



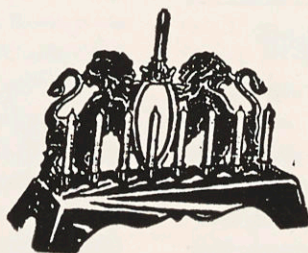
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With these greetings come my thanks for your encouragement and participation in the program for this year. The membership has taken up with enthusiasm every event to date, including wonderful turnouts at our Sunday morning breakfast executive board and general membership meetings. The nicest part of these turnouts is the enthusiasm of many members after the meeting in their comments to me. The program for our year will be broadened as a result of your recommendations at these meetings. An example of this is a meeting to be held in January which will be devoted to "The Community and Young Israel," our problems, our suggestions and plans for our future in Parkchester. This is everyone's involvement and your pre-meeting ideas will be welcome.

Many of our members traditionally vacation and travel to all points away from us, their friends, during the winter season. If I hear from you, it will be my pleasure to give your glad tidings to the membership on Sabbath mornings.

At this writing our social on November 15th, the Israel Bond Breakfast honoring Max Spieberger on November 16th, the gala Chanukah Social on December 6th, and our Annual Banquet on February 14th, are before us for your enjoyment.

NATE BERLINER

A Backward Glance

Sidney Robinson

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Rabbi Schwartz by our columnist Sidney Robinson:

Our first Shabbos was spent aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2. Services were held in a room designated as the Synagogue — a small but tidy room containing an Ark (one Sefer Torah) and a shul chan. On the rear wall were painted the Hebrew words of the prayer to the welfare of Her Majesty, The Queen. Our chazan was an Amsterdamer and the Bal Keria (Torah Reader) a young man from London returning there on his honeymoon with his Brooklyn bride. Shabbos was the only day the sea was choppy and no one could refrain from "shakalen". (shaking).

We attended services the second Shabbos in one of London's most impressive Synagogues — The Marble Arch Synagogue. There was a Bar Mitzvah that day and the shul was well filled. It was unusual to see the officers wearing high hats and many of the congregation, derbies. If the rabbi, Dr. Unterman, son of the chief rabbi of Israel, did not have an English accent, his charge to the young Bar Mitzvah would have sounded like any American rabbi. The young man was presented with a Siddur as we do.

Our third Shabbos was spent in Blackpool — a seaside resort on the west coast of England. Here we stayed at a Kosher hotel and the services were held in the hotel, the manager acting as chazan. We were fortunate to witness the last weekend of the famous Blackpool illuminations—a seven mile stretch of the most fantastic electrical display of current and past subjects of interest

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE**From the President**

Dear Members:

November's meeting was enjoyed by all. The men joined us for a very interesting, educational and enlightening talk by Lt. Tony Broncatello of the 43rd Precinct. It was truly a must for all.

December's meeting of Chanukah, the joyous festival of lights, promises to be a happy one too, full of surprises, which means do not miss it.

As we light a candle day by day and say a prayer, may the miracle of old become a fact today to Israel, our beloved land, and shine as a beacon of strength for the world to see.

HAPPY CHANUKAH TO ALL!

FANNIE R. BROWN
President

**WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS**

We have two happy occasions to look forward to: The Chanukah Party on Saturday evening, December 6th and on Wednesday evening, December 10th when we will celebrate the festival at our meeting. We hope you will attend both.

Plans are beginning to move rapidly for our White Elephant Sale. Rose Parness, chairlady, advises that we invite donations of new merchandise or any unused gifts taking up space in your home. Donor credit will be given for your generosity.

Call Betty Waldman soon if you wish to attend the Israeli Independence Day Pageant at Lincoln Center on Sunday evening, May 17, 1970, or you may be out of luck. Tickets are going fast.

Tuesday morning classes have acquired some new members but we still have room for you. Please join us.

Chairlady Sara Kaufman, Ruth Lott and the entire Koffee Klotch committee

are still working very hard to make our Tuesdays pleasanter so we urge you to come and enjoy! At that time also, the donor shop exhibits lovely things which would make perfect Chanukah gifts.

It was good to see Fanny Eigner looking well after her stay in the hospital.

We welcome Matilda Shaw who joined our League.

Elaine and David Alper will vacation at Miami and Nassau; Betty Barr enjoyed a visit with relatives in Boston; Edith and Marty Berish will visit their daughter, Marjory, in California; Gertrude and Ed Bohm are enjoying a Florida holiday; Norma and Harry Brooks went to see their children Barry and Gail and grandson, David, in Canada. Sophie and Irving Coe have left for Miami Beach for an extended stay; Rose and Boris Dubinsky toured Israel and Rome; Sarah Edelson and her daughter, Joyce, will vacation in the Bahamas. Joyce is the principal of a Mt. Vernon public school; Etta Erstling will spend the winter in Florida after visiting family in Detroit; Pearl and Charles Feinstein enjoyed a vacation in Miami Beach; Helen and Frank Fox sojourned in the Catskills; Rose Gratz spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Pauline and Sidney Aaronson in Durham, N.C.; Shirley and Nat Hamburger will vacation in Florida and the Bahamas; Hannah and Sidney Katz's son, James, is an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission; Bertha Panfield was delighted when her daughter Marcia visited her from Hawaii; Bess and Julius Proser vacationed in the country; Fay and Phil Rosenhouse took a trip to Puerto Rico; Sally Smith's son, Barry, spent the summer in West Africa on his third Fulbright Scholarship; Fay and Sol Spitz

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A Backward Glance (Cont'd)

to the general public in the fields of entertainment and history.

In Paris we celebrated two Shabbosim. The first Synagogue might be described as a typical old fashioned Ashkenazi shul that we might find in New York. The shul was crowded with a goodly number of women and children in attendance. This past Shabbos we davened at a Sephardia shul where most of the congregants were former North Africans. It was difficult to follow the davening because of the peculiar pronunciation. The sermon, delivered in French, dealt with the purchase of the grave for Sarah and, if I understood the speaker correctly, his interpretation was similar to that expressed by you. One of the congregants invited us to lunch and we spent a most enjoyable afternoon with a French family. Later in the afternoon we visited a very beautiful Synagogue built in the Moorish style. I was especially anxious to see this one since it was the one I visited over 24 years ago when I was in the armed service and was on a pass to Paris.

From what I could gather from speaking with people, Judaism is holding its own in England, but with the exception of the Orthodox in France, it is very weak there.

Jeanette joins me in wishing you, the family and all Young Israel our very best.

SIDNEY

Women's League News (Cont'd)

are enjoying a Caribbean holiday; Rose Weinstein attended her grandson Michael Howard Light's Bar Mitzvah in Detroit and is looking forward to a vacation in Florida; Rose and Ben Willner will fly to California to visit their children Arthur and Susan, and Al and I are wintering in California and joyfully anticipating seeing our children, Sydell and Milton and granddaughters Cheryl and Carrie Beth.

Have a Happy Chanukah and a healthy winter — all of you!

Your news reporter,
SADYE R. LEVINE

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FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Our October and November meetings were very well attended and it was a delight to personally greet many new and old members.

The committee chairmen rendered their reports and a lively discussion ensued with much membership participation. They expressed their satisfaction with the program planned by our very active social committee. In conjunction with the Women's League, we have had two

successful card parties and an interesting Chanukah Festival is being planned for Saturday night, December 6th (second day of Chanukah) on a reservation basis.

We are planning interesting programs for our future meetings, so please reserve the second Wednesday of each month and make every effort to attend.

HARRY BROOKS
President



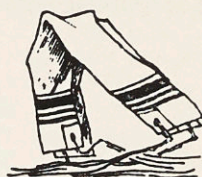
At our Testimonial Breakfast for Max Spielberger on behalf of Israeli Bonds held on Sunday morning, November 16th, over \$30,000 was pledged for the purchase of Israeli Bonds. A large crowd gathered to pay tribute to our indefatigable worker Max, and heard greetings from our President Nathan H. Berliner, who served as chairman for the morning, pinch hitting for Abraham I. Levine, who was a little under the weather, and John Greenfield, Bond chairman. The guest speaker for the morning was Lily Nesher, a former soldier in the Israeli Armed Forces, who stirred the assemblage with her most thrilling account of Israel's struggle for freedom and peace.

Rabbi Schwartz presented Max with a beautiful plaque bearing the replica of the Old City of Jerusalem, as a token of our esteem. Young Israelites who would like to purchase bonds can do so through our office, where applications are available.

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Mrs. Fanny Eigner, Mrs. Sara Levin, Phil Rosenhouse, Mrs. Mollie Siegelman, Alexander Weiss, Mrs. Esther Breiman.

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JEFF GUROCK
Advisor

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new members Albert Beeber, Harvey Erenstein and Abraham Helfer to our ever growing Young Israel family.

May our association be a long and beneficial one.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:

Mr. & Mrs. Murray S. Cantor, on the untimely loss of their beloved son Lieutenant Jeffrey Cantor.

Mrs. Sadie Charifson, on the loss of her beloved husband, William Charifson.

Kay and Kurnentz Families, on the untimely loss of their beloved husband and father, Sydney Kay.

Mrs. Sally Nedlin, on the loss of her beloved father, Jacob Coleman.

Mrs. Mae Nerven and Family, on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Nathan Nerven.

Mr. Jack Parness, on the loss of his beloved father.

Dr. Gene Potter, on the loss of his beloved father, Henry Potter.

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



CHANUKAH MISUNDERSTANDING

With the advent of the winter holiday season, Jewish parents and Hebrew educators are beset with a problem. Living in a society which is predominantly Christian, and multiplied by industry's commercial exploitation of religion for the sake of material gain, the children of our faith are immersed in an atmosphere of Christian influence. Wherever we go we encounter the spirit of the holiday atmosphere. Even in the schools, the holiday is stressed and elaborate preparations are manifest. All this leaves the child and the adults as well, with a sense of inadequacy. We, as Jews, are consequently faced with a dilemma. To observe Christmas would be unheard of, but then again can we permit our children to regard our festivals as less colorful than those of other faiths? Consequently, motivated by religious and national pride and in no small measure spurred on by modern business gimmicks, Chanukah was "victimized" as the Jewish Christmas counterpart with all its trappings. The banks now advertise a Chanukah Club, Chanukah gifts are wrapped in gay, decorative Chanukah wrapping paper and side by side with the Chanukah candles there now stands the decorated "Chanukah bush." All that is needed to complete this farce is for one to innovate a St. Mathias or a "Judah Maccabee" dressed in a costume coming down the air conditioning ducts and stuffing gifts in the stockings hanging on the "Chanukah bush."

This religious mockery attests to our ignorance of our basic traditions which is responsible for this crushing feeling of inferiority. It is only our lack of understanding of the spirit of Chanukah that compels us to "adopt" someone else's holiday and put a Jewish label on it. Instead of misinterpreting and commercializing this beautiful festival, is it not better to study the Jewish significance of the miracle of the cruse of oil and understand its message? The ritual observance of the thin flickering candles which represents Torah light still continues to burn and illuminate though overshadowed and overpowered by the towering adulterated Hellenistic cultures. Where else do we find a holiday that glorifies and commemorates the sacrifices, struggles and ultimate triumph of light over darkness, of understanding over ignorance and of justice over intolerance.

PERSONALS

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 (6) Nat Call, Bertha Panfield (7) Richard Steiner (8) Louis Gross, Russel Stern (10) Dorothy Haimowitz, Elaine Levy, Cele Kerner (11) Charles Feinstein, Eugene Zucker- man, Harriet Drillings, Mitchell Weiner (12) Irene Stahl (13) Fred Brown, Jeanette Robinson, Abraham Seidman (15) Lewis Goodman (17) Charlotte Lehrer (19) Sylvia Skulnik, Sol Spitz, David Krenkel (20) Stephanie Shatkin, Fanny Eigner, Allen Felman (21) Rose Shelby, William Groginsky (22) Elaine Sokoler, Abraham Helfer (23) Sydney Brown, Barry Lott (24) Robert Lott (25) David Waldman, Gladys Laufer, Marian Weiler (26) Ida Diamond, Adrea Osroff (29) Jeanette J. Horowitz.

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ANNIVERSARIES

(4) Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Breiman (6) Mr. & Mrs. Kalman S. Winkler (7) Mr. & Mrs. William Zisselman (8) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Boritz (14) Mr. & Mrs. Lester Silver, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Moskowitz, Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Weinrieb (17) Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Call, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund E. Breiner (18) Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Pausack (22) Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bernstein (23) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lott, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Fox, Mr. & Mrs. Jules Canter (24) Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lehrer (26) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kopelman, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Kolb (27) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cassler, Mr. & Mrs. Max Vegotsky *** and many happy returns.

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Mac Bernfeld, on the birth of their granddaughter Debra Lynn, and to their children David and Vicki Bernfeld.

Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Calman, on the birth of their granddaughter Lorie Gail Bregman.

Mrs. Morris Cohen, on the marriage

of her daughter Ilene to Said Moadel formerly of Teheran, Iran.

Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Greenberg, on the graduation of their daughter Beth from State University at Buffalo, and being elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gross, on the birth of their granddaughter Lisa Rachel and to their children Irene and Howard Stahl.

Mr. & Mrs. David Haimowitz and Mr. & Mrs. Hyman Lehman, on the engagement of their children Lois Cara and Marc.

Mr. & Mrs. Hy Horn, on the birth of their grandson Scott Lawrence Schoenbrun.

Mr. & Mrs. Max Katz, on the birth of their granddaughter Brenda Renee Katz.

Mrs. Mae Nerven, on the birth of her granddaughter Nicole, and to her children Barbara and George Kaplan.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Panzer, on the birth of their first grandson Steven Carl, and to their children Alice and Ronnie Smith.

Allen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Presser on his Bar Mitzvah in our Young Israel.

Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Solow, on the engagement of their daughter Linda to Daniel Karpman.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lehrer, on the

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birth of their granddaughter Dana Lauren and to their children Susan and Gerald Pearl.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gross, on the birth of their grandson Stefan Mark and to their children Melvin and Sharon Gross, in Cleveland.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Langer on the birth of their daughter and to the grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Irving Langer and Mr. & Mrs. Louis Lukin.

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