

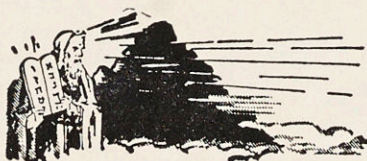
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Shavuos

Festival of Torah

Light candles Sunday Evening, May 26th7:56 P.M.

SHAVUOS SERVICES

Sunday evening, May 26th8:00 P.M.

Monday and Tuesday morning, May 27th and 28th8:45 A.M.

Light Candles Monday Evening, May 27th9:07 P.M.

Yizkor Memorial Services

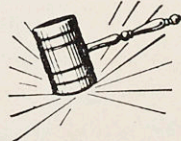
Tuesday morning, May 28th10:30 A.M.

Kindly note: Beginning with Friday evening, May 31st, services will be held every Friday evening at 7 P.M. for the duration of the summer months.



The joint installation of all officers of the Synagogue, Men's Club and Women's League is scheduled for Monday, June 10th at 8:30 P.M. at our Synagogue. A fine program has been arranged and refreshments will be served after the installation. Please reserve the date.

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A Forward Look

Lou Friedman

OUR REBBITZEN

Charming, pleasant, friendly, she has won our hearts and our admiration. She has that elusive quality that sparks a positive response from us, and you sense you have a friend. She possesses that warmth and understanding that dissipates your inherent unfamiliarity in the presence of a Rebbitzen. Charismatically, she stands above the crowd. She smiles and she melts away your inhibitions. She loves people.

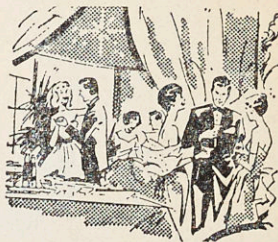
Our Rebbitzen's background reaches back into generations of Orthodoxy. Her father is a Rabbi, as was his father before him. Her parents live in Israel, the culmination of a dream come true. She wears her mantle as a Rebbitzen with grace and with dignity. She devotes countless hours in the Synagogue teaching beginners in Hebrew to "daven," to read the Yiddish paper; giving of her knowledge to others. She speaks Hebrew with ease and assurance.

By her example and by her Yiddishkeit the Rebbitzen dovetails well with

the phenomenal accomplishments of our Rabbi. She was born to be a Rebbitzen, and is a perfect exponent of her station in life. She has won many adherents to our Synagogue. Her advice is valued and sought by many. She is dedicated to her family, to the Rabbi, to the Synagogue and to her uncompromising Orthodoxy.

She is a proud mother and wife; proud of her children and proud of her Rabbi. She sits enthralled as she listens to the Rabbi's sermon every Shabbos. And have you watched the Rebbitzen swell with pride as her Hayim leads the congregation in singing "Ein Kelo-kaynu" and "Adon Olam." And on occasion when Hayim reads from the Torah, the Rebbitzen simply "qvells."

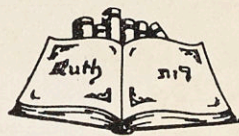
We wish the Rebbitzen well, and we want her to know the impact she and her family have had on our lives. For that we are indeed grateful.



GROSSINGER WEEKEND

The annual weekend of Young Israel of Parkchester will take place at Grossinger's on October 25-26-27. For information and choice reservations call Harry Brooks at 881-0790.

Shavuot



CHAG HAKATZIR — (The Harvest Festival) — Commemorates the climax of the grain festival which commenced with the gathering of the early wheat crop at Pesach and ended with the harvesting of the wheat produce at Shavuot.

YOM HABIKKURIM — (The Day of the First Fruits) — Refers to the ripening of the first fruits which were brought to the Temple in Jerusalem in appreciation of G-d's bountiful blessings.

CHAG SHAVUOS — (The Feast of Weeks) — Symbolizes the counting of seven weeks from the second day of Pesach until the festival was ushered in.

PENTECOST — (Greek origin meaning 50th) — Philo and Josephus denote the holiday of this name because this festival occurs on the 50th day after the offering of the omer.

Z'MAN MATTAN TORASENU — (The Season for Giving of the Torah) — Our Prayer Books describe this holiday as the festival of Revelation because Moses received the Torah on this day from the Almighty on Mount Sinai.

ZOHAR — In poetic words of the Zohar, Shavuot depicts the seven weeks of courtship by Israel, the Bridegroom and his Bride, the Torah, which commenced with the betrothal at the Passover liberation and concluded by the wedlock — the giving of the Torah on Shavuot.

MAIMONIDES — Suggests that Shavuot represents the anniversary of the Revelation on Mount Sinai because "We count the days that pass since the preceding Pesach festival, just as one who expects his most intimate friend and counts the days, even the hours."

SHLOSHES YEME HAGBALAH — When Israel was to receive the Torah at Mount Sinai, G-d commanded the people to observe a three day period of intense preparation, which are known

as the Shloshes Yeme Hagbalah — three days of delimitation and preparation for the revealing of the Torah. In later generations, these three days preceding Shavuot, have gained significance because they interrupt the mourning period of Sefiras Haomer. They introduce a joyous spirit and a refreshing atmosphere of festivity when marriages may be performed and celebrations held.

AKDAMOS — Prior to the reading of the Torah on the first day of Shavuot, the reader chants an introductory mystical poem of nine stanzas entitled from its opening word "Akdamos." This poem is Aramaic, was written by Meir ben Isaac Nahorai, Cantor of Worms. The lines are arranged in couplets, opening with the letters of the alphabet in their usual order. The name "Akdamos" means introduction and is intended to prepare the path for the story of the revelation to be read from the Torah in the morning.

BOOK OF RUTH — On the second day of Shavuot, prior to the reading of the Torah, the Book of Ruth is chanted in the Synagogue. The story is indeed appropriate, for its setting is in the fields of Boaz at harvest time, which coincides with the season of Shavuot. It relates how Ruth embraced the faith of Israel, even as a Jew renews his attachment on this day. Moreover, Ruth was a great-grandmother of King David, whose birthday and Yahrzeit occur on Shavuot.

SHAVUOS DISHES — The food customarily served on Shavuot is an integral part of its celebration. The traditional holiday dish consists of dairy food, cheese cakes and blintzes. These are said to be suggestive of the Torah, which is symbolically described as "honey and milk" (Song of Songs). The dairy menus, a meager diet, also suggests the path needed for the study and acquisition of Torah.

Women's League

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Women's League of Young Israel of Parkchester consists of women who are dedicated to the service of our organization spiritually, workwise and fund raising, all in a joyous manner.

Many of us attend Saturday services, go to the various educational classes—enhanced by their presence the lectures and varied functions—do the traditional work of women, shown in our immaculate and interesting meals in our Koffee Klotches, and treats at parties. When you visit us, you are made to feel at home.

In fund raising we do not high pressure you at our boutique—you get good value and bargains galore, and in contributing to the various Jewish and Israeli drives we are always delighted to participate.

For the past two years that I have served as president I am thankful that I have had the wonderful cooperation of all the members and an education. Come and see for yourself how rewarding membership in Women's League of Young Israel can be.

MOLLY GEWERTZ

President

Women's League News

The bazaar is over, the revenue is still coming in and we say "Thank you" to Rose Parness and all the men and women who assisted her in this herculean task. Did you ever take a moment to think about the work this affair entails? The planning—it starts in November, the letter writing—hoping to get and asking for merchandise, the telephone calls—pleading not to forget this year, the schnorring—from store to store, the appeal for help—before it even starts all this is planned by one person, Rose Parness. The work is back breaking and every year 'it is the last' and yet every year she comes back for

more. This is what is known as devotion to one's Shul.

Rose, here's a standing ovation and a most sincere 'G-d Bless You and Keep you Well and many thanks' from all. The men, including Rose's husband, were a tremendous help, the women as usual chipped in and were a great sales force (they can sell you anything) and as every year, Mr. William Zisselman made sure all workers were well fed with sandwiches, coffee and cake.

Nachas from children and grandchildren is a pleasure to write about and her are some that make their families proud.

Pauline Lehman and the Leader Family celebrated Rhonda E.'s Bas Mitzvah on March 29th—Lots of Mazel Tov to all.

Helen Roth and the Rosenbaum Family are very proud of Arnold, who received a \$1,000 scholarship for a college of his choice—Lots of good luck and happy learning.

May 22nd Lma'an Haya'ed will have their annual luncheon but this year to save money in order to give more, it will be held at the National Council Building, 3 West 16th Street, New York and the donation will be \$15.00 per. Let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join me at this affair.

See you all in print if you let me know first.

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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A Koffee Klotch will be held every Tuesday 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

In the annals of our Men's Club, we sorrowfully record the sudden untimely passing of Al Messing, of blessed memory, who was called to the heavenly sphere on April 17, 1974.

Immediately upon his joining the ranks of our synagogue years ago, he became active in the Men's Club and for the past twelve years he was its financial secretary and Chairman of the Baseball Boosters Club, our prime fund raising endeavor. He devoted untold hours and gave of his professional ability unstintingly and proudly. He was by nature very reserved and never sought recognition or honor. He served his congregation and G-d as a stalwart member and Jew. He will be sorely missed.

The Men's Club has decided to dedicate one of the large stained glass windows in the synagogue in his memory as a token of respect, love and admiration for our devoted friend.

Those wishing to participate in this memorial can send their contributions into the office earmarked Messing Memorial.

HARRY BROOKS
President

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Helmut Bengel, on the graduation of their daughter Paula from Columbia Teachers College with a Master's Degree in Teaching Early Childhood.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gross, on the engagement of their son Daniel to Michelle Gormick.

Mrs. Ruth Halpern, on the birth of her grandson David Eric Wild.

Mr. & Mrs. Rubin Weinstock, on the marriage of their son Michael to Elaine Yellen, and on the graduation of their son Steven from Lehman College.

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a full recovery to our President Sidney Sussman, Abraham Krakawsky, Reba Pollack, Ida Scharaga and Florence Witkin. Refuah Shlemah!

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Minna Fox, on the loss of her beloved sister Leah Kranick.

Mr. Harry Hilton, on the loss of his beloved mother Bessie Hilton.

Mrs. S. Hiller, on the loss of her beloved mother Ida Sondeck.

Mrs. Harry Jaffe, on the loss of her beloved mother Helen Goldsmith.

Mrs. Irene Messing and Family, on the untimely loss of their beloved husband and father Alex Messing, and on the loss of Mrs. Messing's beloved brother Bernard Ornstein.

Mrs. Bessie Vegotsky, on the loss of her beloved brother Samuel Greenberg.

Mrs. Rose Wellen and Family, on the loss of their beloved husband and father Louis Wellen.

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

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Justin Green, Max Green, Reba Pollack, Sidney Sussman; (2) Bea Mandel, Max Schulman, David Robinson; (3) Sam Berman, Gene Kohen, Marcia Turchin; (4) Steven Fufeld; (5) Irene Stern; (6) Barbara Gura, Mark Steiner; (8) Yetta Daniels; (9) Benjamin Kohen; (10) Melvin Zwisohn, Alan Groginsky, Lena Felman, Charles Siegel; Max Melzer; (11) Leslie Ackerman; (12) Esther Maslin; (13) Marcus Weiden, George Rockman; (14) Susan Zuckerman; (15) Rachel Bernstein, Mae S. Willner, Lester Kornblum; (17) Barry Smith, Steven Weinreb, Yuditha Winkler; (19) Rose Weinreb, Stephen Astor; (20) Stuart Gross, Neil Rosenberg, Essie Ornitz; (21) Harvey Berish; Linda Schnur; (22) Morris Mednick, Harold Lehrer; Robert S. Yablonsky; (24) Abe Ondelman; (26) Rhona Jacobs, Betty Waldman, Julia Zaret; (27) Theodore Gewertz, Minna Stein, Melvyn Diamond, Mildred Berliner; (28) Dr. Leonard Sussman; (29) Evelyn Panzer, Joanna Harris, Rose Slerman; (30) Arnold Green, Marilyn Besen, Arnold Haiman; (31) Joel Waldman; Allan Katz.

ANNIVERSARIES

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Ted Buchsbaum, Mr. & Mrs. David Astor; (10) Mr. & Mrs. Al Gura; (14) Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Levin; (20) Mr. & Mrs. Werner Loew, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kornblum; (26) Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Weiden, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Sussman, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Feinstein, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Katz; (28) Mr. & Mrs. Fox; (29) Mr. & Mrs. Carl Felman, (30) Mr. & Mrs. Boris Stern, Mr. & Mrs. Konigsberg; (31) Mr. & Mrs. Murray Weinreb * * * and many happy returns.

Schedule of Services

Daily (Monday through Friday)

Mornings 6:45 A.M.

and evenings 7:45 P.M.

Saturday morning 8:45 A.M.

Talmud Class 6:45 P.M.

Sunday morning 8:00 A.M.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Schwartz and all my friends at Young Israel of Parkchester and JASA for their many cards and expressions of condolences.

BESSIE VEGOTSKY

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