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*Pres. Women's League***From The President**

The month rolls quickly by and here I am just reading my copy of the December Young Israelite and must write my piece for the January issue. The season is so full of activity with our social get togethers, our midwinter lectures, our full docket of cultural activities, that I am having difficulty programming some promised events, i.e., the Young Israel of Parkchester and the community, etc.

A few hours spent at an Executive Board meeting would convince you of the intense interest of the members in everything pertaining to our Young Israel. Come, see and get involved, you will be the gainer.

The big affair is of course our 30th Annual Banquet and by the time you read this you should be getting dressed for the evening of February 14th at the Young Israel of the Concourse. Or have we been there and had the time of our lives? See what I mean about writing for a future issue?

We have led the way on a campaign of protest against the Rogers plan for Israel with 871 telegrams. The Executive Board directed me to ask for an emergency meeting of the National Council on Young Israel's attitude in this matter. I have contacted President Nat Saperstein and we will make your voices heard in this important matter. I await your constructive thoughts and thank you for your wholehearted support.

A BACKWARD GLANCE

SIDNEY ROBINSON

The recent reversal of our Government's policy toward Israel brought a quick response from our membership. Responding to pleas from a committee set up by President Berliner, the membership sent a total of over 871 telegrams to officials in Washington urging a return to the former stand of the Government — a stand that sought an enduring and just peace in the Mid-East. The National Council is giving publicity to this plan and is urging other branches to do likewise . . . A goodly crowd showed up for the Card Party sponsored by the three constituent organizations. We look forward to a sell-out at the next social affair celebrating Purim . . . The inclement weather on Youth Shabbos appeared to have had the reverse effect on the performance of our young people. Each of them, chazanim, Bal Torahs, and speakers is to be congratulated for his outstanding skill in his particular field . . . It is important that as many men as possibly can, attend the morning week day services immediately. This is one religious activity that should receive our active attention! The second in our series of midwinter lectures brought a large audience to hear a representative of the Jewish Defense League present its policies and activities. The question and answer session that followed provided a rather hectic period of discussion on the merits of this controversial organization . . . A record amount of money was raised for the support of Yeshiva Torah V'Emunah at the recent Melava Malka sponsored by the Parkchester orthodox community, held in Levin Hall. Our guests of honor at this affair were the ever-gracious couple, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Milefsky . . . The new floral decoration at the front wall of Levin Hall is the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Sol Spitz. Our deepest thanks to them for adding beauty to the hall . . .





TU B'SHEVAT

by ESTHER AVIGAD

(Jerusalem, Israel)

Tu B'Shevav, the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat is the New Year of the trees. Of the many laws and customs connected with this holiday, the one I like best is the tree planting.

Trees are an important part of the rebuilding of Israel. The Jewish National Fund has planted many acres of trees since 1948 and encouraging the children to take part in this project brings them closer to understanding the needs of their country.

Several years ago some of the municipalities in Israel, Jerusalem included, began planting trees in honor of each child born in the municipality. The custom of planting a tree in memory of a departed relative is more common in the United States than in Israel but the trees are all planted here.

Tu B'Shevav is also the anniversary of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. This year the Knesset celebrated its twenty-first anniversary. On the 15th of Shevat 5709 (February 14th, 1949) at 4 P.M. the President of the Temporary State Council, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, rapped for order in the Jewish Agency Building in Jerusalem. If the time was novel, the place was definitely unique. Israel was still at war with Trans-Jordan and the then Jewish part of Jerusalem was practically cut off from the rest of the country. Most of the participants made their way from Tel Aviv to take part in this occasion.

Yosef Sprintzak was immediately elected the first Chairman (Speaker) of what, two days later became by law, the Knesset — Israel's Parliament. The Founding Assembly became the First Knesset and each of the 120 elected offi-

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

*"As the years roll on we reap life
just as we have sown it."*

This quotation seems appropriate for this season of rededication and commitment. The year 1970 will begin for us another year of afforded opportunity to offer something of ourselves.

Take advantage of the projects offered by the Men's Club and become one of the staunch supporters of Young Israel of Parkchester.

I want to remind you that the next Gala Event to be sponsored by the social committee of Young Israel will be our Purim Party on Saturday night, March 21st, by reservation only. Further particulars will be sent to you by mail.

HARRY BROOKS
President



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cials became a Member of Knesset (M.K.) After the initial formation of the Knesset, official work began with the election of Dr. Chaim Weizmann as Israel's first President.

Though the Knesset's first sessions were held in Jerusalem, they were later removed to Tel Aviv. Only during the winter of 1950 was the Knesset moved permanently to Jerusalem, the capital. Sixteen years later, in the Fall of 1966, the Knesset's permanent building site was dedicated in Jerusalem.

Naturally, each celebration of the Knesset's anniversary includes the planting of trees by children from all over the country.



WOMEN'S LEAGUE From The President

Dear Sisters:

It sure was cold outside but the smiles and the friendliness of the members inside made it very warm and cozy. That's what I like about our ladies, neither rain nor snow nor cold will keep them away from a meeting and for this I say "Thank you."

We came up with ideas worthwhile both to you and our League, and here are a few.

Wednesday evening, February 11th, our next meeting will be a courtesy card party to all our members. Do come and enjoy our hospitality. (And, as an aside please bring raffle prize).

Thursday, February 26th at 11:30 A.M. we will have a regular meeting especially for those members who find it difficult to come to evening meetings and yet want to keep abreast of what is going on in our League. All members are welcome; if this is successful we will have an afternoon meeting once a month.

Sunday evening, May 17th is show time. Betty Waldman has the tickets for the Israeli Independence Day Pageant at Lincoln Center. She has some tickets for those who did not put down a deposit so get in touch with her as they are going fast, they are all one price, \$6.00, and are all in the orchestra.

Rose Parness, our Bazaar and White Elephant chairman, is again on the lookout for new merchandise, help her. Those in business please try and give, even if it is old styles, as long as it is clean and in good condition. This also is an appeal to the Men's Club and the shul members—how about contributing? We could use loads of merchandise.

See you all at our February card meeting.

Sincerely,
FANNIE R. BROWN
President

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Saturday evening's joint card party was a sell out, everyone was there and if you missed the fun, blame yourself.

A goodly number of members attended our January meeting. Many new ideas were presented and will be put in use in the very near future.

Have you noticed the very beautiful flowery trellis in front of the Ark in Levin Hall? It is not only a suitable cover, but it enhances the entire room. Thanks to Sol and Fay Spitz for the lovely decoration.

Betty Barr and husband are off again but this time to sunny Florida and Sally Nedlin welcomed her children back from there.

Frances Pausack's daughter Cynthia's fiance Dennis Berman is returning from Vietnam next week and a wedding is planned in May. Mazel Tov.

Capt. Mark Haiman is on leave from Vietnam for a ten day sojourn in Australia.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Selma Brodt, a new member — come often.

Al and Sadye Levine send their regards to all from California.

News fit to print should be sent to me.

Your reporter,
FANNIE R. BROWN

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Hebrew Classes every Tuesday morning, followed by a Koffee Klatch at noon.

The Donor Gift Shop will also be open at this time.

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

PERSONAL

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

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Jules Cantor, Anne August (2) Helen Sochrin (3) Alexander R. Horowitz (4) Pearl Silverman, Belle Solinsky, Beatrice Kutner (5) Geraldine Smith (6) Bertha Bresenoff, Sidney Robinson (9) Barbara Katz, Irwin Kahn (10) Charles Felman, Andrew Smith (12) Karen Horn, Neil Winkler, Gert-rude Kurzer (30) Leonard Eigner (14) Matthew Weinrieb (15) Doris Altman, Miriam Michlin (17) David Astor, Barry Michlin, Augusta Schwell (18) Donna Fox, Irwin Ross, Leo Slavin (19) Stella Bengel (20) Sylvia Liebert, Stuart Levy (21) Frederick Gross, Sharon Gross (23) Isidore Kramer (25) Leona Delmont (26) Doris Kalter, Ruth Tischfeld (27) Mark Solomon, Harold Speck (28) Leah Nussbaum (29) Sam Miller (31) Jack M. Lehrer, Arlene Lench

ANNIVERSARIES

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Felman, Mr. & Mrs. Moe H. Scher (6) Mr. & Mrs. Max Spielberger (9) Mr. & Mrs. Louis Milefsky (13) Dr. & Mrs. Hyman Leibowitz (16) Mr. & Mrs. Irving Shatkin (17) Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Dolinko (25) Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Kohen (29) Mr. & Mrs. Al Panzer (31) Mr. & Mrs. Altman * * * and many happy returns.

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Berman, on the engagement of their daughter Rona to Steven W. Rosen.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brooks, on the birth of their grandson Michael Howard Lawsky.

Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Greenberg, on the engagement of their daughter Susan to Dr. Arnold L. Gordon.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Greenberg, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Marc Bernicker.

Leonard, son of Mrs. Thelma Gross-

man and grandson of Jack and Irene Boritz, on his Bar Mitzvah at our Young Israel.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Harap, on the birth of their new granddaughter Melissa Ann.

Judd, son of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Nathanson, on his Bar Mitzvah at our Young Israel.

Mr. & Mrs. William Pomerantz, on the engagement of their daughter Marian to Bernard Fried.

Mr. & Mrs. Irving Rosenberg, on the engagement of their daughter Susan to Mark Okrent.

Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Tanowitz, on the birth of their daughter Pamela Hope Tanowitz.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome as an addition to our ever growing Young Israel family Mr. Moe Mandel. Let our association be a long and beneficial one.

It's good to see Harvey Berish, Mac Glatman, and Marie Glassroth back home after their recent hospitalization. Our wish — stay well.



Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Margaret Breslau, on the loss of her beloved sister Frances Peskin.

Mrs. Norma Brooks, on the loss of her beloved mother Lena Freedman.

Mr. Abraham Gewertz, on the loss of his beloved mother Rebecca Gewertz.

Mr. Sol Laufer, on the loss of his beloved father Max Laufer.

Mrs. Lillian Shatkin, on the loss of her beloved father Julius Borowitz.

Mrs. Regina Slove, on the loss of her beloved father Herman Gold.

Mrs. Helen Sochrin, on the loss of her beloved mother Rose Kestenbaum.

Mr. Louis Rifkin and son Howard on the sudden and untimely passing of their beloved wife and mother, Past President of the Women's League, Evelyn Rifkin.

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

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