



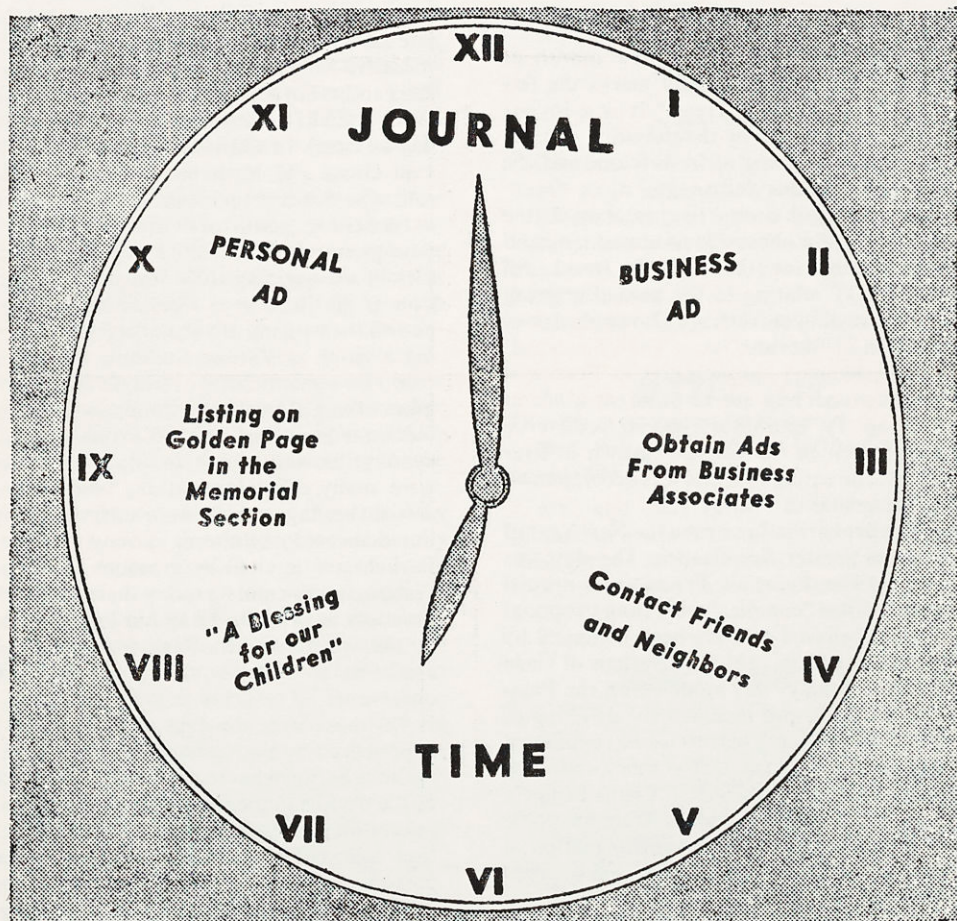
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TU BI SHEVAT — NEW YEAR FOR THE TREES

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2nd

The fifteenth of the Hebrew month of Shevat, which traditionally marks the festival "New Year of Trees." It is a joyous holiday celebrated by the donating of trees to Israel, the eating of fresh fruits, and the singing of psalms and songs.

This date was chosen because it marks the beginning of a new cycle of blossoming and fruit-bearing for the trees in Israel. All MITZVOT relating to the annual growing and harvesting of fruits are also applied as of the 15th of Shevat.

In Ashkenazi communities in Europe it was customary to eat 15 different kinds of fruit on Tu bi-Shevat, special preference being given to the varieties grown in Erez Israel. The eating of fruits was accompanied by the recital of Psalms.

The Sephardic Jews gave the New Year of Trees a greater significance. The day was called "The Feast of Fruits" and special poems called "complas" were sung. A special service, believed to have been compiled by the 17th-century kabbalist Nathan of Gaza for this holiday, was modeled on the Passover SEDER and included the drinking of four cups of wine. This service was expanded and published in the 18th century under the name PERI EZ HADAR. ("Citrus Fruits").

In Israel, the New Year of Trees has come to symbolize the modern transformation of the Land of Israel from desert sand to green fields and forests.

You can plant a Tree in Israel by calling MAX SPIELBERGER our Jewish National Fund Chairman TA 2-0435.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome George Ide as an addition to our evergrowing Young Israel Family. May our association be a long and beneficial one.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

More Plaudits For Young Israel of Parkchester:

Did you know that the President of the National Council of Young Israel, Nathaniel Saperstein, is a member of Young Israel of Parkchester since its early conception? I urge all members to read and re-read his rather poignant but beautiful message to all branches conveyed in the Young Israel Viewpoint issue of December 1979. He reminisces on the organization and development of Young Israel of Parkchester in the period prior and following World War II when dedicated members as "Kelly" Winkler and the late Julie Horowitz, alav Hasholom, on their initiative volunteered to teach our youngsters to be Bal Koreah (Torah readers) and Balei Tefilah (conducting Sabbath and Holiday services). In addition, there were others, Lou Gross and Nathaniel Saperstein himself, who devoted their time with hard work to supervise youth activities wherein the youngsters were inculcated with the principles of maintaining their Jewish identification at all times. It is recalled that in that period the wearing of yarmulkas while viewing a game at Yankee Stadium was not a common sight nor were overnight Boy Scout hikes taking along kosher food, and starting out on a Saturday night to avoid Sabbath desecration very much in practice. There were many other innovations vital to our Jewish heritage which were introduced by our dedicated volunteers. Young Israel of Parkchester is cited as a model for other synagogues to emulate today these outreach practices in order to bring our fellow Jews, in the words of Mr. Saperstein, back to authentic Jewish knowledge and observance.

Yes those were the days of pride and joy experienced by Young Israel of Parkchester. Although somewhat less to a degree because of the decline in the number of Jewish families residing in Parkchester area, our dedication and vitality are ever present in the persons of our esteemed Rabbi Schwartz, "Kelly" Winkler, and Bernie Horowitz. Their hands reach out unflinchingly to all Jewish youth and parents alike.

Thank you, President Nathaniel Saperstein. Your message to our fellow Israelites has served also to reinforce our dedication to preserve our Jewish heritage.

Dr. Reuben Klein

MEN'S CLUB

From the President:

Several months ago the State of Israel lost the services of one of its greatest leaders namely the Foreign Minister MOSHE DAYAN. His resignation was caused by an apparent disagreement with Prime Minister MENACHEM BEGIN.

In one of his press conferences in Jerusalem DAYAN made several important statements. He said that he does not think his absence from the cabinet will make it more extreme on issues such as settlement. He also said Interior Minister YOSEF BURG was not to blame for his resignation. He denied his resignation had been provoked by any single "last straw". Rather it was caused by his differences with the concepts of the LIKUD and the NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY on relations between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs.

A Foreign Minister must express the principles and carry out the policy of the government. Since he did not agree with the government's clarification of principles for the autonomy talks he felt he ought to step down. He also said that he opposes the concept of Israel's sovereignty in JUDEA, SAMARIA and GAZA, but at the same time he stated that we have full right to settle in all parts of ERETZ ISRAEL and in BEGIN'S views of how to ensure security for the state.

DAYAN reiterated that if the autonomy talks stall, Israel should proceed unilaterally with the autonomy plan, remove its military headquarters from Arab towns such as GAZA and NABLUS and let the Arabs run their own affairs. Security will be seen to by the police which could have Jews in its ranks as we have Arabs working in the police in Israel. But, he went on "if we see that the towns are becoming terrorist bases, we ought to return the army and in greater force than before, and impose martial law. We do not wish to rule the Arabs, but neither would we make a unilateral move in order to be destroyed".

In conclusion I must say that it will be tragic if DAYAN will carry out his plans that he had no interest either in returning to the Foreign Ministry or in returning for Parliament when its current term expires in 1981.

HARRY BROOKS
President

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

I am looking forward to greeting all of you at our next Sunday morning Breakfast meeting on January 20, 1980 at 9:30 A.M., after a beautiful vacation in Hawaii where I had a wonderful time.

The end of the year card party was a huge success. Many thanks to Norma and Harry Brooks and their wonderful committee.

We finally expect new drapes in Levin Hall. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Florence Maslow and her committee. Thanks again for a job well done.

Happy journey to the many Young Israelites on their trip to Florida. All my good wishes to all of them.

Will see you soon.

Sincerely,
Doris Schuman, President

GET WELL

Our best wishes to Edmund Breiner and Sarah Kolb for a speedy and full recovery.

It's good to see Nathan Altowitz, Nellie Geller, Jack Gurock and Sam Schneider back at home after their recent hospitalization.

Our wish: Keep well and let us see you back at Young Israel healthy and hearty.

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mrs. Bella Roth on the birth of a great grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Horowitz are pleased to invite the congregation to share in their simcha at the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David, Saturday morning, January 26th at 8:45 A.M.

Kiddush after services.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to

Mrs. Elaine Alper on the loss of her beloved mother Sadie Dickerman

Mrs. Flora Beutel on the loss of her beloved husband Dr. Joachim Beutel

Martin Stein on the loss of his beloved mother Minnie Stein

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

SERVICES

DAILY	Morning 6:45 A.M. Evening 4:40 P.M.
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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. Moe H. Scher (6) Mr. & Mrs. Max Spielberger (12) Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Santo (13) Dr. & Mrs. Hyman Leibowitz (14) Mr. & Mrs. Ben Shulman (16) Mr. & Mrs. Irving Shatkin (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.

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