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## *An Urgent Appeal for Ads*

The deadline for our Annual Journal is upon us. The Journal must go to press soon. WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF YOUR SUPPORT IN ORDER TO REACH OUR GOAL AND MAKE THIS A FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

Young Israel has only one big Fund Raising affair each year — and that is the Annual Anniversary Dinner. It is the duty, the moral obligation of every member, worshipper and friend of Young Israel to extend himself (herself) and BRING IN THAT AD!

There are many ways you can get an Ad. "If you will it, it is no dream!" Each and every one of us can get one, two, or three Ads. Even if it is only a \$15.00 Ad. I have outlined, many times, the numerous sources of Ad getting; your doctor, your dentist, your baker, your travel agent, your restaurant, your resort hotel, your beauty parlor, your insurance broker, car dealer, your butcher, yes, even your friends. JUST ASK THEM! It's for your Shul. It's tax deductible.

And then again, has each of us given his personal Ad — it's only \$15.00 But let your personal Ad be in addition to the commercial Ad that you will solicit.

All of us are in a position to help Young Israel meet its many commitments — and this year they are staggering.

One more request. This year we will again publish a Booster Page in our Journal. So again we ask you to send us the names of your grandchildren and/or your children. For each name send \$2.00. Besides publishing the names, each \$2.00 entitles you to the same privilege as last year.

For the love of Young Israel, we ask for your quick response!

LOU FRIEDMAN

Chairman — Banquet Committee

## *Tu B'Shvat — New Year for the Trees*

Monday, January 27th, is Tu B'Shvat (15 day of Shevat) known today as Jewish Arbor Day and is considered one of the minor Jewish holidays. Our Sages called it "Rosh Hashonah Le-ilanos" the "New Year for Trees." In ancient times when the Holy Temple stood, fruit grown after the 15th of Shevat could not be given as tithe (Tenth part to a Levite) to redeem fruit grown before the fifteenth.

In the land of Israel today this holiday is celebrated with song and dance. The children leave their schools, go out in the fields and plant little saplings.

Here in the U. S., on Tu B'shvat we are still in the midst of our Winter season. We celebrate the holiday by learning about it, hearing stories about it, eating fruits imported from Israel and planting trees in Israel. You can plant a tree in Israel for only \$3.00 by calling Jack Bernstein our JNF representative at UN 3-6495. A certificate will be sent to you or your designee. In this way we can honor the holiday and our religious homeland, Israel.

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Maurice L. Schwartz ..... *Rabbi*Sol Spitz ..... *President*Harry Brooks ..... *Pres. Men's Club*Norma Brooks ..... *Pres. Women's League***From The President**

A Nixon tape, dated June 23, 1972, had the President warn H. R. Haldeman: "The arts you know — they're Jews, they're left wing — in other words, stay away." Last April, the top legal officer of the United States, Attorney General William Saxbe, now Ambassador to India, remarked that in the McCarthy era "... the Jewish intellectual ... was ... very enamored of the Communist party." And our top military officer, General George C. Brown, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, revived the lie about Jewish control of banks and newspapers.

Nixon's belated notoriety had its roots planted during his emergence into the political arena. To him Jerry Voorhis was a Red, Helen Gahagan Douglas the "Pink Lady", Harry Truman a traitor and he himself voted against conscription which FDR requested to prepare against Hitler and which, incidentally, passed the House of Representatives, where he then was a member, by one vote. Saxbe's assessment of the Jewish intellectual in the McCarthy era was a symptom of that political age for anyone who was not then a rabid reactionary in political thought, and Saxbe since then grew only in chronological age. As to General Brown's mythology, "of the 1748 daily newspapers in the United States in 1972, only 3.1% were owned by Jews" and half of this percentage had Jewish editors and publishers. As for bankers, "30 among 844 major executives in the 8 biggest banks in Manhattan are Jewish", and there are none in the rest of America. It might be curious to learn why General Brown has not noticed that the Chase Manhattan Bank concluded a deal earlier in '74 to manage \$200 million in Saudi Arabian oil money. However, it is reported that General Brown, who planned and executed the airlift of war materiel to Israel during the Yom

Kippur War, was shocked and appalled by the reaction to his statements, especially "... by the lunatic hate mail that surfaced in his favor."

Do such comments stress an Anti-Semitic flavor in America? The overt manifestation of this malaise in the old European stetl was a rampant, infectious disease which decimated Jewish populations and culminated in the Holocaust; in America the occasional covert indication of an ethnic bias is too often strongly repressed, therefore always denied. Persecution of the Jew by every known cruelty, beginning with insult, exile, torture and murder since the Babylonian Exile, did not eliminate him. Today's covert sniping even by a "genteel" government official is but a vestige of the open hatred our grandfathers experienced. Perhaps the "eternal scapegoat" still serves to accentuate and assuage the world's guilt for its "natural" greed and avariciousness. A psychoanalyst has stated it, "Anti-Semitism is more a conflict within a person than between persons." But it is still found "in the lowest stratum of the psyche, where savage forces struggle against all restraints and ideals."

Can the American Jew look to the future with hope? Dr. Herzberg, President of the American Jewish Congress, may be said to feel that "lacking a medieval past Anti-Semitism was unable to build on tradition" in the United States. American economic growth also removed a prime cause of friction. The Israelis' heroic struggle for national freedom opened horizons of understanding and appreciation in a majority of Americans that could be harbingers of realized hope for every Jew, everywhere. Polls indicate that "the Israelis have benefited from a revulsion against the image of Arabs greedily amassing colossal fortunes through oil blackmail" and that "U. S. respect for Israel has elevated the position of American Jews."

TRB in the New Republic of Dec. 14th recites: "The oil producing cartel (OPEC) is accumulating \$60 billion a year in surplus cash. At this rate, one week equals the Rockefeller family's entire wealth. In a year it equals all U. S. investments outside the country. In 9 years it equals the value of all the stocks of all the companies on the New York

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## **YOUNG ISRAEL TO HONOR SAM AND FRANCES PAUSACK ON MARCH 2nd**

Sam and Frances Pausack have devoted their time and their strength to their common love, Young Israel of Parkchester. For countless years Sam and Frances have dedicated themselves to Young Israel, and have given of themselves so that our Shul could carry on its endless tasks. Seldom do we find a couple sharing their efforts to accomplish the same goal. To Sam and Frances we shall always be grateful.

On Sunday morning, March 2nd at 9:30 A.M. at our Levin Hall, the Officers and Trustees and all the congregation, and their many, many friends will express their gratitude to Sam and Frances Pausack. The occasion will be our annual U. J. A. Breakfast at which time the couple will so be honored.

We ask you now to set aside that morning, so that all together we may show our love and appreciation, for and to, Sam and Frances Pausack.

### **From the President (Cont'd)**

Stock Exchange. In 15 years it equals the value of all the stocks of all the major stock exchanges of all the countries of the world." Uncle Sam has been the boy scout in the United Nations since its founding. The spectacle of the oil blackmail must, sooner than later, put some steel into his spine as well as into all the western democracies. The Western World is certainly not about ready to abdicate its financial and industrial structures to a few sheiks. This could mean a revitalized Israel in the "heart" of our planet, as Rabbi Schwartz quoted the geographic position of our spiritual heritage, and a status for every Jew, anywhere and everywhere, at least on a par with his intellectual equals.

SOL SPITZ

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## **Men's Club FROM THE PRESIDENT**

At our December meeting a discussion was held about the activities of the Jewish National Fund. Because of our State of Israel we are asked to contribute to various funds such as the National Jewish Appeal, Bonds for Israel, Israeli Emergency Fund and the Jewish National Fund. Although I have already written in our bulletin about the Jewish National Fund, the importance of it merits repeating its history. The J. N. F. (Keren Kayemeth Le Israel) was founded about 70 years ago with the Zionist leader Menachem Mendel Ussishkin as its first president. The purpose of this fund was to redeem the land in Israel for the Jewish Homeland.

The J. N. F. derives its main source of income from the Blue and White Boxes and from planting trees in Israel. Jack Bernstein is in charge of this project and I feel that every member of our Young Israel should have the J. N. F. Box in his home and also participate in the planting of trees in Israel for any occasion, happy or sad, at the cost of \$3.00 per tree (no limit to the number you can have planted). A certificate will be mailed by the J. N. F. office to the presentee.

Since this is a very important and worthwhile project, please support it whenever the occasion presents itself.

HARRY BROOKS

President

### **GET WELL**

It's good to see Mrs. May Fisher, Mrs. Helen Roth and Mack Waldman home after their recent hospitalization. Our wish: Let's see you back at Young Israel healthy and hearty.

## **Mazel Tov**

### **Our heartiest congratulations to:**

Mr. & Mrs. Max Anshen, on the engagement of their daughter Beth to David Braunstein.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Hein, (Al is our Young Israel Treasurer) on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Barry Robert Hein.

Mr. & Mrs. Max Klein, on the birth of their great-granddaughter Kerry Suzanne Klein.

## Women's League

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Chanukah meeting was the occasion for the selection of Woman of the Year award. For her sincere and outstanding devotion to the hard and demanding task as Mistress of the Kitchen, in her role as Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Tuesday Koffee Klotches, Sara Kaufman was rightfully chosen for this honor. Molly Gewertz, our immediate ex-President, made a very fine presentation to Sara, who is now the recipient of a lovely Certificate designating her as our Woman of the Year. Mazel Tov! In addition, our home talent entertainment, topped off by the traditional refreshments of potato kugel and applesauce, made this a very enjoyable evening.

Before this issue goes to press, we will have had our joint Breakfast meeting with the members of the Men's Club on Sunday, January 5th. We look forward to a most timely and informative talk on "Wills", by Mr. Vincent Campagna, Chief of the New York District Office, Estate Tax Section.

It has been suggested that some of our members might not be aware of the areas to which our funds are allocated, so this is to acquaint everyone with the fact that, in addition to our financial support for activities of the Synagogue, which, of course, is our main function, we also raise funds for the UJA, Israeli Bonds, Israeli Emergency Fund, partial scholarship for a disadvantaged child in an "Adopt-A-Child" program at Yeshivat Achizat Haakov in Youth Village of Gan Yavne, Israel, as well as our very active LaMa'an Hayeled Project, which subsidizes a Children's Ward at the Laniado Hospital in Natanya, Israel. (This is the project of which Fannie Brown is a most active and devoted chairman, and which raises funds through the sale of tribute cards.) So you can see that our program is very ambitious and I am happy to say that our many conscientious chairmen and members work very diligently to help us achieve the aims and goals of the Women's League.

With the exception of our Donor Supper, which is exclusively a Women's League Project, under the most capable

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## Women's League News

With the calendar coming to an end we ask ourselves "What is a New Year?" The answer came to me when I read the following in a book of poems. It says it so well, I pass it on to you.

The promise of tomorrow  
High hopes, roads to explore  
Resolutions to begin, dreams to come true—the future,

Season to gay parade,  
A wealth of days to be discovered  
Hours more precious than gold  
A time to make new friendships  
and cherish old ties,

A time to look ahead,  
To weave the thanks of memory  
into new designs,

A time to step forward  
Through the wide open door  
That is — The New Year.

This is the time not to look back, what has been has been, but to look ahead with a hope for Peace for Israel and the world.

Sara Kaufman, our Woman of the Year, deserves the honor bestowed on her. She was president of the League for two years and the success of the Koffee Klotch is due to her management these many years. She is also active on the social committee for many years and is really one of the nicest things about the Women's League — congratulations.

There is still time to make your donor, for a fabulous night. A good deal of our merchandise is on sale after the holiday rush, so come to our boutique every Tuesday, eat at our Koffee Klotch, play at our tables and buy, buy our beautiful wares for yourself or as gifts; you can't do better elsewhere.

Spoke to Helen Roth on the phone and although she is still under treatment she is jovial as ever with a joke on her lips, all due she says, to the many cards and calls of good wishes she received from members of the Women's League, JASA and the Golden Ring; it gave her the boost she needed and the feeling that people cared. But don't stop now that she is home, give her a call, or better yet, go see her and spend some time with her; she would love company; 1595 Unionport Road.

Your reporter,  
FANNIE R. BROWN

## Reservation to our 35th Anniversary Dinner

Reservations to our 35th Annual Banquet are now being accepted. Don't wait! Don't procrastinate! Do it now! Send your reservation in to Kelly Winkler — and tell us with whom you would like to sit. Whether or not you have Ads to your credit, **YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION.**

The time for the Anniversary Banquet is drawing near. Here are the facts:

Date of Banquet: Sunday evening, February 16th

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Van Cortlandt Jewish Center  
3880 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx

Cost per Couple: \$50.00 (But you can go free if you bring in \$150.00 in Ads). For \$75.00 in Ads you get one free ticket for just one person.

This is the social of the year. It exudes warmth and good fellowship. It is Yiddishkeit at its best — and adds that special glow to us all.

And remember this, although the affair is on a Sunday, the following day is Washington's Birthday, a legal holiday.

The committee will be happy to greet you. All of us will be happy because we will honor four of our men who made Young Israel possible:

SAM BECKER  
HARRY BROOKS  
LOU GROSS  
MANNY KOMITEE

LOU FRIEDMAN  
Chairman

### CONDOLENCES

#### Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Ann Konigsberg, on the loss of her beloved sister, Regina Jacobs.

Mrs. Sylvia Liebert, on the loss of her beloved sister Yetta Geiger.

Mrs. Bernice Sirkin and children, on the loss of their beloved husband and father William Sirkin.

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

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

### BIRTHDAYS

(1) Jules Canter, Anne August, Ethel Kornblau (2) Helen Sochrin (3) Alexander R. Horowitz (4) Pearl Silverman, Belle Solinsky, Beatrice Kutner (5) Geraldine Smith (6) Bertha Bresenoff, Sidney Robinson (7) Louis Fufeld (9) Barbara Katz (10) Charles Felman, (12) Karen Horn, Neil Winkler, Gertrude Kurzer (13) Leonard Eigner (14) Matthew Weinreb (15) Miriam Michlin (17) David Astor, Barry Michlin (18) Irwin Ross, Leo Slavin (19) Stella Bengel (20) Sylvia Liebert, Stuart Levy (21) Fredrick Gross, Sharon Gross (22) Scott Yablonsky (23) Elyssa Solomon, Isidore Kramer (24) Esther Harap (25) Leona Delmont (26) Ruth Tischfeld (27) Mark Solomon, Harold Speck (28) Leah Nussbaum (29) Sam Miller (31) Jack M. Lehrer, Arlene Lench.

### ANNIVERSARIES

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Stadler, Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Felman, Mr. & Mrs. Moe H. Scher (6) Mr. & Mrs. Max Spielberger (9) Mr. & Mrs. Louis Milefsky (13) Dr. & Mrs. Hyman Leibowitz (14) Mr. & Mrs. Ben Shulman (16) Mr. & Mrs. Irving Shatkin (17) Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Dolinko (19) Mr. & Mrs. David Zimmerman, (25) Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Kohen (26) Mr. & Mrs. Fred Graff (29) Mr. & Mrs. Al Panzer, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Haas and many happy returns.

### Women's League (Cont'd)

chairmanship of Dorothy Haimowitz, our other social activities are planned in conjunction with the Men's Club. Together, we had a most successful Card Party on Tuesday evening, December 31st. For the President of the Men's Club and myself, I want to thank our very helpful committee members, Rose Goldner, Rose Grasheim, Hattie Haiman, Fran Levy and Florence Maslow for their wonderful assistance in preparing for the affair. Even the men helped, and thanks to Leo Maslow, Phil Haiman and Al Levy. With members like ours, we can always be assured of wonderful cooperation. Many thanks too, to all our members and friends who attended and helped us have such an enjoyable evening.

Norma Brooks

Gert Parley wishes to thank all her friends of Parkchester for their kind thoughts and good wishes while she was in the hospital. She wishes to say that she is now home and on the way to a full recovery and wishes all a healthy year.

**BE A MEMBER  
IN GOOD STANDING!!!**

If you are delinquent in your dues a check by return mail will be appreciated.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Schedule of Services**

Daily (Monday through Friday)

Mornings .....6:45 A.M.  
and evenings .....4:30 P.M.  
Saturday morning .....8:45 A.M.  
Talmud Class .....3:15 P.M.  
Sunday morning .....8:00 A.M.

**Youth Program**

*TEENS meet every Tuesday afternoon  
at 4:00 P.M.*

\* Bowling \* Basketball \* Trips \*  
Interbranch Activity \*

*PRE-TEENS Shabbos Clubs meet  
every Saturday at 2:00 P.M.*

\* Israeli Dancing \* Stories \*  
Refreshments \*

All boys and girls are invited  
to join and participate.

Come and bring a friend!

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Rose and Max Spielberger and family extend their heartfelt thanks to Young Israel for the great honor bestowed upon them.

Betty and Mack Waldman wish to express their thanks to their many friends for their calls and good wishes for Mack's speedy recovery.

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