

Bróchat (Blessing in Hebrew)
Righteousness
Elita
Ahava (Love in Hebrew)
ach (Strength in Hebrew)
alokah (Charity in Hebrew)
Talmidim (Scholars in Hebrew)
Obolient
Neman (River that flows thru Pannonia)
Erlachkite (Honesty in Yiddish)

BEN STONE,
 Childs, Pennsylvania.

BREAKSTONE WORLD

Beauty of soul
Reverence for the mind
Earnestly our goal
Amity 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

P. B. BREAKSTONE,
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Hundreds Turned Away at Testimonial Dinner Given in Honor of Dr. Breakstone

A testimonial dinner was given in honor of Dr. Benj. H. Breakstone commemorating his 60th birthday and 40th year of practice of medicine and surgery on May 9th at The La Salle Hotel, Chicago. There were 358 present and hundreds were turned away for lack of room; because their reservations came in late.

Among those present to greet Ben were 32 Breakstones including seven from Detroit and the ever faithful Adele Breakstone of Cleveland, Ohio.

Among the prominent people present were Hon. Edgar A. Jonas, who acted as toastmaster; Percy Ward and Wife; Prof. Adolph Mulhman, Opera Critic; Prof. Henriot Levy, of the Chicago Music College; Dr. Ben Reitman, Author; Dr. Alex A. Whamond; Hon. Jacob G. Grossberg; Mr. S. B. Komaiko, Author; Hon. F. J. Petru, President of Board of Education, Cicero, Ill.; Helen Roland, the only woman commander of an American Legion Post, and who is the adopted mother of the U. S. Marines.

Several hundred telegrams were received from all parts of the U. S., and among them was a cablegram from the Bregsteins of Amsterdam, Holland. Of the telegrams received from prominent citizens were those of: Gov. Henry Horner, Ill.; Prof. Samuel S. Cohen, of the United Hebrew College; Hon. James M. Burke, and Judge John L. Lupe.

Some of the laudatory letters received were from: Freda Komakio, Stone Heart Club; Dr. Robert Sonnenshein, Micheal Reese Hospital, Chicago; Rev. Norman B. Barr; Dr.

Frederick Tice, of University of Illinois; Dr. C. C. Strueffer, St. Louis Health Dept.; Dr. John D. Lane, of Vermont Medical Society; Hon. Julian W. Mack, Federal Judge; S. Dewitt Clough, President of Abbott Laboratory, and many others too numerous to mention.

Tokens of remembrance were sent from New York by Ike and Dora Breakstone; Jesse and Sadie Rodman; Lester and Lillie Claster; Sam and Anna Claster Breakstone, and Sam Goodman of Detroit, Michigan. A number of bouquets of flowers were presented to Mrs. Breakstone, it being Mother's Day. There were also presented two beautiful embossed testimonials from the Alexander Hamilton Lodge and the South Park Lodge No. 488, I.O.O.F., to Dr. Breakstone. Vocal selections were rendered by Mr. Willard Andelin, Basso; Berte Long, Contralto; and Betty Betts Adams, Soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Willard Andelin.

The following poem was written by Mrs. Herman Goldstine as she sat at the banquet:

There sits a man, calm, composed
 and serene
 Who has the courage of his true
 conviction
 Who will always lend an outstretched
 hand.
 To those in need without restriction.
 Now most of you have known him
 long
 But better still, I know him well
 His merits, kindness and accomplish-
 ments
 On this subject for many moments,
 I could dwell.

THE 1937 REUNION

There were present, during the week, 78 Breakstones, of whom 38 were from New York, 22 from Pennsylvania, 7 from Illinois, 5 from Michigan, 2 from Ohio, 2 from North Carolina and 2 from Georgia. There were also about ten friends of the family in attendance. Although there were less than 100, the enthusiasm was so great and there were so many new faces, who were so tremendously impressed that we are sure there will be twice as many next year, which will be taken over by the Detroit Breakstones. The attendance would have been much larger if it had not been that our esteemed cousin, Minnie Josephson, who was critically ill at Patterson, New Jersey, and all of her children and close relatives were constantly at her bedside.

There was also a letter from Ettiene of Amsterdam, Holland, who is recovering from a severe operation. May God bring him a speedy recovery and good health for the rest of his life.

All the old officers were re-elected.

SARAH A. LEVY EMERGENCY FUND

There is already established a fund with a goodly amount as a starter by voluntary contributions, an emergency fund known as the "Sarah A. Levy Emergency Fund". Almost all present at the Reunion subscribed liberally to this fund, which we trust will grow to a large sum, so as to be able to be of real practical benefit to those of our family who require aid. This alone is an impetus to the principle that blood is thicker than water and that you really miss something by not being more in contact with the family. If you are able and wish to contribute to this fund you may send your check to Isaac Breakstone, Treasurer, 14 Hamilton Avenue, New Rochelle, New York.

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EDITORIALS

The Next Reunion

What promises to be the greatest reunion in Breakstone history will be held somewhere in Michigan next year.

The Detroit Branch of the Breakstone family who are hosts to the next reunion are making elaborate preparations for a very large attendance and hope to break their own record of 151 established in 1930.

Come on, you Breakstones, let's show those Detroiters that we can break a record by spending our next summer's vacation at the reunion.

World's Largest Family

From newspaper writers and historians this writer has been informed that the Breakstone family is now considered the largest family organization in the world.

For your information, the family numbers about 800 in the United States and about 250 in Europe.

Do you know of a family any larger?

CHAIRMAN OF THE 1938
REUNION

It is gratifying to announce that Mrs. Irving Golden, of Detroit, has accepted the Chairmanship of the next Reunion.

Fannie Breakstone,
 President.

A MESSAGE FROM DETROIT

We have already started making preparations for the 1938 reunion and expect the largest gathering of Breakstones in Breakstone history. Yes, we are out to break a record, so prepare yourself for the time of your life. Those chosen on the entertainment committee are Mrs. Irving Golden, Sam Goodman, Florence Nelson, Louis J. Goodman, Pauline Goodman and Harold Nelson. So long! We'll be seeing you!

The Detroit Breakstones

GENERAL NEWS

There was a little Breakstone reunion at Miami Beach last winter. From New York, there were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Breakstone, Gerald Rodman and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Browning. From Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Silverman and Bessie Schwartz. From Detroit, Sam Goodman. From Chicago, Dr. Judd R. and Mrs. Breakstone. From Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dorothy and Anna Oppenheim and Mrs. Helen Morganstern.

"ATTA BOY JERRY"

Jerry Rodman was signed by the New York Giants last year as a Pitcher and was farmed to their Greenwood, Miss., team. Unfortunately, due to conditions on the team, he was released, but his prospects for next season are rosy. Best of luck to you, Jerry.

A MESSAGE TO HOLLAND

All cousins of the Breakstone family join in sending love to cousin Ettiene and his wife, Betty, and to his family and hope the New Year has good health and happiness for all of them. We all regret hearing of cousin Ettiene's illness and hope he has fully recovered.

Fannie Breakstone,
 President.

HERE AND THERE

Harold Schwartz of New York has recently returned from Europe after visiting England, Paris, Sweden and Denmark and brought back with him many beautiful pieces of furniture and fabrics, also, objects of art. Harold was interviewed by the press in Stockholm to get his views on modern architecture and furniture designing. All relatives are invited to visit Harold's studio at 789 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Nat Levy and his son, Stanley, spent the summer abroad at Copenhagen and Switzerland.

Dr. Sidney Silverman of Pittsburgh spent his summer vacation on a cruise to Havana, Cuba.

WELCOME

Mary Friedman, granddaughter of Albert Breakstone of Pittsburgh, sent a beautiful letter to the last reunion, expressing her desire to meet her cousins from whom she has not heard since her birth sixteen years ago. She promises faithfully to be present at our next reunion. Mary lives at 221 Gallatin N. W., Washington, D. C. Will the Washington cousins please take notice and show Mary what true Breakstone cordiality means?

FRIENDS

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered,
 And nobody helped us along,
 If each, every minute, looked after
 himself
 And the good things all went to
 the strong,
 If nobody cared just a little for you,
 And nobody cared for me,
 And we all stood alone in the battle
 of life,
 What a dreary old world it would
 be.

Life is sweet, just because of the
 friends we have made,
 And the things which in common
 we share.
 We want to live on, not because of
 ourselves,
 But because of the people who care,
 It's giving and doing for somebody
 else,
 On that all life's splendor depends,
 And the joy of this world, when
 we've summed it all up,
 Is found in the making of friends.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE SARAH A. LEVY EMERGENCY FUND

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Social and Personal

Among those who visited Chicago within the past six months were: Ben Stone of Carbondale, Pa.; Lester and Mrs. Claster of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rodman of New Rochelle, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Breakstone of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miss Gloria Breakstone of Corinth, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breakstone of Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Esther Levenberg of Michigan City, Ind.; Mrs. Irving Golden and daughter, Sydell, of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Sam Goodman of Detroit, Mich.; Miss Florence Nelson of Detroit and Mrs. Harry Becker of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Breakstone of Chicago attended the Pid-Yan H' Ben of their grandson at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sam and Lena Breakstone have moved to East Liverpool, Ohio.

Mrs. Harold R. Nelson of Detroit, Michigan, was admitted to the bar.

Mrs. Philip Bregstone of Chicago is now residing at the home of her daughter, Rochelle Livingstone, at Rock Island, Illinois.

Mrs. I. L. Breakstone of Illinois was admitted to the bar.

Mr. Herman J. Freeland and Louis J. Harwich and his family have moved to Holland, Michigan.

Dr. Judd Breakstone and Mrs. Breakstone have spent part of the winter at Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Benj. H. Breakstone of Chicago spent several weeks at Memphis, Tenn., and visited the Breakstones at Corinth, Miss.

Miss Blanche Breakstone of Chicago spent her summer vacation visiting friends and relatives in Washington, Pittsburgh, New York and Detroit.

Mr. Moe Breakstone of Washington spent the summer with his daughter Mrs. Harry Cohen in Oskey, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. David Derzavitz and daughter Ruth spent the summer in Atlantic City.

Dr. William Perau recently returned from Europe after an eight-week visit with his parents in Paris and Germany.

Mrs. Sara Breakstone Levinson and brother Jerome of Richwood, W. Va., motored to Detroit and Petoskey, Michigan, this past summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silverman spent part of the summer in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morgenstern of Wilkes-Barre spent the summer at Harvey's Lake, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Barcus of Detroit and daughter Susy have returned from a northern Michigan vacation.

Isabell and Ruth Singer of Grand Rapids visited Washington, D. C., recently to see brother Ben.

Mr. Leo J. Nelson, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, is now residing in Cleveland, Ohio.

Among the visitors at Leo Levy's home this summer at Lake Winola, Pa., were: Dr. and Mrs. Benj. Breakstone, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stone, Mrs. Earl Stone, Miss Muriel Stone, Blanche and Annette Breakstone and Mrs. Grace Hyslop.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Miller spent the summer at Lake Winola, Pa.

Leo "Two-Gun" Levy of Scranton, Pa., is dude ranching in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Jake Breakstone of Pittsburgh motored to California this past summer and while there met Georgie Breakstone at Hollywood, our juvenile movie star.

Miss Dorothy Levy of New York is now employed by the American Red Cross for emergency relief.

Helen, Mildred and Cora Abrams of New York City are now teaching music, speech correction and dramatic coaching.

Mr. Zelig Breakstone of Pittsburgh was chairman of the Constitution Day Committee at Atlantic City this last summer.

—ON THE CAMPUS—

Miss Blanche Krell of Detroit, Michigan, is attending the University of Miami, at Coral Gables, Florida, on a scholarship.

Miss Natalie Abrams of Scranton, Pennsylvania, is entering the University of Pennsylvania.

Sandy Claster has returned to Cornell University.

Miss Sydell Golden of Detroit, Michigan, is attending an Art School in Chicago.

Jane Claster has entered Goucher College, New York.

Stanley Levy is now at Rochester University, where he is studying medicine.

Shirley Fine of New York City is completing a course at Hunter College.

Murray Fine of New York City is studying agriculture at Cornell University.

Lester and Lillie Claster are attending Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Ira Stone of Childs, Pennsylvania, is attending Keystone Junior College.

ON THE AIR

Lester Jay was picked by Rudy Vallee as the finest boy actor in Radio. He was starred three times on Rudy Vallee programs. Last season one of the finest plays on Broadway was Dead End, which was later made into a movie. Lester was fortunate in having been selected to play the leading juvenile role. Lester's greatest talents at present rest with the radio. Here he has starred on many programs. At the present time he is appearing on the Sheffield program, Billy and Betty, over an NBC hookup at 6:45 P.M. New York time. He does, however, act on many other radio programs during the week. It probably won't be long before Hollywood calls Lester and when the time comes, he will not fail. The Breakstones salute you, Lester.

Albert Burton, 14 years old, is now broadcasting over station WJY in "Raising Your Parents". Go to it, Burt. We are all with you.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS

All cousins join in congratulating our cousin and Uncle Ben upon his sixtieth birthday and forty years in the practice of medicine and surgery. Not only do we know you for the wonderful things you have accomplished during your forty years of practice but we also know you as a good natured, broadminded, big hearted personality. Many more happy birthdays to you, Dr. Ben.

THE BREAKSTONE JUNIORS

In February, 1935, the New York Juniors formed an organization of their own. It was started with the idea that its members were to meet periodically and to partake in socials and other activities.

Unfortunately, at the present time this organization is defunct. The meetings were held regularly until January, 1936, at which time the few attending the final meeting decided the interest was at such a low ebb that holding any further get-togethers was just a waste of time as far as the purpose of the organization was concerned. Thus, it was decided to disband.

The writer was one of the few who attended every meeting. Therefore, anything that might be said in the next few sentences is not from hearsay.

Most all clubs band together with the idea that good times will be had along with meetings. However, the Breakstone Juniors of New York seemed to feel that every meeting should be a social one. True, this could be accomplished, but not with attendances as were had. Had more appeared at the meetings, social affairs could have been planned, but with only a few it was impossible to do this. Still, there were some who attended with just that idea—a social each time.

With the proper cooperation of the youth of the family this organization should succeed. It should be tried again. The only way this can be started again is by those interested getting in touch with the President of the family, Fannie Breakstone, and advise her of the fact that you are interested in seeing this carried on.

Let's try again, JUNIORS!

—Harold Rodman

GRADUATIONS

Miss Shirley Singer of Ottawa Hills High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, was graduated with highest distinction.

Dr. Irving L. Breakstone of Chicago has graduated from medical college and is now interning at South Shore Hospital.

Miss Sydell Golden of Detroit, Michigan, has graduated from High School.

Miss Jane Claster of New York City graduated from Richmond High School.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Silverman both received degrees at University of Pennsylvania.

Bernie and Betty Breakstone of New York City graduated from High School and won scholarships in an art school.

Miss Juliet Breakstone graduated from New York University.

Jerry Rodman graduated from New Rochelle High School, a four letter man, having attained his letters in Football, Baseball, Basketball and Hockey. In football he was honored by being selected on Lou Little's All Metropolitan football team.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rodman of New Rochelle, New York, recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Breakstone of Lawrence, L. I., celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Claster of New York City recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

BAR MITZVAH'S

Joseph L. Claster of New York City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Claster.

Walter Rodman of New Rochelle, New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rodman.

Jacob Breakstone of New York City, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Breakstone.

James Golden of Detroit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Golden.

Saul Seader, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Seader of Far Rockaway, New York.

ENGAGEMENTS

Edith Josephson of Paterson, N. J. was recently engaged to Harold Levine.

Miss Dorothy Oppenheim, daughter of Mrs. Anna Oppenheim, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to Mr. A. K. Cohen of Hartford, Conn.

MARRY-GO-ROUND

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Koblin, of Detroit, announce the marriage of their daughter, Estelle, to Harold R. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Nelson of Detroit.

Mrs. M. Serwer of Detroit announces the marriage of her daughter, Ide, to Ben E. Singer of Washington, formerly of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. and Mrs. Benj. H. Breakstone announce the marriage of their son, Dr. Judd Breakstone, to Miss Gertrude Alice Stern of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Claster of New York City announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys, to Mr. Herbert Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stone of Childs, Pa., announce the marriage of their son, Rabbi Earl Stabley Stone, to Lenore Louise Levy of New York.

Mrs. Minnie Josephson of New York announces the marriage of her son, Abe, to Ann Polokoff.

Mrs. Sara Sussman of Detroit announces the marriage of her daughter, Roselyn, to Mr. Jack Engel.

Mrs. Etta Fisher announces the marriage of her daughter, Lillian, to Mr. Milton Gold of Chicago.

Mrs. Etta Fisher announces the marriage of her son, Jack, to Miss Fox of Chicago.

Paul Bregstein of Amsterdam, Holland was recently married to Rence Vorso.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Derzavitz announce the marriage of their son, Dr. Jack, to Miss Erna Feldman of Washington.

Mr. Milton Breakstone of New York City was recently married to Miss Josie Ellison.

Mr. Marvin Levenberg of Michigan City, Ind., and his sister, Dora, have been married and are both residing permanently in Washington, D. C.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breakstone of Battle Creek, Michigan, announce the birth of a son, Richard Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Breakstone of Chicago announce the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Breakstone announce the birth of a daughter — name, please.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Breakstone of New York City announce the birth of a son.

DEATHS

With deep sorrow we regret to announce the passing of our dearly beloved cousins:

Mrs. Hyman Goodman, beloved Mother and Grandmother of Detroit.

Mrs. Moe Breakstone, beloved Mother and Grandmother of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Stella Breakstone, beloved Mother and Grandmother.

Mr. Isaac Levenberg of Michigan City, Indiana.

Celia Breakstone, wife of Jack Breakstone of New York City.

Rebecca Breakstone, beloved Mother and Wife of Chaim Hirsch of Panemune, Lithuania.

Yenta Breakstone of Panemune, Lithuania, beloved Mother of Minnie Hosephson and sister of Isaac Breakstone.

Mrs. Devora Breakstone of New York City.

BREAKSTONE FARMERS

Lew Miller's two sons, Walter and David, of Philadelphia, raise vegetables during part of the summer on Leo Levy's farm at Lake Winola, Pennsylvania. The boys sell these vegetables to markets, etc., and the profits derived from their sale are banked as an educational fund for Walter and David. Good luck, boys. You sure have the Breakstone spirit.

Come to the next reunion,
Meet the clan,
Then you sure will become
A Breakstone Fan.

A WORD OF THANKS

We certainly owe a vote of thanks to our cousin, Milton Breakstone, in the very able way he conducted the 1937 Reunion.

Sadie and Jesse Rodman

BREAKSTONE REUNIONS

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

The family spirit promoted by these reunions is truly a wonderful thing; something to be cherished and preserved in the hearts of future Breakstones.

These meetings give the younger members of the family a chance to understand the workings of their seniors and forever hold high the Breakstone simplicity, sincerity and hospitality.

Get that get-together feeling and come to the next reunion. Those of you who have never attended a reunion, don't know what your missing.

WHILE IN NEW YORK

Should you happen to be low in spirits, look up Irving H. Gordon, he operates a liquor store.

Listen girls, if it is style plus you want in the way of hats, get in touch with Selma Breakstone who operates a snappy Millinery Shop. Selma offers a special discount to members of the Breakstone family. Ain't that something.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

Contribute whatever you can afford toward the Sarah A. Levy Emergency Fund; a fund established for Breakstones who require aid. Your kind co-operation will be greatly appreciated. Send your check to Isaac Breakstone treasurer, 14 Hamilton Ave: New Rochelle, New York.

Fannie Breakstone, President

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Dr. Benj. H. Breakstone and family of 1309 Lunt Ave, Chicago, held open house to the first Breakstone reunion in 1923.

Isaac Breakstone celebrates his birthday at every Breakstone reunion.

As we go to press word has reached us that Dr. Ben and family are moving from 1309 Lunt Ave: to an apartment.

ANOTHER BREAKSTONE REACHES THE TOP

Louis J. Goodman of Detroit, won a prize for selling more life insurance in 1936 than any other agent in the State of Michigan.

This year he is so far ahead of the others that there does not seem to be a chance of anyone catching him and the company he represents has already assured him of another prize which consists of a two months vacation to California all expenses paid for Louis J. and family.

More power to you, Lew: we hope you win a world tour next year.

QUERY

There's a feminine streak in every man.

As a little girl enjoys dressing her doll, so he enjoys dressing up his lady.

There are many opportunities for the educated young man if he got the right proportion of his education in overalls.

MILES OF SMILES

A bricklayer working on a high building accidently knocked a brick off onto the head of a passing Negro, who shouted up to the mason: "Be careful, up there, Big Boy, you made me bite mah tongue!"

"Jack'e, I do wish you would learn better table manners; you're a regular little pig at the table."

Deep silence on Jackie's part. So father, to impress him more, added: "I say, Jackie, do you know what a pig is?"

"Yes, sir," replied Jackie, meekly. "It's a hog's little boy."



All Aboard for Michigan
NEXT YEAR

Welcome to the
1938 REUNION

We'll write you later and tell you more,
A Welcome this is merely,
So for the present we'll say Good Bye,
Good Luck and yours sincerely,

THE DETROIT BRANCH OF THE
BREAKSTONE FAMILY


Editor's Note

I Hope you enjoyed reading this issue.
If you did not; take it out on me at the next re-union.
I'll be seeing you.



Sam Goodman.

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