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## NOTE TO OUR RETURNING VETERANS

The following letter has been going out to those from this area who have been returned from Military Service:

Dear Friend:

Sometime ago our Community Council announced the formation of a Veterans' Service Committee to help you and other ex-servicemen of World War II in matters of law, insurance, health, employment, and personal and social matters. For your information we are pleased to send you herewith copy of a recent government publication entitled "Your Rights and Benefits" which we hope will be helpful to you.

If you think we can be of further assistance to you in any matter referred to above, please do not hesitate to call on me or David Slutzker, who is chairman of our Claims Committee, or on any member of our Army and Navy Committee.

We are the local representatives of the National Jewish Welfare Board and we have contacts with other interested organizations who may be able to render some valuable assistance to you.

Please be assured that we are glad to have you back with us, and that we are anxious to help you wherever or whenever you think we can be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Emanuel Teitelbaum, President

JOHNSTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Fortunately our veterans have been quickly adjusting themselves from war to peace activity. Nevertheless our Community Council is anxious to do all it can to help our returning Veterans go back swiftly and smoothly to a normal civilian life and to take their places in strengthening our Jewish community. By working through our Community Council it can serve as a clearing house for those returning veterans who desire any form of assistance, and in this manner only can there be a coordinated effort and no over-lapping or duplication of activity.

A year ago various committees were named to constitute a general Veterans Service Committee. In addition to the committee for Interviews, Claims, Job Placement, Medical and Health Matters, and Family Welfare, there is now being formed a Reception Committee to take care of the increased number of Returnees. For further information concerning any of these committees please contact David Slutzker or Emanuel Teitelbaum.

## *Welcome Home!*

### **HONOR ROLL**

of

### **DISCHARGED SERVICEMEN**

Balin, Samuel  
 Berman, Joseph  
 Block, William  
 Breen, Ben I.  
 Caplan, David M.  
 Callet, Herman  
 Donofsky, David  
 Edelstein, Ben  
 Eisenberg, Morris  
 Epstein, A. James  
 Epstein, Ben  
 Finkelstein, Seymour  
 Fruhlinger, Benjamin D.  
 Fruhlinger, Louis  
 Greenberg, George  
 Greenspan, Daniel  
 Goldstein, Samson  
 Glosser, Fred  
 Kaminsky, Harold  
 Kadetsky, Charles  
 Kline, Alfred H.  
 Levinson, Arthur  
 Lipschultz, David  
 Litman, Martin  
 Raffel, Morris  
 Reese, Alvin  
 Schmerin, Jack  
 Shadden, Maurice  
 Sherman, Abe  
 Schwartz, Ernest  
 Schoolnic, Sue (WAC)  
 Silverman, Sam  
 Sky, Joseph  
 Spinner, Manuel  
 Suchman, Herbert  
 Soule, Sidney  
 Teitelbaum, Joseph  
 Torledsky, Maurice L.  
 Weisberg, Harry

We hope and pray for an early Victory and that all others in the service may return home soon.



# MILITARY JOTTINGS



Johnstown boys continue to make good! The following promotions have been reported: Sgt. Dorothy Berman, SkD 1/c Gerrod Bodenstein, Capt. Bernard Covich, Capt. Lester Edelstein, 2nd Lt. Philip Eisenberg, Cpl. Sam Friedman, S 1/c Sam Gerber, Lt. Gerald Glosser, Pfc. Saul Jacobs, Pfc. Joseph Levine, 1st Lt. Gustave Margolis, Pfc. Leon Mendelson, Rt. 3/c Stanley Reisman, S 2/c Eddie Sacks, Cpl. Louis Segel, Cpl. Harold Slutzker, Sgt. Herbert Teitelbaum, Sgt. Israel Teitelbaum, S 1/c Leonard Zasofsky.

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Congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. David Elsasser on the arrival of their daughter on

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We were happy to see Sgt. Esther Pfeffer on leave looking "fit as a fiddle" after her recent illness.

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As we go to press S 1/c Harry Fruhlinger, Pfc. Irving Neafach, Pvt. Barney Paul, and Pvt. Melvin Samuels are on the sick list. Get well in a hurry!

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Featured in the Jewish Welfare Board Release of June 15 was the following article: "Cpl. Bernard Kaminsky, 26, Medical Det. of Johnstown, Pa. In the Philippines. He is the holder of a BRONZE STAR; his citation reads: 'Acting as leader of a litter squad following assault troops, Kaminsky advanced alone and without regard for his own safety beyond forward infantry elements to give first aid to a casualty under machine gun fire. He ordered a litter team to advance and evacuate the casualty, but the men were immediately pinned down by enemy fire. With exemplary courage and coolness, Kaminsky unhesitatingly exposed himself again and directed automatic weapons fire which permitted carrying of the wounded man to safety.'"

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Brothers re-united here and abroad! Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel

## Honor Roll

We add with pride the names of those from the Johnstown Area who have just been called into the service of our country during the past month:

- 2nd Lt. Rita Finkelstein
- Pvt. Leon H. Levinson
- Pvt. Harry Sherman
- Pvt. Harry Slutzker

Markowitz enjoyed a reunion at the home of their parents after a separation of three years. Pfc. Leon returned from the Pacific theatre of war and Pfc. Melvin, from the European theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wainger have evidence of the reunion of their sons, Capt. Pierson and Lt. Yale who recently met in France. The snapshot showed them both looking "in the pink"!

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First reunions in the Pacific: Mike Shadden met Bill Glosser in Hawaii; Irv Bregman paid a surprise visit to Norman Berney on Iwo Jima; Leonard Sattel and Meyer Rothenberg "popped in" on Irv Bregman on Tinian Island.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Segel visited their son Kalman who is located at the Oregon State College.

Pvt. Merlon Glosser who is stationed at Lowry Field, Colorado received a visit from his mother, Mrs. Eva Glosser, and his brother Bill.

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## THE WAR IS ONLY HALF WON

Please continue to keep us informed of changes of address, promotions, discharges and any news pertaining to those in service.

## Interesting Facts

AS OF

### March 1, 1945

Studies by the Bureau of War Records indicate that upwards of 500,000 men of Jewish faith are serving in the armed forces of the United States; or, in military terms, more than 33 divisions.

More than 8,200 Jewish men in uniform have received citations for valor and merit, many of them posthumously. Among the 8,200 are 78 Jewish men who each have to their credit ten or more awards for valor, holding an aggregate of 881 such decorations.

There are 266 rabbis serving as chaplains, representing one-fourth of the total American rabbinate. Fully 50 percent of all rabbis in America have volunteered for duty as chaplains. Three Jewish chaplains have lost their lives serving overseas.

Thirty-four percent of the Jewish male refugee population of the United States between the ages of 18-45 are bearing arms for their adopted country.

At least one-third of the Jewish physicians of the nations are serving with the armed forces.

House-to-house canvasses in a number of representative cities show that the percentage of Jewish men in service is slightly higher than the ratio of Jews to the general population.

Thousands of Jewish families have given three or more sons to the service; 1,059 of these families have contributed a total of 3,594 members to the armed forces; 81 of these families have given 448.

The Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest army award for heroism, has been earned by more than 40 men of Jewish faith.

Of the 500,000 Jewish men in uniform, the Bureau of War Records has a comparative figure of more than 30,000 Jewish casualties in all branches of the armed services.



# COMMUNITY NOTES



## BIRTHS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwartz on the birth of a son, Joseph Martin, on June 4.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horowitz on the arrival of a son, Robert Hirsch, on June 6.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Nathan on the birth of a son, Benjamin Mark, on June 26.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Harry Berney on the arrival of two grandsons. The parents are Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Kass of Toledo, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Hershkowitz of Blairsville, Pa. Mrs. Kass is the former Naomi Berney, and Mrs. Hershkowitz was Eleanor Berney.

## BAR MITZVAH

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilner announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Donald Joseph, which will take place at The Hebrew Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday morning, July 21. Friends are cordially invited to attend the ceremony, and the reception at their home at 6543 Roosemore St., on Sunday, July 22nd.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Our best wishes are extended to Mr. Dave Schwartz on his betrothal to Miss Deborah Kletz of Pittsburgh, Pa., and to Mr. Louis Kleinstub on his engagement to Miss Rose Mersky of Brownsville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lipschutz announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence, to Mr. Harold Gordon of Trenton, N. J.

## MARRIAGES

We extend our best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Slutzker on their marriage. Mrs. Slutzker is the former Mrs. Greta Schneller of Baltimore, Md.

Congratulations to Mrs. Harry Sacks and Ms. Abe Kleinstub on the marriage of their sister, Lena, to Mr. Leon Hirschman of Baltimore, Md.

The marriage of Miss Rhea Silverstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Silverstone, to Lt. Murray D. Friedman of Newark, N. J., took place at Havre de Grace, Md., on June 24. Chaplain Charles Martinband of Fort Aberdeen, Md. officiated.

## CONVALESCENTS

We are happy to note that the following have recovered from their recent illnesses: Mr. A. Harry Adler, Norman

Bass, Miss Rochelle Davis, Mrs. M. Glosser, Mr. Louis Gottdiener, Mr. Barney Hendler, Mr. Morris Holtzman, Mrs. Louis Levy, Mrs. William Rabinowitz, Mrs. Julius Rodstein, David Rudel, and Mrs. Julius Wilner.

Our since hopes for a speedy recovery are extended to Mr. Joseph Wilner who is at the Windber Hospital, and to Mr. David Kline of Tampa, Florida.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Felicitations are extended to Miss Rita Bregman on her graduation from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and to Mrs. Murray Friedman (nee Rhea Silverstone) on her graduation from Penn State College.

We are happy to announce that Miss Shirley Silverstein has been elected to Phi Kappa Phi and awarded the Evan Pugh medal.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Rudel wish to express their appreciation and thanks to their many friends for their kindnesses during the recent illness of their son David.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest expressions of sympathy are extended to the following on their recent bereavements: the Greenberg family on the passing of their father, Mr. Nathan Greenberg; Mrs. J. Goldhaber and Mr. R. Rodman, on the death of their father, Mr. Joseph Rothman of Philadelphia, Pa.; the Rabinowitz and Holtzman families on the loss of their nephew, Mr. Jack Roberts of Baltimore, Md., the Rothstein family, on the death of Mr. Maurice Rothstein; Mrs. Nathan Glosser, on the loss of her brother, Mr. Herbert Nisselbaum of New York City; Mrs. J. Pogal on the death overseas of her brother, Pfc. Samuel Stein; and to the Elsasser family on the passing of Mrs. Morris Nathan.

## NOTE

This issue is primarily for the benefit of those in the service so that they may have news from home during the period when the Rodef Sholom Bulletin and Temple Tidings are not published. We plan a larger issue for next month.



# Community Council Activities



During the past few years, the Community Council has concerned itself principally with activities related to the War Effort. Through the Council all local Jewish organizations joined together and during the past few years hundreds of letters from those in the service, coming from all over the United States and from all parts of the world, testified a heartfelt gratitude for the packages, letters, and bulletins that have been sent to our boys and girls everywhere from the Johnstown Jewish community.

Complete war records have been kept in such a manner that many useful purposes have been served thereby, and these records will be of inestimable value in the future.

In addition, noteworthy contributions in Red Cross work, Blood donations, and War Bond sales, have been made by various Jewish individuals and organizations under the aegis of the Community Council so that these records can be a source of genuine pride to our local Jewish community.

In the field of public relations, much work has been done in cooperation with the leading national Jewish organizations to acquaint leading Christians in this area with the Jewish contributions to the war effort

and to promote better understanding between Christians and Jews.

At some future date we hope it will be possible to chronicle in detail the many accomplishments of our Council during the most trying years of our lives.

For the future, we plan a comprehensive population survey of the Jewish Community in Johnstown and vicinity, in which the active cooperation of all Jewish organizations will be enlisted. We should know all that can be learned not only about the number of Jews residing in this area, but the various age groups, number of home-owners, occupations, classification of permanent and transient residents, religious and educational needs and attachments, social and recreational needs, and many other factors should be analyzed for proper community planning to serve all in the post-war period. Johnstown can have a healthier, happier, and more creative Jewish life if we will join together in those matters where agreement can be found and which concern all of us.

May an early end of the war hurry the time when it will be possible to perform the common task of planning for a more adequate and better life in our community.

**EMANUEL TEITELBAUM**

### ATTENTION U. J. A. CONTRIBUTORS

The time for our 1945-1946 Campaign is drawing near. There are still a few pledges unpaid from our last campaign and these uncollected funds have been allocated for urgent needs. We, therefore, urge those contributors who still owe balances to pay the amounts they owe promptly so that these funds may be made available for distribution. Kindly forward checks to Irving London, Treasurer, 701 U. S. Bank Building, Johnstown, Pa.

### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN!

Please notify Mrs. A. Berney, Army and Navy Secretary, 241 Green Street, or Mrs. Sidney Jacovitz, War Records Chairman, 100 Marion Street, promptly concerning any changes in address, rank, citations, discharges, or other items that should be recorded. Your cooperation is important and is earnestly requested.

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