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RESERVE SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 5th

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Within a half-hour of our arrival at our hotel in Jerusalem, the phone was ringing. It was Shalom ben Shalom calling from Rishon L'Zion to tell me that he was on his way and would meet me in the lobby in an hour. It was already past 8 P.M. (Israeli time) but he insisted on coming. This is a man who is so full of life and life's goodness, who could easily afford to move out of his poverty stricken neighborhood of Roshon L'Zion, but who remains only for the dream of seeing a permanent center erected for our sister branch. We spent a good hour and a half catching up on the progress towards the realization of his dreams.

The next morning I set out with David and Debbie, and with my cousin and recent oleh Mark Steiner, on a walking tour of the Old City. Walking through the Arab shuk is an experience which assaults the senses of sight, sound and smell all at once. The rebuilding of the decimated Jewish quarter is a source of great pride. But these are nothing compared with the emotion-laden experience of nearing The Wall — the ancient and sacred Kotel Hama-aravi. To daven at The Wall — in public as well as private prayer — is simply an incomparable experience. I returned to daven on several mornings, usually before my children were awake. On Thursday morning of that week I was delighted to witness scores of Bar Mitzvahs of boys from many parts of the world. Here once again, as it was thousands of years ago, was the focal point of Jews from all corners of the globe.

So many joyful memories come flooding over me as I now write — too numerous to recount in these pages. Of particular interest to our members was the few hours I spent in Rishon L'Zion where I saw over 100 youngsters who had come for their afternoon's activities. They were in badly cramped quarters, but they were happy.

Also of interest was a specially arranged "Parkchester lunch" prepared and served by the Jerusalem Steiners. In attendance were Belle and Louis Gitelman, and Bertha and John Greenfield. They are all well and send their greetings.

A twelve hour delay in departure time was the only sour note during this marvelous ten day trip. But, as my very tired children agreed, we would have surely come anyway, even if we had somehow known in advance of this long, tiring delay.

BERNARD HOROWITZ
President

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Parkchester-Unionport Jewish Community Council

Jews of the Parkchester-Unionport area all look with a mixture of sorrow and concern at the sad history of the once flourishing Jewish communities of the South Bronx and the Concourse. We readily agree that we must do all that we can to prevent history of this nature from repeating itself in our community. It was this thought which spurred the formation of the Parkchester-Unionport Jewish Community Council (PUJCC).

Under the initial leadership of Rabbi Seymour Schwartz of Congregation Beth Jacob, and with the assistance of the staff from the established JCC in the West Bronx, PUJCC now has a proposed constitution and is about to hold its first election of officers. Herman Reisman has served admirably as Young Israel's representative during these preliminary sessions.

The ultimate goal of PUJCC is the stabilization of the Jewish community of our area, and the coordination of the efforts of all religious, educational and Jewish communal organizations toward that goal.

Experience in other areas of the city has shown that such councils can be effective in obtaining funds from the city in order to reverse the trend of Jews fleeing from a threatened neighborhood. The prevailing attitude of Jews in the city today seems to be: "We are tired of running. We are going to do all we can to keep our community together." The formation of PUJCC is an affirmation which declares: "We are not ready to give up on the Parkchester

neighborhood. We are prepared to fight to maintain our synagogues and our organizations."

At a legislative breakfast of the Associated Bronx Jewish Community Councils (from Parkchester, Co-op City, Pelham Parkway and the West Bronx), held on January 22nd, Mayor Koch expressed his understanding of the situation and declared that it is "essential to the life of this city to save the middle class." Also in attendance and expressing similar sentiments of understanding were City Council President Carol Belamy, Comptroller Harrison Goldin, Borough President Robert Abrams, and many city and state legislators. The concerns of the Jewish communities were presented forcefully to these elected governmental officials and there are plans to follow up contacts with them.

If you have suggestions pertaining to the maintenance and strengthening of the Jewish community in our area, please do not hesitate to discuss them with the Rabbi or with any of our officers.

BERNARD HOROWITZ

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Daily — Mornings	6:45 A.M.
Evenings	5:00 P.M.
Saturday	8:45 A.M.
Sunday	8:00 A.M.

GET WELL

Our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Nathan Kolb, Bertha Panfield, and William Zisselman.

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

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Al Beeber on the birth of their twin grandsons Daniel Jacob and Seth Abraham.

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From Women's League

Due to the whims of the weather-planner, our January meeting was cancelled because of the winter's first heavy snowfall on that weekend, but we hope to meet on Sunday, February 26th for another breakfast meeting.

In the meantime, plans proceed and, weather permitting, our ladies continue to accomplish their allotted work with their usual dedicated and loyal conscientiousness.

Unfortunately for us, but happily for them, another team is leaving us for the sunny climes of Florida. Although Gert Miller has been our Donor Table Chairlady for the past few years, her husband, Sam, has worked closely with her. Gert worked very closely with Dotty Haimowitz and when Dotty moved to Florida several years ago, Gert graduated to the position of Chairlady. She had learned very well and functioned beautifully in this capacity. She and her wonderful committee did very good business, as shown in their exceptional results. As a loyal, devoted and conscientious leader, she is leaving the Donor Table in good hands and we are pleased to welcome Helen Sochrin, our super saleslady to this Committee. We wholeheartedly wish to thank Gert and Sam for their effortless endeavors and wish them good health and much happiness in their retirement life.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Kelly Winkler who will be guest of honor at the Annual Banquet of the Synagogue, a tribute of which he is well deserving.

Please note these special events which will be taking place in the forthcoming months — Fashion Show in March, to be chaired by Faye Spitz and Reba Pollock; Card Party in April, to be chaired by Frances Pausack and Reba Pollock and White Elephant Sale to be chaired by Evelyn Hein. Dates will be publicized in due time.

Before I end this article, I must refer to the retirement of the President of the Men's Club, since we worked closely as another Young Israel team. In the twelve years that Harry Brooks headed the Men's Club, he instituted added social activities for the Men's and Women's

groups so that our members could have the opportunity to enjoy monthly Saturday night or Sunday afternoon card parties, wonderful end-of-the-year parties, superb weekends at Grossinger's and delightful performances of the Yiddish Theatre, among other things. It was my privilege to be his "right hand" and for myself and all the members of the Women's League, we offer our grateful thanks for having been able to cooperate with him and the Men's Club in all of these projects and I, personally, thank my dear husband for all of his help to me during my years as President of the Women's League.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Feb. 26th.

NORMA BROOKS
President

Women's League Chit Chat

by Ann Konigsberg

Hattie Haiman recently retired and was given a nice send off by her employer; Florence Maslow returned from Evanston, Illinois after visiting her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter; the Breiners left for a vacation in Florida and Lou and Tillie Gross, Sophie and Ben Levine and Sol and Fay Spitz have returned from Miami Beach. If you have any news drop me a line and I'll see you in print.

CONDOLENCES

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Mrs. Penny Graff, on the loss of her beloved father William Louis Herschfield.

The Kunstadt Family, on the loss of their beloved father Lipman Kunstadt.

Mrs. Lillian Presser and Family on the loss of their beloved husband and father Gabriel Presser.

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

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Max Klein as a new addition to our ever-growing Young Israel family. May our association be a long and beneficial one.

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Best wishes and felicitation to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in February:

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(1) Rae Pollack, Beth Silberlicht, Howard Hein; (2) Sandra Linder, Susan Hirsh; (3) Norma Lazarus, Rose Sloan; (4) David Ross, Elaine Alper; (5) Michael Solomon, Richard Kurzer; (7) Wendy Amsel, Michael Wurmbrand, Mac Bernfeld, Ann Sloan, (9) Frieda Zimmerman; (12) Rose Fox, Larry Sochrin, Albert Beeber, Alex Kornblum; (13) Mitzi Fink, Robert Kornblum; (16) Joan Friedman; (17) Larry Becker, Adrienne Bensch,

Albert Haas; (18) Stuart Shelby; (19) Albert Harap; (20) Nathan Groginsky; (21) David Margolis, Aaron Bernstein; (22) Arnold Weinreb, Mitchell Ian Siegel, Abraham Evans; (23) Norman Lazarus; (24) Marilyn Sperber; (25) Meyer Linder, Carol Erenstein; (27) Arline Heller, Barbara Heller, Esther Reisman, Denny Katz, Aimee Sandra Kaplan.

ANNIVERSARIES

(2) Mr. and Mrs. Julius Solomon; (4) Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levy; (5) Mr. and Mrs. Leo Maslow, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Maslin; (7) Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Sloan; (13) Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parness; (15) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown; (18) Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fink; (20) Mr. and Mrs. Philip Haiman; (22) Mr. and Mrs. Max Anshen, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lacher, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldner; (23) Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Appel, Mr. and Mrs. James Kahl; (27) Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koch * * * and many happy returns.

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