



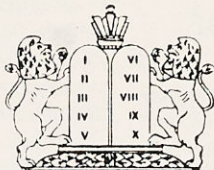
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## SHAVUOS

### FESTIVAL OF TORAH

Light candles Thursday evening, May 15th

Erev Tavishilin at .....7:46 P.M.

### SHAVUOS SERVICES

Thursday evening, May 15th .....7:50 P.M.

Friday and Saturday mornings, May 16th and 17th .....8:45 A.M.

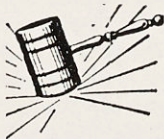
Light candles Friday, May 16th .....7:47 P.M.

### YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

Saturday morning, May 17th .....10:30 A.M.

Kindly note: Beginning with Friday evening, May 23rd.

Friday evening services will be held at 7 P.M. for the duration of  
the summer months.



### Calling All Members

General Membership Meeting and  
Breakfast Sunday morning, May 18th  
at 9:30 A.M. Election of officers will  
be held. Your presence is needed to  
help our Young Israel grow!



### JUNE 13th - 16th for the 64th Annual Convention

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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***Sol Spitz*

While "re-assessing" Israeli "intransigence" and "inflexibility" our Defense Department is "reluctant" to enter into any new arms commitments to a tiny and beleaguered little Jewish homeland. (Those quotes were adjectives used by President Ford and his secretaries of State and Defense.) But by using arms aid to pressure Israel into submissiveness, a New York Times editorial comments, "The United States could succeed in stifling our only . . . bastion of democracy in the Middle East." Yet, if our government leadership employs only simple justice it must overwhelmingly favor Israel. And justice for Israel does not call for it to be a pawn in the game American foreign policy has more recently not been playing too well. And the New Republic (Apr. 12, 1975) points out editorially that Dr. Kissinger "has lectured too much on our responsibility . . . to allow his disappointments and whatever . . . differences he may have had with Israel to undermine our historical commitment to a democratic society whose safety should be the burden of conscience to civilization." Even Gerald Ford intimated that morality supersedes petrodollars in the American conscience. So what's the problem?

The Rabin government tried "to elicit from Cairo political agreements" in exchange for strategic military assets. In addition, it placed on the negotiating table a valuable and irreplaceable economic asset — its only oil resource. Cairo, tied to Syria, Iraq, the P.L.O. and Libya could not offer even a political promise which, at best, would be of less than dubious value. "Peace in the area" concludes the editorial, "will only succeed if we make clear that Israel can't

be pushed around simply because we have troubles everywhere else." Whatever result emerges from the now scheduled deliberations between our decision makers, Israel and Judaism will continue to live — in the hope of fulfillment of its divinely promised future. This promise is the immediate problem.

The future of Judaism is inextricably interwoven with its past. Dr. Eliezer Berkovits, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Ill. points out in the lead article, "Crisis and Faith" in the current issue of "Tradition." Dr. Berkovits terms these concepts as Galut and G'ulah, Exile and Redemption, respectively. "The idea of G'ulah is, of course, identical with the idea of Messianism, the faith that no matter how long the Exile may last, one day the Jewish people will return to Zion and Jerusalem and find redemption in its ancient homeland." Such inexplicable faith, Dr. Berkovits explains, while a seemingly "irrational absurdity . . . gave us strength to endure in Galut." But how does one "explain a puzzle with an enigma," Galut with G'ulah?

In each generation we suffered persecution and decimation and yet because of our faith in Redemption we refused to die. In each Exile we identified with our past and looked to "the future through anticipatory faith in Redemption." Past and future "were more important than the present." Thus, continues Dr. Berkovits, "living with the past in memory and with the future in faith, we have saved the present through the domination of time. In every generation we have succeeded in establishing the present moment as a point in time. Without it we could not have remained on the stage of history."

"Crisis and Faith" quotes from Genesis: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, into the land that I will show thee." Abraham, the father of his people, was made an exile first and, long before Isaac was to be born, had the promise of a son, a homeland and a people. We became a nation "in our Egyptian exile." It was the hope of liberation from that exile, when we were to carry with

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### From the President (Cont'd)

us Joseph's bones to the Promised Land, that enabled us to endure the rigors of hard labor and the taskmasters' lash. Exile and the hope of redemption!

Israel is once again being tested — behold the spectacle of "the cynical will- ingness of formerly great nations to sell (it) for a barrel of oil." "International cynicism is eating away the last shreds of the moral fibres of human society." And Dr. Berkovits sees "the world . . . approaching the day of reckoning, the hour of the thermonuclear Armageddon." He quotes the "prophet, 'Ye are My witnesses, saith G-D: And the rabbis commented, 'If you are My witnesses I am G-d; if not, I am not G-d'. But since G-d will be, so must the witness too. This is the source of our suffering, the source of our dignity, the guarantee of our survival till the end of days. Israel will . . . dwell in Zion and Jerusalem long after the wells of Arabia have been forced to surrender their last drop of oil."

Neither the Geneva Conference which is to deal with parcels of real estate nor the foreign policies of nations nor the military might of Gog and Magog will solve "the Jewish problem" — and Dr. Berkovits seems to echo the Neturei Karta of Jerusalem — but only the redemption of the Divine Presence can bring peace to all nations and a solution of all problems. Such a redemption will come about through a spiritual and moral resurgence in human values and affairs. The Chosen People must set that moral example. Only then will Caesarea, the symbol of raw power succumb to Jerusalem, the symbol of the spirit.

### CONDOLENCES

#### Our deepest sympathy to:

Rabbi Seymour Bald, (a member of our Talmud Torah faculty) on the loss of his beloved mother Bella Bald.

Mrs. Freda Dolinko and Family, on the untimely and tragic loss of their beloved husband and father Sidney Dolinko.

Mr. Murray Obrentz, on the loss of his beloved mother Helen Obrentz.

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 May:

### BIRTHDAYS

(1) Justin Green, Max Green, Reba Pollack, Sidney Sussman; (2) Bea Mandel, Max Schulmann, David Robinson; (3) Sam Berman, Gene Kohen, Marcia Turchin; (4) Steven Fusfeld; (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) Alexander Levy; Rona Jacobs, Betty Waldman, Julia Zaret; (27) Theodore Gewertz, Minna Stein, Melvyn Diamond, Mildred Berliner; (28) Dr. Leonard Sussman; (29) Evelyn Panzer, Joanna Harris, Rose Sherman; (30) Arnold Green, Marilyn Besen, Arnold Haiman; (31) Joel Waldman, Allan Katz.

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### 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. Albert Harap, Mr. & Mrs. Boris Stern, Mr. & Mrs. Konigsberg; (31) Mr. & Mrs. Murray Weinreb \* \* \* and many happy returns.

## A Forward Look

Lou Friedman

### Meet Bernie Horowitz

His rendition of the Shochris and Musaf services on the Shabbos is a musical recital of the history of the Jews over its thousand of turbulent years. He has so captured its mood, its overtones, its depth, so as to convey the poignancy, the pathos, the beauty of a people rich in its culture, and proud of its heritage. While young in years, charismatically his interpretations and interpolations spell out a knowledge of our people, and a keen understanding of its heart and soul. I have seen Bernie on the High Holy Days join together 250 worshippers who become as "one" in their supplication to G-d. He brings together the hearts and the minds of a congregation offering its thanks and its gratitude for a life of peace and of Shalom, a life of nachas, and a life of health.

Steeped in Orthodoxy and Traditional Judaism Bernie Horowitz is strict in his observance of the Torah. His is the unequivocal acceptance of the Halacha as taught by our sages. On his shoulders rests the burden of carrying on the responsibilities of a family long admired by a congregation familiar with the Horowitz - Weiss family. Bernie's education is rich and well-rounded. A product of the Yeshiva, his lay education has earned him honors and degrees in his undergraduate and graduate studies at Cornell University and others. He has two Masters Degrees and is on his way to a Doctor of Philosophy. He teaches Higher Mathematics in the Bronx High School of Science, the number one public high school in the City of New York.

He practices Judaism in its noblest sense, and he is unwavering in following its precepts. Bernie is now assuming the mantle worn by his father for many years. His late father's greatest joy was to teach the young; on the occasion of their Bar Mitzvah, to teach them to lead the congregation in the Shochris or Musaf services. Julie Horowitz would also "shep nachas" in teaching anyone of the congregation to "daven." I was one of Julie's students and whatever I do know I owe to him.

Bernie has now become the "teacher

of the young." It is Bernie now who shares a rapport with the young and the "seekers after knowledge." His long experience in teaching enables him to easily transfer to others his devotion, his appreciation and his enthusiasm for Yiddishkeit. Bernie well knows that the perpetuation of Orthodoxy and Traditional Judaism lies with our youth. He encourages their efforts and they lean in his direction, for he is near to them in years. Bernie has a sense of purpose and his poise is born of his confidence. He is a perfect example of how exposure to religion can only generate kindness and goodness, warmth and understanding.

Bernie also shares in the responsibility of administering the affairs of the Synagogue. He has served with distinction as our 2nd Vice-President and soon will be our First Vice-President. He is also Chairman of our Adult Education Committee and Talmud Torah Committee. From there the road is clearly marked. He is destined to follow in his father's footsteps, for soon the day will come when he, too, takes his rightful place as the President of Young Israel of Parkchester.

We look forward to sharing with Bernie the Shabbos of many years to come. We want him to know how much we appreciate his years with us, and the beauty and richness of his services.

### GET WELL

Our heartiest wishes for a full and speedy recovery to William Bogner, Nathan Groginsky, Mack Waldman and Sam Witkin.

Let's see you back at Young Israel healthy and hearty. Refuah Shlemah!

### MAZEL TOV

#### Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Gewertz, on the Bas Torah of their granddaughter Elizabeth Joffe.

Mrs. Jacqueline W. Larsen, on the Bar Mitzvah of her son Mark in our Young Israel of Parkchester.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Miller, on the birth of their grandson Todd Ryan born to their children Eileen and Richard Miller.

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

On Wednesday, May 21st, we will have our final meeting of the season. The annual reports will be rendered and election of officers for the year 1975-1976 will be held. I am appealing to our members to make every effort to attend this important meeting. Please come and get acquainted with the activities and projects of your Men's Club and at the same time take part in formulating future activities for the benefit of our Synagogue. I also hope that those members who will be asked to serve in our new administration will gladly accept the honor afforded to them.

As we are approaching the celebration of the "GIVING OF THE TORAH" I want to wish all our members and their families a joyous SHEVUOTH.

HARRY BROOKS  
President

## **Women's League**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We have had many successful projects during the year, all leading to our one Gala Annual Donor Supper, under the chairmanship of Dorothy Haimowitz. This affair will be held on Tuesday evening, May 13, at Arele's and Dorothy and her committee have been working very conscientiously for the past few months to assure that this evening will be the usual successful event that it has always been. We will have an attendance of close to 150 members and guests, indicating that many of our women, too, have worked hard to "make their donors" — as many as 15 to 20 in some instances, so our "hats are off" not only to Dottie and her committee, but to our members as well. See you at Arele's!

Another annual project is our White Elephant Sale, which was held on Sunday, April 20th, after many months of tireless effort by Rose Parness and her group of A-1 salesladies (and some salesmen, among whom special mention and thanks must go to Kelly Winkler).

This hard work culminated in a very gratifying success and I am happy to say *Today* to Rose and all of her hard-working members.

At our April meeting we observed the

27th Anniversary of the founding of our State of Israel. We pray for peace in the Holy Land and the continued observance of its anniversaries year after year.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21st. Final reports will be given by the chairmen. I do hope you will be present for this evening of winding-up activities for the year.

My best wishes to all members and your families for the joy and happiness of celebrating the holiday of Shevuoth.

NORMA BROOKS  
President

## **Women's League News**

The month of May is a herald of happiness and happy occasions.

On the 11th we give Mothers their due recognition. It is the Mother who gives birth, starts the teaching and is the foundation of every child.

On May 16th we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Festival of the First Fruits. It is the holiday that raises the Jew to spiritual heights as they were the recipient of the moral code for the world, making us truly a holy nation.

Too bad Israel's enemies cannot fashion their moral code of life, to live and let live.

Another happy occasion on May 2nd is Helen Roth's 76th birthday and her daughter Ruth is partying her. She is a great lady and we all wish her many more happy birthdays.

On May 13th we will have our Donor Dinner and I am sure it will be an outstanding affair, one to remember for a long time, say till next May, when once again those fortunate to make donor will partake. Some advice is to start now to work towards being a participant of these great events.

The Koffee Klotche needs help, for which you get donor credit, put your name on the list for the bazaar help, again you get donor credit, and then sell our beautiful merchandise and receive credit on the profit, there are many ways to make donor, so do it.

May 30th is traditional Memorial Day, and so ends an eventful month.

Norma and Harry Brooks' son, Dr. Barry S. Brooks, became a Diplomat  
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**Women's League (Cont'd)**

in the American Academy of Pediatricians. He practices his profession in California where he lives with his wife, Gail, and children David and Aliza. Congratulations to all.

How about your children and grandchildren — what achievements did they accomplish? Let me know and I'll put them in print — see you soon.

Your News Reporter  
FANNIE R. BROWN

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

The Donor Gift Shop will be open every Tuesday morning.

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Daily (Monday through Friday)

Mornings .....6:45 A.M.

and evenings .....7:45 P.M.

Friday evening ..... 7:00 P.M.

Saturday morning .....8:45 A.M.

Talmud Class .....6:45 P.M.

Sunday morning .....8:00 A.M.

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