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REMINDER!

Sunday morning, January 17th at 9:30 A.M.

Testimonial Breakfast

in honor of

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on behalf of

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Max Spielberger
Journal Chairman

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- Abraham Gewertz*Pres. Men's Club*
- Harriet Miller ...*Pres. Women's League*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Congregants:

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the membership, singularly and collectively, for your cards and phone calls of encouragement and concern, and for the "Mi Shehorachs" you had made for a "Refuah Shelama" on my behalf. Bless you all.

When I was able to return to Schul, after my sojourn in the hospital there was a thank you card, addressed to me, as President, but truly included the membership of Young Israel of Parkchester. So without further delay, here is the message to all of you:

Dear Mr. Kutner:

Dear Young Israel of Parkchester:

Zalman and I consider ourselves extremely fortunate to be part of such a warm and caring family in the Young Israel of Parkchester. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are so sweet, for this we feel truly blessed. If one has good health and a devoted family what more does one need?

Since the littlest member of our Young Israel family is as yet unable to thank you himself, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the friendship and warmth you have shown us, now as well as throughout the years.

May we be able to celebrate our Simchas together and hear of only good tidings, Ad Meah-Vesrim Shanah — until 120 years!

With best wishes for a joyous and "Lichtiger" Chanukah.

All our love,

Etty, Zalman & Zevie Burger

FROM THE TREASURER

Please be advised that due to our numerous activities, we were unable to schedule our Annual Israel Bond Breakfast this year. As soon as a date will be available you will be notified. In the meantime, should you have Bonds that are due or wish to purchase some now, step in our office where application blanks and necessary forms are available.

Due to the increase in Postal Rates, we would greatly appreciate it if you can assist in saving time, postage and correspondence by taking care of the following payments which are due now:

- YOUR ANNUAL DUES
- TALLIS DRAWER RENTAL
- ISRAELITE SUBSCRIPTION
- UNPAID PLEDGES

Again, save us time and money and don't wait for reminders.

As to my gossip column, I transferred it temporarily to the capable hands of my friend Abe Gewertz, due to the accumulation of work while I was away which will require my utmost attention. However, before I sign off, I must tell you the story that is making the rounds.

A recently blessed grandmother went to visit her infant grandchild, and upon entering the children's pavilion she heard the little one jabbering:

"I am a little boy" "I am a little boy"

When asked how he knew he was a Boy he replied, "Wait until the nurse leaves the room and I'll show you".

Finally the nurse left the room. Everybody gathered around the crib where the little one uncovered himself, picked up his legs and exclaimed, "See Blue Booties".

AL HEIN

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Deitch on their son Richard Last, passing the N.Y. Bar Examination.

Dr. & Mrs. William Frishman on the birth of their son Michael Aaron.

Mr. & Mrs. Irving Shatkin on the marriage of their son Steven to Mona Wiener.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

A very hearty Mazel Tov is hereby extended to Rabbi and Rebbetzin Schwartz on the occasion of the arrival of their first grandchild, Tzvi Zev Burger, and of course, the proud parents, Dr. and Mrs. Burger . . . all the happiness was so warmly exemplified by the kiddush which the congregation was regaled with . . . and of course, Uncle Hayim and Aunt Rivka helped in the catering . . . And may we commend Hayim Schwartz on his services to the Synagogue with his leading of the prayers, and the way he collects donations for the poor box — both mornings and evenings . . . The Men's Club prays for a Refuah Schlema for the congregation's president, Fred Kutner, who has been suffering from sciatica, which Webster defines as a pain in the nether regions . . . Fred, it gives us a pain, too, so get rid of it and fast . . . We've lost a most devoted worker and congregant in the passing of Joe Fox . . . he was a volunteer whenever an emergency arose, and he was adept at solving the problem . . . We shall miss him, and to Julia, we give our deepest condolences . . . How about our sisterhood . . . the gals who are also members of Hadassah went out and scored a lot of runs for Hadassah at their last Bazaar . . . they made so much money, they're being investigated by the I.R.S. (the International Raffle Society) . . . One of their gals and her hubby, namely Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levine, are in ecstasy over the antics of their grandson, Michael David Levine. The parents are Lillian and Sam Levine . . . This accounts for the frequent trips to Poughkeepsie (and if we knew how to spell the name of the town, we'd move there) . . . Sorry to hear that Harry Jaffe, an important member of the daily minyan, is ill . . . We miss that strong "chazunisha" voice of yours, Harry, so get better and re-join us . . . Look who has a birthday on December 26th . . . Anna Cheynovitz . . . who has more "mitzvahs" than all of us put together . . . We wish you many more, Anna, in good health and in happiness . . . And to you, Irene Horowitz, who celebrates her ????? birthday on the 18th of December . . . As F.D.R. used to say: "A mazel — a brucha — the gontza mish-pucha" . . . To the Sommerfelds, to the Spills, to the Charlie Pollacks, to the Bob

Millers and to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Margulies, we congratulate them on having arrived at their wedding anniversaries which occurred in the month of December . . .

Abe Gewertz
President, Men's Club

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Members:

Hello! I hope you are well.

We are proud and privileged to belong to Young Israel's Women's League. We have women who have a sense of communal responsibility, leadership and experience, which are indispensable for the growth and maintenance of any healthy community.

As volunteers we are also capable of supporting JASA, it's a community program that provides a warm meal, companionship and has become increasingly essential. It brings to people a day of joy. As a Women's League President, I am grateful our Shul has this wonderful program for our Senior Citizens.

Welcome to TZVI ZEV, grandson of our esteemed Rabbi and Rebbetzin and the proud parents Etiel and Zalman Burger. May Hashem grant you Good Health and Nachas. Congratulations to Sophie and Ben Levine on becoming grandparents again.

Welcome back Reba Pollack, Esther Reisman, and our Congregation President Fred Kutner, after their recent illnesses.

Thank you Frances Pausack for your wonderful minutes at every meeting.

High Prices getting you down??

SHOP AT SARA MILLER'S AND PAULINE LEHMAN'S DONOR TABLE EVERY TUESDAY.

Thank you, dear Rebbetzin for a wonderful, delightful Chanukah program. Abraham Gewertz for The Woman of Valor readings which were presented by Harriet Miller, Faye August, Betty Waldman, Sarah Miller and Mollie Gewertz.

Visit the Jewish Museum, Fifth Ave. at 92nd Street, a place to explore and look with pleasure at paintings, sculptures, books and beautifuls Menorahs and dreidels.

Our next monthly breakfast meeting will be Sunday, February 7, 1982 at 9:30 A.M.

Shalom,
Harriet Miller, President

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



BIRTHDAYS

(6) Louis A. Becker, Charlotte Zwisohn, Frederick Steiner (9) Lewis Bernstein, Mildred Schwartz (10) Susan Gross, Julia Fox, Ted Buchsbaum, Janet Ross (11) Boris Stern (12) Jack Bernstein (13) Fred Kerner, Albert Stein, David Liebert, Beatrice Kanter (15) Miriam Klugman, Stuart Rosenberg (16) Robert H. Becker (18) Irene Horowitz (19) Doris Greenberg, Moe Mandel (20) Florence Feinstein (21) Carl Felman, Ruth Kohen (22) Sophie Levine, Jerry Zuckerman, Bessie Proser, Mathew Solomon (23) Steven Buchsbaum (24) Sylvia Feigeles (25) Dick Ponyman, Sally Smith (26) Roslyn A. Kleinsinger, Paula B. Siegal, Anna Cheynovitz, Baruch Morawiec (28) Nellie Burkhardt, Max Spielberger, Bradley Spitz (30) Jack Slove, Robert A. Miller.

ANNIVERSARIES

(1) and Mrs. Joseph Krenkel, Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen (4) Mr. and Mrs. David Ross (6) Mr. and Mrs. David Alper (8) Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Zwisohn (12) Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Sommerfield (13) Mr. and Mrs. Moe Mandel (15) Mr. and Mrs. George Ide (16) Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller (18) Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kornblau (21) Mr. and Mrs. Martin Margulis (22) Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spill (23) Mr. and Mrs. Mac Bernfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kurzer (24) Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. Baruch Morawiec (25) Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pollack (26) Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lazarus (28) Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zuckerman *** and many happy returns.

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 Fusfeld, Martin Stein (9) Barbara Katz (10) Charles Felman (12) Karen Horn, Rabbi Neil Winkler, Gertrude Kurzer (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 (28) Leah Nussbaum (29) Sam Miller (31) Arlene Lench.

Anniversaries

(1) Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stadler, Mr. and Mrs. Moe H. Scher (6) Mr. and Mrs. Max Spielberger (12) Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Santo (13) Dr. and Mrs. Hyman Liebowitz (14) Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shulman (16) Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shatkin (19) Mr. and Mrs. David Zimmerman (25) Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kohen (26) Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graff (29) Mr. and Mrs. Al Panzer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haas *** and many happy returns.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Julia Fox and family on the loss of their beloved husband and father Joseph.

Mrs. Sylvia Zwerin and Family on the loss of their beloved husband and father Samuel Zwerin.

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



TU BISHEVAT

Tu Bishevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat) is a semi-holiday or minor holiday, but a very important one in the life of the Jewish people. Although there is no law which commands us to observe this holiday, we all gladly do so because we love it and what it stands for.

Tu Bishevat is the festival when nature in Israel is reborn. To the Chalutzim (Pioneers) in Eretz Yisroel it is the time to buy land, sow seeds, plant trees and start work for the coming year. They are kept busy draining swamps, plowing the soil, planting the fields and forests, building new settlements, and in general, proving to the world that Jews can live a full and happy life on the land of their forefathers.

To the Jewish people everywhere, Tu Bishevat is a symbol of spring and hope, rebirth and joy in nature. It brings with it not only beautiful thoughts but also beautiful deeds.

It makes us realize how rich and bountiful is the world God has created, how grateful we should be for all the wonderful growing things He has surrounded us with and how sacred and holy is every living thing. We learn from this holiday that we must treat with care and consideration not only the people who live around us, but also the trees, fruits and flowers, the fields and the orchards. Our Rabbis said: "It is forbidden to dwell in a town where there are no gardens" and "Just as others planted for you, so shall you plant for the sake of your children."

The planting of a tree, is considered a great mitzvah (virtue), while the cutting down of a fruit tree is forbidden by Jewish law, except in certain special cases — for instance, if it grows on the spot where a home has to be built. Nothing God has created must be destroyed by us except when it is urgently needed to serve some very important purpose.

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