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Evelyn Rifkin Memorial Scholarship Fund To Be Established

The Parkchester Friends of Yeshiva University have announced the establishment of the Evelyn Rifkin Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will perpetuate the memory of one of the most outstanding and ardent workers of Young Israel of Parkchester who was taken from us so suddenly this past January 23rd. The annual function on behalf of Yeshiva University, which will be a Melava Malka Reception Saturday evening, April 11th, in Levin Hall, will mark the establishment of the Fund.

It will enable the creation of a perpetual scholarship or scholarships, depending on the monies realized, to help educate young men and women attending America's first and largest Jewish sponsored university. The reception will coincide with the 85th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Yeshiva, which had its humble beginnings on the lower East Side and today encompasses several campuses in Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn, with close to 8,000 students. Max Spielberger and Kalman S. Winkler serve as co-chairmen of the committee for Yeshiva University.

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*Pres. Women's League***FROM THE PRESIDENT**

If ever one could wish for a quick glimpse of the future, it is at the time when I write these reports. In the time between my writing and your reading the world can change. Right now I hope it does.

Our greatest concern as of this day as Jews (and I mean American Jews) is our President's attitude toward Israel. In this land of our birth, and the promise for which it brought other American Jews from their foreign land of birth, for our President to call the American Jews "a small unimportant minority" is to steal our birthright. It is to threaten every non-Jewish American as well because we are made up of many minorities.

Our concern does not relate alone to what the United States feels for Israel, it is what our President feels toward each of us.

So it will not be a shrug of the shoulders and a muttered discontentment towards the Administration. Not even a feeling of having done "all I could" by sending a telegram, or making a donation. It will not even be just a sick feeling in the pit of our stomach for someone we know or love in Israel.

What it really means is that it is in our own backyard that the danger is, to us as American Jews! And what will we do about it? Unfortunately nothing, or very, very little!

I hope by the time you read this the cloud has been removed and we can feel happier about the President and his administration's attitude toward this "unimportant minority" that are you and me. But if it isn't, then I say let's come together and prepare for the most important fight of our lives — our survival as American Jews! Nathan H. Berliner

A BACKWARD GLANCE

SIDNEY ROBINSON

A short, but well planned and interesting series of Friday Night Forums, culminated in the appearance of the district's Congressman, Rep. Mario Biaggi. The Congressman devoted his talk to the problems of support of Israel in Washington . . . Rep. Biaggi promised his continuing ardent support of Israel and recommended that the constituency exert pressure on federal officials for aid to Israel — aid that would also serve the security of the United States . . . Dr. Jonathan Cohen, who will be leaving shortly with his family to take up practice in his homeland, New Zealand, spoke at the previous Oneg Shabbat on the topic of "Family Problems and Problem Families" . . . The lecture afforded a behind-scenes opportunity to explore some of the troubles that beset modern families . . . Continuing the policy of presenting unusual personalities, the Adult Education Committee had as the guest speaker for the February mid-month lecture Miss Esther Gershone, a member of the Bnei Israel . . . This sect comprises Indian Jews, whose forebears date back some 2,500 years . . . Miss Gershone's talk was a most revealing insight into the lives of a people who, although cut off from the mainstream of Judaism, still maintained to keep most of the traditions and laws, and now look forward to new lives in Israel . . . As always, sacramental wine for Passover will be available in domestic and Israel varieties . . . Orders may be left at the office or given to Boris Stern and John Greenfield, who are once again in charge of this project . . . Forty memorial tablets were dedicated at a service held on Sunday afternoon, March 15th in the sanctuary . . . Rabbi Schwartz announced that a new set of stained glass windows will be installed on the patio side of the synagogue. Members and friends interested in dedicating portions of these windows are advised to contact the office immediately. A contribution of \$250 has been set for a dedication . . . The Purim Party held on Saturday evening, March 21st, proved to be a smash hit . . . Reservations were

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WORLD JUSTICE IN THE EYES OF A JEW

by *ESTHER AVIGAD*
(Jerusalem, Israel)

This noon I attended a funeral. It was the funeral of the remains of the twenty Israelis and Jews killed in the Swissair plane explosion ten days ago.

By the time these lines reach print you will probably have forgotten the incident. But, you must not be permitted to forget this incident; because similar incidents have been allowed to fade in our memory this tragedy has occurred and because those who have the power and authority to act in such cases re-neged in their responsibility the 'daring' saboteurs reared up their ugly heads once more.

But now after this dastardly attack on a civilian airplane — a non-Israeli airline — some of these authorities have taken steps to prevent similar accidents. Against whom have these stops been taken? Mainly against Israel! The first reaction of several European airlines was to temporarily discontinue mail and freight delivery to Israel. Other airlines re-routed passenger flights. And one airline even went so far as to refuse technical assistance to El-Al at its home airport.

Rather than taking action against the oppressor — the Arab countries whose leaders openly incite their people to join the fight against Israel, a fight in which no holds are barred, they acted against the oppressed — Israel, the country which generously supports the wives and children of terrorists killed or imprisoned in their effort to murder innocent Israeli citizens. This is world justice.

But never fear. Action will be taken against those responsible for these nefarious deeds. If no other Government or international body will see fit to take decisive action I am certain that the Government of Israel will know how to deter the Arab terrorists from continuing on the path they have chosen. The Government of Israel will once again act in self-defense which will also be in defense of the world, making Civil Air

Service safe for all travellers. And I am equally sure that whatever steps the Government of Israel sees fit to take the world will thank her with condemnation! This too is world justice!

RESERVE

Sunday Evening, May 3rd

For Our Gala

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Admission Free Inspiring Program

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new additions to our evergrowing Young Israel family Alfred J. Daniels, Herman Reisman, Howard M. Rifkin and Elliott H. Solomon.

May our association be a long and beneficial one.

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Boris Dubinsky, Sarah Kal-mowitz and Arthur Sweet.

It's good to see Fanny Eigner, George Rockman, and Jacob Spill back at home after their recent hospitalization.

Our wish — Stay well!

PASSOVER FUND (Mo'os Chittim)

With the advent of Purim, we realize that Pesach is just around the corner.

There is hardly a local charity in Jewish life that has appealed more warmly to the heart of the Jews than the Mo'os Chittim Appeal, providing Passover needs for poor families in dire and wretched circumstances.

Our Young Israel of Parkchester has never failed each year to put this Passover help into the outstretched hand of every deserving individual and institution, whether in our own locality, in Europe or in Israel. Last year, \$1300 was dispensed to various worthy causes.

Please send your contribution to the synagogue office and help those who need it most. Your preparations for Passover are not complete without having given your Mo'os Chittim contribution.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE**From The President**

Dear Sisters:

The room was filled to capacity, the people were happy, the music was hot, the kind that made you want to dance and sing, the food was delicious, all these were the ingredients that made a success of the Purim Party. We only deal with successes, thanks to the Social Committee.

Wine, wine and more wine was flowing freely after a most interesting talk by Rabbi Bronstein, at our March meeting. He told us a little about the life of the Jew in Russia.

You miss lots of interesting meetings by staying home — so — as I have said in the past I'll say again make every effort to attend all meetings, we'll be glad to see you.

Till April 8th, our next meeting, keep healthy and happy, when we can all get together again and say 'Shalom.' See you then.

Sincerely,

FANNIE R. BROWN
President

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Your roving reporter is on the go again looking for news, searching for interesting tidbits, so help her with interesting gossip.

Gert and Sam Miller, who are sunning themselves in Florida, are happy to announce that their children Judy and Larry Newman now have their own home in Theiels, N. Y. and their other children Richard and Eileen live in Co-op City giving them places to go visit.

My husband Joe and I are also happy to announce that our children Rosann and Jay Kalish just moved into their own home, too, in Milford, Pa.

Some of our members are getting ready to travel to far away places. Julia Zaret and husband are leaving May 7th for a trip to Scandinavian countries and London, as a gift from their children. Helen Buchen is leaving March 29th for Israel for a stay over the holidays. We wish them 'Bon Voyage and safe return.'

Our Past President Jeanette Robinson

became a TV star and you can see her every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning on Channel 25 as she teaches via TV.

Dr. Pauline Gratz, daughter of our member Rose Gratz, conducted a two day medical education seminar at Duke University Medical Center for Nursing that got a write up in their paper.

Mary and Jack Bernstein are home from California feeling great and looking wonderful — glad to have you back.

That's it for now.

Your reporter,

FANNIE R. BROWN

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

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

PLEASE CONTACT

Donor Merchandise —

Pauline Lehman — TA 2-8009

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Helen Sochrin — SY 2-8279

Betty Waldman — TA 2-3843

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

CONDOLENCE

Our deepest sympathy to Raymond Klugman on the loss of his beloved mother, Fannie Klugman.

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

A Backward Glance (Cont'd)

sold out two weeks in advance — testifying once again to the eagerness with which members look forward to these affairs . . . The music, entertainment and food all combined to make the event one of the highlights of the social season . . . Israel-made merchandise is increasing in variety in both food and general merchandise items . . . Your purchase of such goods will strengthen Israel . . . An easy way to do your share . . .

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

It was nice to see new faces at our March meeting. The business session was short and after a distribution of the 1970 Baseball tickets was held, we joined the ladies for a wonderful program presented by Carmel Wine Company of Israel. Rabbi Harry Bronstein, its representative, delivered a very interesting talk on all aspects of Jewish life in Russia and Israel, since he had visited these countries on nine different occasions. A question and answer period followed.

He also spoke about the production, quality and history of the Carmel Wine and then he conducted a Wine Tasting ceremony, which was enjoyed by all present.

Our next meeting will be a special breakfast meeting on Sunday, April 12th. Special awards will be given to the 1969 captains of the Baseball Booster Club, so please mark this date on your calendar.

HARRY BROOKS
President

MAZEL TOV**Our heartiest congratulations to:**

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Dolinko, on the birth of their grandson Matthew David to their children Zorina and Earl Schreier.

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Fink, on the marriage of their son Gene to Anita Cohen.

Mr. & Mrs. Max Green, on the graduation of their son Justin from Buffalo University with a Master's Degree in Child Psychology.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hilton, on the birth of their grandson Eric Todd Gelfand.

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Levine, on the engagement of their daughter Thelma to Sanford Hochberg.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Levy, on the birth of their grandson Peter Andrew to their children Laurie and Harold Levy in Belmont, Mass.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Needle, on the birth of their grandson Keith Mitchell to their children Ellen and Jeffrey DuBoff.

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

Mr. & Mrs. Lou Zutler, on the marriage of their son Edward to Louise Perrin.

PERSONAL

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

BIRTHDAYS

(2) Leon Brown (3) Jay Rosenberg (4) Mary Zuckerman, Sondra Fox, Loretta Solomon, Philip Haiman (5) Kate Gewirtz (7) Phyllis Grossman, (8) Rosann Kalish, Shirley Silverman, Stella Carlin (10) Norma Siegel, Murray Weinreb, Ruth Kutner (11) Rose Schaffer, Miriam Friedman (12) Grace Green, Reba Septimus, Irving Greenfield, David Cohen (13) Alfred J. Daniels (14) Murray Heller (15) Kenneth Horowitz, Stephanie Jaret, Anne Konigsberg, Robert Kaplan, Louis Friedman, Joseph Krenkel (16) Charles Schwartz, Bessie Vegatsky (17) Jerome Shelby (18) Eugene Fink (19) Marion Silverman, Norma Brooks (21) Roslyn S. Scher,

Sophia Speck (22) Ruth Weiden (23) Frances Pausack, Beatrice Buchsbaum, Bob Lott, Helen Winkler (24) Pearl Feinstein, Lois Danis, Jerry Lott (25) Emma Slavin (26) Alex Sobel, Leslie Sobel, Irving Banarer (28) Rae Call (29) Milton Skulnik, Renée Canter, Helen Leibowitz

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ANNIVERSARIES

(4) Mr. & Mrs. Sam Berman (6) Mr. & Mrs. Milton Carlin (7) Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Bernstein (8) Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Amsel (9) Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Groginsky (11) Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kossak (13) Mr. & Mrs. Sol Spitz (16) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horowitz (19) Mr. & Mrs. Max Kaplan (20) Mr. & Mrs. Leo, Mr. & Mrs. Al Messing, Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Barr (21) Mr. & Mrs. Harold Speck (26) Mr. & Mrs. Helmut Bengel (28) Mr. & Mrs. Philip Osroff * * * and many happy returns.

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Saturday	8:45 A.M.
Sunday	8:00 A.M.

Join Our Shabbos Afternoon Discussion Group at 4 P.M.

Air your views on matters pertaining to Israel & Jewry