



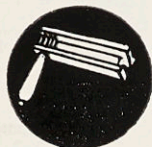
# THE YOUNG ISRAELITE

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## Purim Services

### Fast of Esther

Monday morning, March 15th ..... 6:30 A.M.

### Reading of Megillah — Scroll of Esther

Monday evening, March 15th ..... 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday morning, March 16th

Early Service — 6:00 A.M. .... Reading of Megillah ..... 6:30 A.M.

Later Service — 8:00 A.M. — Reading of Megillah ..... 8:30 A.M.

### Fulfill your Purim obligations

- \* Listen to the Megillah \* Partake of a Purim Seudah Dinner \*
- \* Send Shallach Monos (Edible gifts) \* Give Charity to the Poor \*

**A HAPPY PURIM TO ALL**

## A Forward Look

*Lou Friedman*

Young Israel of Parkchester has moved into a new era of concern and commitment that has touched every area of our activities. New programs are being introduced, programs that are challenging, innovative and necessary to meet the needs of a changing society. This is the time of reckoning. These years are crucial. The apparent difficulty of American Jewry to discern the peril must be brought into the spotlight by a determined and inspired nucleus — by you, and by me, by all of us together whose membership in Young Israel is a source of pride and gratification. LET US REACH OUT TO ALL JEWS TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED TODAY.

I speak of the hundreds of Jewish families who live in Parkchester, and of equal hundreds who live immediately outside the Parkchester borders. Many are without roots; without any ties to a neighborhood synagogue. And I look upon this shocking neglect as a personal challenge to me, who has been entrusted with the Chairmanship of the Membership Committee. I have failed to reach them with my pleas, my many entreaties, and, with what I thought, my faultless arguments.

To me, the Jewish heart beats in tune with the hearts of his Jewish brethren. The Jew cannot divorce himself from his Jewish upbringing, his tradition, his Yiddishkeit. Always in the Jewish heart is the urge to relate one to the other. Each one of us is a link in the chain that binds us all together into one homogeneous society. We live best in the heritage that is ours.

There has never been a greater need than now for a unified Jewish commu-

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**A Forward Look (Cont'd)**

nity. Our synagogue offers its sanctuary towards this noble goal. The world is re-examining its position vis-a-vis the Jew. It looks to see with what strength we speak. It probes to see how strong is our weakest link. It tries to take our children away from us by assimilation, and by intermarriage. Our youth looks to his parents for guidance and direction. The least we can do for our children is to show positive ties to our heritage. Lip service falls far short of positive support of our synagogue and its Jewish community.

I, therefore, ask each of you to join with us to put the future to work. There are far too many Jews, who read this, who are not members of Young Israel. I wonder if those hearts twinge in guilt? Your positive response will prove your recognition and your responsibilities. Our committee is pledged to relentless pursuit of the uncommitted. You will hear from us in the near future. In the meantime we ask for a voluntary commitment on your part to join Young Israel.

We place our trust in your good judgment. We ask again that you join with us in membership — NOW!

**ADDITIONS TO OUR JOURNAL**

The following additional contributions were received for our Annual Journal after the Journal had already gone to press: Mr. & Mrs. David Astor, Hon. Mario Biaggi, Dr. Albert Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gurock, Mrs. Minnie Kirsch, Mr. & Mrs. Julius Rosenzweig. We thank all the participants in our Journal campaign for their contributions.

*Max Spielberger*  
 Journal Chairman

**NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome Irving Geller and Martin Stein as new additions to our evergrowing Young Israel family.

May our association be a long and beneficial one.



**PASSOVER FUND  
 (Mo'os Chittim)**

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, close to \$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.

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*A Prayer for Peace. It can be sung to the tune of "Hatikvah."*

**"ANI-MAAMIN — I BELIEVE"**

Ani-Maamin, I believe  
 Peace on this earth, we all must achieve.  
 We should get to know each other, and show we really care,  
 Be friendly, be helpful, and try to do our share.  
 I believe, ani-maamin,  
 That we all can achieve this dream.  
 Our Dear G-d in Heaven, could help it all come true,  
 If you'd do unto others, as you'd want done unto you.  
 Our Dear G-d in Heaven, could help it all come true,  
 If you'd do unto others, as you'd want done unto you.

*Selma Seidel*

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## Men's Club

### From The President

While we are busy with America's Bicentennial celebrations let's not forget that our Lady — THE STATUE OF LIBERTY is celebrating her 90th Anniversary.

Anyone coming by boat towards the shores of New York can see from a distance a big bronze statue of a woman holding in one hand a tablet and in the other hand a torch. On the tablet is written July 4, 1776, which is the independence day of the United States. The name of the statue is STATUE OF LIBERTY, which was presented ninety years ago by the French people to the government of the United States in memory of the war of independence. On the base of the statue is inscribed the words of the wonderful song "The New Giant" written by Emma Lazarus. The song's writer is inviting all the suffering people from other countries to come to our land of freedom in order to live a good and nice life.

Emma Lazarus was born in 1848 in New York to a Sefardic Jewish family. In her early youth she loved to read the works of the American philosopher Ralph Emerson and the American songwriter Emanuel Stedman. At the age of seventeen her first book of songs was printed and was highly praised by Emerson and Stedman.

In 1881 pogroms broke out in Russia and as a result many Jews fled the Czarist Russia and came to America. Emma Lazarus met the refugees and her heart was full of pity. At that time she started to learn the Hebrew language and became closely acquainted with the history of the Jewish people. As a result she developed a source of love for her suffering people in the Diaspora.

In her articles she wrote that the Jewish people must return to the land of their forefathers and establish in Palestine a land of their own. This thought she brought out even before the First Zionist Congress. She also appealed that the Jews in America should help their suffering brethren in Europe.

Emma Lazarus died in the year 1887. She was only 38 at the time of her death.

She will be long remembered by the American Jewish community.

*Harry Brooks, President*

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For myself and the officers of the Men's Club, I wish all our members and their families a HAPPY PURIM.

*Harry Brooks,*

President — Men's Club

## Women's League

### From The President

Within a few days of this writing the happy, spirited holiday of Purim will have arrived, which also signifies the approach of the lovely season of Spring, that time of the year when the glorious colors of beautiful flowers and trees abound all around us. And for us there is stimulation to continue our important work in behalf of our synagogue.

During the next few months, the goals of our year's work must be fulfilled and I am happy to report that our members are working very industriously to make this another banner year.

Evelyn Hein, White Elephant chairlady, has announced that the date for this project is Sunday, May 16th, since the previous date of May 2nd interfered with Russian Solidarity Day in which many of our members want to participate. She and her committee ask for contributions of new merchandise; or, if used, please be sure that it is clean and saleable.

Hattie Haiman and Fay August, co-chairladies of our Raffle Project, urge members to make returns as soon, and as often as possible.

Gert Miller and Pauline Lehman, co-chairladies, and their committees, are at their Donor Table every Tuesday afternoon for the convenience of, and patronage by, all members. And upon her return from a Florida vacation, Dorothy Haimowitz, as well as Rose Parness, Gert and Pauline will be very busy preparing for our Annual Donor Supper at Arele's on Monday evening, May 17th. I hope each of you, dear members, are planning to join us for this beautiful event.

Remember to contact Fannie Brown or Molly Gewertz for your L'Maan

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

Hayed tributes and general card mailings.

The Tuesday Koffee Klatches continue to do brisk business. All of our active members work hard because they know how important our activities are. They do not expect honor or glory in return. But in this issue I welcome the opportunity of conveying my thanks to these ladies for their diligent and tireless efforts in making this a very successful project: Sara Kaufman, Chairlady, Dorothy Brodsky, Ruth Kohen, Fran Levy, Florence Maslow, Norma Siegel, Sally Smith, Rose Weinstein and Julia Zaret.

I may also add that Florence and Rose, as well as Helen Reich, have been very active and helpful hostesses at many of our Social Club Card Parties.

Thanks are in order, too, to Bella Spill and her husband, Jack, for the delicious cake which they sponsored at our February Breakfast meeting in honor of their grandson's Bar Mitzvah. Our hearty Mazel Tov on this wonderful simcha.

For myself and the officers of the Women's League, our best wishes for a most enjoyable Purim.

*Norma Brooks,*  
President

### Women's League News

The month of March heralds the joyous holiday of Purim. Other holidays may be forgotten, but the Feast of Purim or the story of Queen Esther will remain as an eternal testimonial to the charm, beauty, goodness and merit of Esther and her cousin Mordecai and the miraculous rescue of the Jewish people.

The story of Purim has always served to remind us that no matter how deplorable our plight may seem, no matter how many "Hamans" arise in each generation and seek to destroy us, it will never happen. We are an eternal and chosen people.

Have a very happy holiday reading the Megillah, eating humentashin, playing games, giving gifts, and at the same time remembering our State of Israel and giving them "Shaloch Monos" by attending the UJA Breakfast on March 14th.

You still have a little time to increase your Donor Credit for a fabulous night at Arele's, our way of saying "thank you" for a job well done.

Sam Miller, Gert's husband, retired January 31st from his position as Chief of Income Tax Processing of New York City. We wish him and Gert and their beautiful family lots of Nachas, good health to enjoy their happiness for many years to come; by the way, Gert's fame is as the hard working chairman of our Boutique and Donor Dinner.

We wish a happy Bon Voyage to Molly and Abe Gewertz, who are taking a trip to Israel, enjoy yourselves and come back with lots of stories.

Do you have any news that we may enjoy with you? Get in touch with me and I'll tell everyone as a surprise.

Your News Reporter,  
*Fannie R. Brown*

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

Hebrew Classes every Tuesday morning, followed by a Koffee Klatch at noon. The Donor Gift Shop will also be open at this time. Please contact:

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Happy occasion card for a nominal fee available. Call Fannie R. Brown — TA 9-4021.

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#### White Elephant, May 16th:

Evelyn Hein — TA 3-2492

### WHERE THERE'S A WILL ...

When drawing up your will, it is meritorious for you to consider a bequest to Young Israel of Parkchester, your synagogue. The procedure is a simple one. Talk to your lawyer and tell him you would like to include in your will a gift to Young Israel of Parkchester. If you already have a will, a simple codicil can be added to it. Your bequest, whether large or small, will insure the continuation of Young Israel and will help safeguard the future survival of the Jewish people. Please live to 120, but remember Young Israel in your will.

**MAZEL TOV****Our heartiest congratulations to:**

Dr. & Mrs. Mervyn R. Kaplan and Mrs. Mollie Weiss, on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter Aimee Sandra Kaplan.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Klugman, on the birth of their grandson.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Lott, on the birth of their daughter Rachel Debra, and to the grandmother Ray Lott and great-grandmother Ruth Lott.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Miller, on the graduation of their son Edward from CCNY as an electrical engineer, and his engagement to Linda Kaplan.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Richman, on the marriage of their daughter Barbara to Marc Jagolinzer.

**GET WELL**

Our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Lena Felman, Alex Kornblau, Sonia Krakowsky, Ida Steinberg and Sam Stifelman.

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

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

(2) Leon Brown, Andrew Santo, Philip Blacker; (3) Jay Rosenberg, Beth Brownstein; (4) Mary Zuckerman, Sondra Fox, Loretta Solomon, Philip Haiman; (7) Phyllis Grossman; (8) Rosann Kalish, Shirley Silverman, Stella Carlin; (9) Leslie Erenstein, Deborah Katz; (10) Norma Siegel, Murray Weinreb, Ruth Kutner; (11) Rose Schaffer, Miriam Friedman, Eve Penyman; (12) Grace Green, Reba Septimus, Irving Greenfield, David Cohen, Nathan Turk, Roslyn Turk; (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, Sophie Speck; (22) Ruth Weiden; (23) Frances Pausack, Beatrice Buchsbaum, Helen Winkler; (24) Pearl Feinstein, Lois Danis,

Jerry Lott; (25) Emma Slavin; (26) Leslie Sobel, Renée Canter, Terri Lott, Lilian Shulman; (28) Rae Call, Helen Leibowitz.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

(4) Mr. & Mrs. Sam Berman; (6) Mr. & Mrs. Milton Carlin; (7) Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Bernstein; (10) Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fox; (11) Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kossak, Dr. & Mrs. William Frishman; (13) Mr. & Mrs. Sol Spitz; (16) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horowitz; (19) Mr. & Mrs. Max Kaplan; (20) Mr. & Mrs. Leo Slavin; (21) Mr. & Mrs. Harold Speck; (26) Mr. & Mrs. Helmut Bengel; (28) Mr. & Mrs. Philip Osroff \* \* \* and many happy returns.

**CONDOLENCES****Our deepest sympathy to:**

Mrs. Pinto and Family, on the loss of their beloved husband and father Hyman Pinto.

Mr. Herman Reisman, on the loss of his beloved brother Louis Reisman.

Mr. Herman Wacht and Family, on the loss of their beloved wife and mother Rose Wacht.

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

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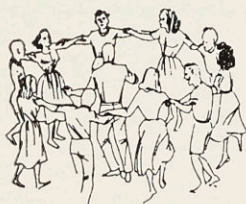
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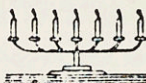
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