

Brochal (Blessing in Hebrew)  
 Righteousness  
 Elze  
 Ahavi (Love in Hebrew)  
 Koach (Strength in Hebrew)  
 Sedekah (Charity in Hebrew)  
 Talmudim (Societies in Hebrew)  
 Yehent  
 Yehon  
 (River that flows thru Panama)  
 Erlachkite (Honesty in Yiddish)  
 BEN STONE,  
 Childs, Pennsylvania.

# BREAKSTONE WORLD

Beauty of soul  
 Reverence for the mind  
 Earnestly our goal  
 Ability to find  
 Knowledge to enrich  
 Sincerity in deed  
 Thoughtfulness we preach  
 Onward we speed  
 Nature's world to learn  
 Eagerly to the Clan we  
 turn  
 JUDGE P. B. BRIGSTONE,  
 Chicago, Ill.

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## BREAKSTONE FAMILY CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The Breakstone family, with sixty-nine members present, celebrated the anniversary of their first year of meetings. During the past year there have been many bridges. The anniversary affair took place at The Esplanade in New York City, on Sunday, March 16.

Mrs. Sarah Levy, the President, opened the meeting with a welcoming address, in which she said, "We came to see everybody and not just because it was a meeting." She continued, "We came to check up on what we did during the past year. Although it was little, it was helped by all." Mr. Abraham Breakstone spoke next and advised every one to save "his pennies and go to Detroit next summer." The next speaker, Mrs. Max Breakstone, added to the last statement that "it has to be as successful as the one in White Lake; for, that one was surely an inspiration." A letter was then read by Mr. Max Breakstone from Sam Wisansky.

There were many others who spoke a few words each stressing the need of going to Detroit. Those speaking were, Mrs. Hannah Miller, Mr. Hepner, Irving Goldstein, Morris Kaplan, Sam Claster, Lester Claster, Aaron Schenker, Irving Hepner, Adela Breakstone, Milton Breakstone, Max Calvin, David Bressler, Mr. Greenfield, Bernice Miller, Mrs. Isaac Breakstone, Mrs. Joseph Breakstone, and others.

The meeting, that is the regular one, was opened and then followed by the reading of the minutes. The treasury report was also given, \$226.07. Under business Mrs. Max Breakstone congratulated the editors of the Breakstone World. Harold Rodman then spoke a few words in which he appealed for material from every one, including poems. Murray Schenker was reported as being the sports editor.

Following the remainder of the business and payment of dues, a small supper was given in the dining room of the hotel. Thus ended a night enjoyed by all, including the repeating of the White Lake movies and a little dancing. The

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## MY IMPRESSION OF THE BREAKSTONE HISTORY

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity." (Psalm CXXXIII.)

I have pondered over this beautiful dream a number of times, wondering if this could ever come true. Imagine the thrill I received when one day my dear grandfather, Joe Breakstone, related to me the history of his grandfather who, with his five sons and two daughters, dwelt peacefully under one roof. My heart swelled with pride to think that I am a descendant of those people who lived such noble lives. This, in my humble opinion, is the direct cause for the desire of reunion amongst their widely scattered descendants.

The Talmud tells us that Jacob, our father, lives on. Why? Because his sons and their descendants, all Israel, have lived as he had. Just as the spirit of Jacob lives on, so the Breakstone spirit will endure for many years to come if we and our descendants will walk in the path of our forefathers, by living noble lives and ever cherishing that love for reunion.

Earl Stone,  
 Childs, Pennsylvania.

## THE ABRAMS SISTERS

Cora, Helen and Mildred Abrams of Scranton, Pa., are making their way into the world of art.

Cora, a graduate of the Scranton Conservatory of Music is now studying in Paris.

Helen, a graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory is engaged in teaching Expression and Speech Correction.

Mildred is finishing at Emerson this May.

We see a bright future for the "Big Three" or as they call themselves, Faith, Hope and Charity.

Dr. Breakstone of Chicago addressed the Cincinnati Club at Cincinnati, Ohio on "Rejuvenation" Thursday, April 10.

## IN MEMORIUM

February 25, 1930

Dear Annette:-

You know that I have spoken often to you of Mrs. Rae Silverman of Paterson, New Jersey, who undertook the editorship of the Breakstone World at a meeting of the family held in New York City last March.

Cousin Rae displayed much enthusiasm in the assignment—she volunteered to take the job—and worked, and worked diligently, on the paper until an unconquerable grief overtook her, that of the death of her mother, the beloved Amelia Breakstone Wisansky, (may God rest her sweet soul in peace). Up to that hour, cousin Rae had gathered together enough material for a first issue. A few of us know this. We owe it to her to inform every member of the family just why she could not "carry on".

I have therefore taken the liberty to forward to you for publication a copy of a letter I received from cousin Rae dated May 6, 1929. Perhaps it is a breach of confidence to offer a personal missive for family gaze. I have pondered upon this idea a long time, finally concluding that not only should it be published but that I have done cousin Rae an injustice by keeping silent this long about it. You may print this letter together with hers.

Wishing continued success to you and your staff, and telling you again (as I have many times before) that the first issue of The Breakstone World was just about "the last word".

Sincerely,

Jerome.

Since the publication of the first issue of the Breakstone World, we have learned with great sorrow that the writer of the following letter has joined his mother in the great beyond.

380 E. 31st St., Paterson, N. J.

Dear Cousin Jerome:-

My eyes are dimmed with tears as I take my pen in hand to tell you that my dear mother, Amelia Breakstone Wisansky, the last of her family, passed into

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**EDITORIAL**

*"Tempus Fugit."*

Time flies so rapidly on wings so ethereal and fleeting that we can catch only a glimpse of them as they pass. It seems only yesterday that I was inquiring of cousin Jerome his golf score and saying "Goot Morgen" to cousin Etienne. Eight months have whirled around the calendar since that blissful happy reunion in New York. And soon we shall have another reunion, this time in Detroit. Do YOU intend to be present? We promise you the time of your life.

There will be amusements and diversifications for young and old. Let's boost our Breakstone spirit and have as nearly 100% as possible. Make your reservations early. "Here's how" to a bigger and better Breakstone reunion than ever.

The Breakstone World cannot exist without the co-operation of its readers. Therefore we ask that anyone receiving news of the Breakstones send it in at once to the Breakstone World, in care of Mrs. M. Breakstone, 709 W. 169th St., New York, N. Y.

**FROM PENNSYLVANIA**

Dear Detroit Cousins:

I have just read your wonderful missive. It has so thrilled me that I must make that happiness known to you. It was the most clever thing that I've ever seen. It certainly made me feel proud to be able to boast of being a member of such a clan.

My sincerest well wishes are extended to you Detroiters, who shall be host to our family this August. With kindest regards to all of my cousins, I remain one of the great Breakstone clan.

Ernest Schwartz,  
 Ambridge, Pa.

**DETROIT NEWS**

The first meeting of the Detroit Breakstone Branch was held on Dec. 29, 1929, at the home of Louis J. Goodman, who acted as chairman. This meeting was held so we could start our plans for the next reunion, which is to be held in Detroit.

After everyone had arrived, officers were elected as follows:

Mr. Eli Lightstone.....President  
 Mr. Sam Lightstone.Vice President  
 Mrs. Anne (Goodman) Freidman  
 ..... Secretary

The entertainment committee was then chosen. They are: Mrs. Minnie (Lightstone) Golden, Chairman, Lillian Sussman, Pauline Goodman, Esther Goodman, and Mrs. Reva Goodman. Sam Goodman was asked to look after the matter of finding a hotel that could accommodate everyone and serve Kosher food.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. Later on the younger folks danced while the rest played cards. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Eli Lightstone.

**A BREAKSTONE KUGEL PARTY**

A Breakstone kugel party was held on March 2. The main attraction of the party was the kugel, which was especially delicious and made by Miss Claire Segal of 1113 Walton Avenue, New York City. She is the Champion Kugel Maker of The Breakstone Family. Many members attended, admired, and indulged in the famous kugel party. If sufficient number of Breakstones request, a huge kugel will be arranged for the reunion next August.

**HAPPY DAYS FOR THE BREAKSTONE FAMILY**

*(Sung to the tune of "Happy Days.")*

Breakstone Family are here,  
 An in-spi-ration thru the year.  
 So let's raise our voice in praise and cheer

To our Breakstone Family.  
 Once again we re-unite  
 Our hands in friend-ship we grasp tight  
 And our light of love is ever bright  
 In this Breakstone Family.

A higher goal is our aim.  
 Glorified be our Breakstone Name.  
 Breakstone Family are here,  
 An in-spi-ration thru-out the year.  
 So let's raise our voices in praise and cheer

To our Breakstone Family.  
 —Esther Goodman.

Set Aside the Last Week in August for the Breakstone Family Reunion to be Held at Detroit

Dear Breakstone Cousins, we're planning a glorious time for you. We want you all to come here to see what we can do.

Altho we are not poets, we'll try to tell in rhyme,

Some things you may expect of us in the way of a good time.

We'll step around and view the town, there's quite a lot to see.

We'll spend a while on old Belle Isle, it's there for you and me.

We'll take the bunch and pack a lunch and dine beneath the trees;

Then all the day some games we'll play or gambol in the breeze.

There'll be swimmin' for the women, and baseball for the boys.

Leave home your pomp—just play and romp, and make a lot of noise!

And when it's night and the stars are bright and the moon is hangin' low

We'll take a trip on a dancing ship, and with happiness we'll glow

And in the morn, we'll feel new born, and ready for something new;

The BREAKSTONE bunch have got the punch to show what they can do.

Come on, ye BREAKSTONE clansmen, from all corners of the earth,

We'll meet and greet each other with much gaiety and mirth.

We'll stick together side by side, as always in the past.

There'll be many more Reunions—this one won't be the last.

We'll write you soon and tell you more: an outline this is merely.

So for the present we'll say goodbye, good luck, and

Yours sincerely,

The Detroit Breakstone Family.

**YOURS FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER REUNION!**

Dr. and Mrs. Breakstone and daughters spent April 26 and 27 at Detroit where they attended a pre-reunion meeting of the Breakstone Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silverman have returned to Pittsburgh from a trip to North Carolina. While there they stayed with Mr. and Mrs. I. Hurwitz who, though no relatives of the Breakstone family, are "landslite".

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life eternal this morning. We only saw her yesterday, when, regardless of the pain in her leg, which was the cause of her leaving us, she was in such a wonderful mood. We must not question the acts of God and have to submit to the inevitable.

'Tis not the time to talk about the work I had intended to do, but let me say that a little of my time which is always taken up with something, had been devoted to the newspaper for the Breakstones. Our cousin, Flora Breakstone Jacoby and her daughter sent me two very sweet letters. Your's and your niece's have been the only mail received. The paper would have been ready but it seemed to me that it would not have been complete without the officers' names and these only came to me by way of a regular notice from the family. Thus the delay.

I have mentioned many things that our family can write about and am certain the newspaper will be a success.

It will be impossible, on account of my present state of mind, to even think of preparing our family sheet just now. It will be on its way soon, tho, for the thing to do really is to get the copy made.

I will keep the other letter and then sent it back to you.

With kind regards, your cousin  
Rae Silverman.

May 6th, 1929.

## BAR MITZVAH

Julian Albert Greenfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield, will be Bar Mitzvahd on May 17. Mrs. Greenfield was the former Ida Breckstone. The ceremony will take place at Temple Israel Sherith Judith, 149th Street, between Broadway and Riverside Drive, in New York City. All members of the family are invited to attend.

## BIRTHS

A most adorable little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Claster on December 26, 1929. She is a future member of high standing in the Breakstone family. Mrs. Claster was formerly Lillian Breakstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Breakstone.

Mr. Hammond Fischer, a cartoonist of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., paid a short visit to Chicago.

## BREAKSTONE BRIDGE AND DANCE

On Saturday night, January 31, another successful bridge was held at Fleischer's in New York City. In addition to the bridge, dancing was enjoyed by some of the sixty-five Breakstones and their guests.

The music was furnished by a three-piece orchestra. Your correspondent also noticed a game of anagrams in one corner of the room with players working their heads off to make words.

At the conclusion of the dancing and bridge playing refreshments were served. Thus ended another of the now famous Breakstone Bridges.

Reunions such as we are planning and have experienced are very rare among families; we should all consider ourselves fortunate that circumstances permit of our holding these yearly meetings to enable us to get together and display true Breakstone traits.

This gathering promises to promote among the Breakstones who have never previously attended any meetings the typical clan feeling and for those who have enjoyed the privilege of being an active member this meeting will bring back memories of family reunions and instill forever in their hearts the qualities of a true Breakstone. For the family spirit promoted by these reunions is a truly wonderful thing, something to be cherished and preserved in the hearts of the future Breakstones. These meetings give the younger members of this family a chance to understand the workings of their seniors and forever hold high the Breakstone qualities viz.—simplicity, sincerity, and hospitality.

Get that get-together-feeling and come to Detroit to attend this eighth meeting of the Breakstone Family! Breakstones have come from all over the United States to attend previous Reunions; we have had representatives from Holland. Surely it won't be so difficult for you to come! It will be an event as has never before been experienced, something that we promise you will talk about until the next one.

If you have not attended these reunions you've heard about them from those who did; if you have, you will need no urging.

We expect you here this summer to help us make it a huge success!

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Becker, of Detroit, recently spent a day in Chicago as the guests of Dr. B. H. Breakstone. Mrs. Becker is the former Selma Lightstone.

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family tree was also on exhibit and announcement was made that copies will probably be presented for the reunion in Detroit.

## TRAVEL NEWS

Miss Adele Breakstone of Brooklyn spent a few hours in Chicago enroute to Monterey, Mexico last month.

Mr. Sidney Silverman of Pittsburgh recently visited his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Silverman of New Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Fisher of Chicago, have returned from the health resort at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. Harold Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Schwartz of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, recently returned from a two-year trip abroad where he studied in France, Italy and England.

Stanley Seeder of Far Rockaway, New York, spent his spring vacation from the University of Wisconsin at Chicago, as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Breakstone.

On his way back from a business trip to New York City, Mr. Nathan Fisher of Chicago stopped at Pittsburgh for a day.

Mrs. L. Friedman (nee Anne Goodman) of Detroit accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Breakstone to Chicago after attending a pre-reunion meeting of the family at Detroit.

Miss Marion Bressler, of New York, visited her cousin, Roberta Savler, of Oak Park, Illinois, and the Family at Chicago, where she was entertained by Miss Blanche Breakstone.

Mr. Daniel M. Bregstone of Chicago has accepted a very responsible position with a millinery concern and is now located in Omaha, Nebraska, where he accidentally bumped into Julius Bressler, who is also located there.

## OUT OF THE CLEAR BLUE SKY

Robert, son of Bernard Breakstone, of Chicago, dropped in to Detroit from an airplane Tuesday, May 6, 1930. He must be quite smitten on one of the Detroit cousins to take a flying trip.

Mrs. P. P. Bregstone has just returned to Chicago after several months visiting the west coast.

Sandy Breakstone of Chicago entertained Temple Mitzpah by singing "My Mother's Eyes" on Mother's Day. For a child ten years of age he is a wonder.

## OVER THE RADIO: Tune in.

Dr. Benj. H. Breakstone of Chicago speaks every Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. on Surgical and Allied Topics over WHFC. Judge P. P. Breakstone gave a series of talks on literature over WCFL. Sandy Breakstone sings frequently over WENR and WCFL.

## SILVER WEDDING:

Dr. and Mrs. Benj. H. Breakstone celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at French Lick Springs, Ind., April 6. They received telegrams from all parts of the country and take this means to show their appreciation to the cousins who remembered them on that day. The following day they were in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they were surprised by Rabbi Samuel S. Cohon, who administered the new Silver Wedding ceremony. While there they were entertained by the Gordons, who are relatives to our cousins, the Gordons. They also met Frank Gordon of New York at French Lick Springs, Ind.

## THE BREAKSTONE FAMILY

Bigness in what we do.  
Righteousness thru and thru.  
Earnesty our goal.  
Gladly will we fold  
Sons and daughters  
To our hearts,  
Enriching us with honors  
In whatever they find.  
Nothing like being a BREGSTEIN.

Mrs. Sam Schwartz of Ambridge, Pa., was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Breakstone, when on her visit to Chicago.

## HAIL TO THE CHIEF

To the Editor in chief  
This little poem I cast,  
Your history still is brief  
Your future long may last.

A spark of the old flame  
A ray of the light that shone,  
You truly deserve the name  
Honored as a Breakstone.

Dear Annette! To you I sing  
These few verses of praise,  
Honor to the clan you bring  
Its banner high you raise.

Your tiny hand shall not fail  
Your strength never decline,  
Hail to you, three times hail!  
Dear little cousin of mine.

Philip P. Bregstone.

Joke?????

Jack calls his girl, Clara, because she has "Bow" legs.

One Pound.

A man named Beryl had some sons,  
And they became a clan,  
Each son begot himself more sons  
And thus our tree began.

The great Napoleon, organizer,  
Called this family tree  
"Breckstein," for the end of rock,  
And named our family.

Then came many others,  
They covered all the map,  
And after many years came I,  
Though I guess, of this tree, I'm just the sap.

Izzielauric & Abic.

Student, athlete, soldier and actor,  
our little cousin Jack L. Derzavitz.  
Johnnie is a senior at Western High School, Washington, D. C.

He had the lead in the school play the past winter, is a candidate for the baseball team and is a first lieutenant in the Washington High Cadets. And most of all he is an associate editor of this paper and an active contributor.

Irving L., son of Dr. Benj. H. Breakstone of Chicago, the prize Saxophonist of Cook County, will represent Illinois with the Senn Band at the National Contest to be held at Flint, Michigan, next month.

Miss Lillian Sussman of Detroit, Michigan, visited Chicago recently.

## OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Becker, Mr. & Mrs. H., 2635 Webb Ave.  
Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. H., 2512 Blaine Ave.  
Friedman, Mr. & Mrs. Louis, 2297 Glendale Ave., Apartment 303.  
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Golden, Mr. & Mrs. I., 2906 Glynn Ct.  
Krell, Mr. & Mrs. M., 1931 La Motke.  
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Lightstone, Mr. & Mrs. E., 2522 Taylor Ave.  
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Lightstone, Mr. & Mrs. S., 2225 Blaine Ave.  
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### MISSISSIPPI

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### NEBRASKA

Bresler, Mr. & Mrs. Julius, Omaha, Neb.

### OHIO

Levenberg, Lawrence, c/o Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.

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