will be earmarked for the Israel Emergency Fund. It will be a pleasure to greet you all.

Also, you are invited to drop into the Rabbi's newly decorated study, which was made possible by our Women's League.

MOLLY GEWERTZ,
President

Women's League News

Although the celebration of Channukah and the miracle it symbolizes is a month away, we have seen another miracle again in our homeland, Israel.

Although our most sacred holiday was shattered by vicious nations who do not want to live in peace and won't let their next door neighbor live in peace, for fear of its advancement, the "Light of Israel," which symbolizes the eternity and immortality of the "JEW" and their lofty ideas of freedom will not and cannot be extinguished.

I am proud to be a member of the

Women's League that responded so generously, to belong to a shul that put all aside and raised such a tremendous sum, to associate with the Men's Club who did their greatest share, to know the Golden Ringers who did their great share, all joined to show the world and the enemy that we and Israel, although an ocean separates us, are ONE — we cannot and will not be divided in spirit, ideas and goals.

Jerusalem of Gold, as the song says, will always be strong and be forever.

The Social Committee will have a Card Party Saturday evening, November 24th and ALL PROCEEDS will be donated to the Israel Emergency Fund — this affair is a must for all.

This is the time of the year when travel to warmer climate begins, so to those who are leaving for Florida we wish them a happy vacation and then come back soon.

If you have gossip, news or anything you would like to see in print get in touch with me.

Your News Reporter,
FANNIE R. BROWN,

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

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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

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Molly Gewertz TA 9-9231

Men's Club

From The President

The Yom Kippur War launched by the Egyptian and Syrian troops upon the State of Israel confused the people on the streets, in their homes and in the synagogues, but unity came to the country as always in times of collective dangers.

The Israeli's successes against the Arabs in 1948, 1956, 1967 did not stop the Arabs from starting a fourth war. At this writing, the Yom Kippur War was brought to an end by the resolution of the United Nations Security Council in a form of ceasefire.

I was astonished to learn that it costs the States of Israel 10 million dollars for each fighting hour. Of course, Israel has been dependent on American arms and its manpower has employed those arms successfully. But Israel needs the dollars to obtain the necessary arms and we must supply the dollars. The appeals to our members for the Emergency Fund and for Bonds for Israel brought in marvellous results. BUT WE MUST GIVE AND GIVE SO THAT ISRAEL WILL LIVE.

The Social Committee has arranged a Card Party in our Levin Hall for Saturday evening, November 24th. The contribution is \$5.00 per person. All the expenses of the evening will be absorbed by the Social Committee so that all the monies collected will be turned over in full the very next day to the Israel Emergency Fund. Please fill out the reservation forms you received and return to us with a check, so that we will know that you will support this important project. Whether you play cards or not, come out and spend a social evening in a Young Israel atmosphere and show your solidarity with our fighting brethren in our beloved State of Israel.

HARRY BROOKS,
President

Forward Look (Cont'd)

Numbers We Must Stand Up To Be Counted. The World — the politician — the Congress — our President — they are all impressed by numbers. A Jew has learned that his strength is measured by the links in the chain. What then is the rationale in withholding our membership? Surely it is not the annual dues of \$25.00 per year. The material benefits a member gets in insurance alone is worth many times over the annual dues.

Why should you join Young Israel of Parkchester? Because Young Israel is for people like you. Whether you're stirred by the Spiritual — devoted to Judaism — participate in social and philanthropic work — or just an arm-chair critic — all of these may be found right here — at the Young Israel of Parkchester. For thirty-four years Young Israel has more than measured up to its responsibilities. By joining our family you will become an integral part of a national organization — the National Council of Young Israel. We must preserve and nurture our Jewish heritage, our Jewish spirit, our Jewish future.

JOIN YOUNG ISRAEL AND STAND UP AND BE COUNTED! BECOME A MEMBER NOW!

RESERVE AND ATTEND

Sunday Morning, December 16th

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Anniversary Dinner (Cont'd)

agent, the hotel you go to on vacation, your shoe store, clothing store, the restaurant you eat in, the caterer for your weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, the orchestra you hire. Got the idea? You have so many opportunities. I know because that's where I get my Ads.

Then how about your personal Ads. In addition to getting outside Ads, I give my own personal Ad. Do you? Why don't you call me (TA 3-0553) and discuss it with me?

Why do we do all this? Because we love Young Israel. We love its people. We love to worship there and be a part of its life. We think we have the greatest Rabbi in the world — in wisdom — in sincerity — and in his love for his congregation and Yiddishket. Young Israel fills a great need the Jew has. Our responsibility is to dedicate ourselves to Young Israel so that it remains a vibrant, viable force in our Jewish lives.

Remember for \$65.00 in ads you obtain one free ticket to our Dinner on February 23rd.

Don't you think there is adequate cause for your GETTING THAT AD? Let's go folks and really do a job for Young Israel. GET AN AD — and MAIL IN YOUR OWN AD!

PLEASE!!!

LOU FRIEDMAN,
Chairman

IT'S GOOD TO SEE

We welcome home Mrs. Rae Birnhak, Leonard Eigner, Sidney Klugman, Max Klein, George Rockman and Sydney Sloan after their recent hospitalization.

Keep well and let's see you at Young Israel always healthy and hearty.

CALL ALL CHILDREN!

Our Shabbos Youth Clubs Meet

Every Saturday at 2:00 P.M.

Come and bring a Friend!

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a Refuah Shlemah — a speedy and full recovery to Louis Gingold, Joseph Kutner, Louis Portnoy, Arthur Roth, Helen Sochrin and Florence Witkin, who are hospitalized.

Let's see you home shortly, healthy and hearty.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new additions to our evergrowing Young Israel family Fred Graff, Irving Roseman, Charles Schnur and Albert Truzman.

May our association be a long and pleasant one.



CARD PARTY

Saturday Eve., November 24th

You are cordially invited to our Card Party which will take place on Saturday evening, November 24th in our Levin Hall. Contribution is \$5.00 per person. All monies will be turned over in full to the *Israel Emergency Fund*.

A Father Thanks Young Israel

With pride and with gratitude, my wife and I look forward to our son, Scott's Bar Mitzvah this month at Young Israel of Parkchester. As he gets ready to recite the Haftorah, I marvel at the patience, the understanding and the dedication of Scott's teachers over the past few years. Their teaching of Torah, our Jewish traditions, our Yiddishkeit was with such devotion and warmth and with such innate belief, that my son has become inspired with his knowledge and their message to him. May I say that all this we owe to the wisdom, knowledge and leadership of our own Rabbi Schwartz, whose dynamism and sincerity are matchless.

Our Talmud Torah at Young Israel teaches our boys and girls the beauty and the dignity of our religion. And I readily admit what my son has learned he passes on to the home; to his father and mother for their enrichment. As my son vows to practice his faith, so does his father. While some children may turn away from their religion, because of ignorance at home, what we all have learned from Young Israel makes me confident that the sound religious teachings Scott has had at Young Israel, will form the basis of a rich traditional Yiddish life for him. His religion has taken on meaning and beauty.

For that I am deeply grateful to Young Israel and to Rabbi Schwartz.

HARVEY ERENSTEIN



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.

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ANNIVERSARIES

(4) Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Breiman (6) Mr. & Mrs. Kalman Winkler (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.

[Mazel Tov]

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund E. Breiner, on the birth of their granddaughter Adrienne Lee born to their children Mr. and Mrs. Mark Breiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dolinko, on the birth of their grandson Jonathan Marc born to their children Earl and Zorina Schreier.

Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Erenstein (Chairman of our Mr. & Mrs. Club) on his Bar Mitzvah in our Young Israel on November 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham L. Gewertz (Molly is our Women's League president) on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Andrew Gideon Joffe, son of their children Helen and David Joffe; and on the election of their daughter Joanna G. Harris to the Presidency of the American Dance Therapy Teachers Assoc.

Mrs. Eleanor Johnson, on the marriage of her son Robert to Linette Hyatte.

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kalbfeld, on his Bar Mitzvah in our Young Israel on November 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kaufman, on the marriage of their son Joel to Cheryl Kaplan.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Margulis, on the marriage of their son David to Rena Behar and to them in their new home in Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roth, on the birth of their great-granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wiesenfeld, on the birth of their grandchild Justyne.

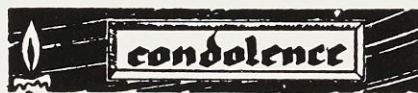
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Winkler, on the engagement of their son Joseph to Harriet R. Cohen.

Mr. & Mrs. Club

The Mr. & Mrs. Club of our Young Israel held its first meeting on November 10th, at which time an election of officers and a schedule of social activities was discussed.

All couples, young and old, are cordially invited to participate in our meetings and socials.

HARVEY ERENSTEIN
Chairman



Our deepest sympathy to:

Mr. Jerome Gold, on the loss of his beloved mother Rose Gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kolb, on the untimely loss of their beloved son Dr. Arthur Kolb.

Dr. Stephen Lowy, on the loss of his beloved mother Bessie Lowy.

Mr. Saul Mond, on the loss of his beloved brother Leon Mond.

Mr. George Schnur, on the loss of his beloved brother.

Mr. Jack Slove, on the loss of his beloved brother Louis Slove.

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




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