

# 1200 Honor Isaac Albert

The vast grand ballroom of the St. George Hotel was filled with an over-flow crowd of more than 1200 guests, who came to pay tribute to Isaac Albert, president of the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital on his 70th birthday, which also marked the completion of 15 years as head of one of the largest hospitals of its kind in the country.

The evening was opened with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Hatikvah" by Mrs. Bertha Kirsch, followed by the invocation given by Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal of the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

Harry Meyerowitz, chairman of the hospital's board of directors, welcomed the vast assemblage in the beautiful floral decorated ballroom. He also paid tribute to Mr. Albert and read a lovely poem in honor of the occasion.

State Senator Jeremiah B. Bloom, served as toastmaster for the early part of the evening, introducing the long dais of some 36 directors of the hospital and leading civic and political figures.

Morris Kirsch, president of the Isaac Albert Research Institute, who was co-chairman of the executive dinner committee, expressed his appreciation to David Minkin, his co-chairman, and the many people who were helpful in making the dinner a success.

Dr. David Kershner, former president of the hospital's medical board and presently president of the Kings County Medical Society in his tribute declared that "Ike Albert's great concern has always been for the patients of the hospital and his great passion for research." On behalf of the medical and dental staffs he presented Mr. Albert with a painting by the distinguished Californian painter, David Immerman, which

is to be hung in the hospital's board room.

Aaron L. Jacoby, Public Service Commissioner for the State of New York who had installed the guest of honor as president of the hospital 15 years before, said, "he has presided with rare diligence and devoted himself to this work. He has given himself unsparingly to this worthy cause."

"I hope," he said, that he has many more years of usefulness to his fellowman and to the hospital."

A bar relief bronze bust of Mr. Albert was presented to him by George Blumberg, chairman of the hospital's executive committee, who praised him for having built a great institution from a custodial home to a great medical center.

Mr. Blumberg asked Ben Goldstein, chairman of the hospital's finance committee, to formally make the presentation to Mr. Albert.

Tributes were also paid to Mr. Albert by the inimitable Harry Hershfield, who served as toastmaster for the latter part of the evening . . . by Supreme Court Justice Walter R. Hart.

Council President Abe Stark, who has been a friend of Mr. Albert's for many years, brought greetings from the Mayor. He paid tribute to Mr. Albert for "his outstanding leadership at the hospital and for the many facilities built at the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital during his presidency. His great interest in research and his sincere concern for the care and treatment of the patients have been the dedication of Ike Albert."

"In closing," he declared, "I hope that this is only the beginning of many, many years of outstanding service to your fellow

man and to the hospital."

A warm tribute was paid to Mrs. Albert by Mrs. Minnie Tulipan, who presented her with a beautiful pearl encrusted charm on which a figure of an angel appeared for thanks in giving your husband to the hospital."

Mrs. Tulipan expressed her appreciation for the cooperation and help of Mrs. Max Blumberg, Ben Goldstein and Murray Ringelheim.

"This dinner is something I will remember as long as I live," declared the guest of honor in his response to the great tribute accorded to him. "I am grateful to the Almighty for permitting me to be here to celebrate my birthday with you."

He expressed his appreciation to "All of you who have helped me in this great work, without whom I could not have accomplished what I have."

"I particularly want to thank Mrs. Minnie Tulipan who was the spark-plug of this dinner."

He thanked Rabbi Levinthal, who had never previously accepted such a responsibility as serving as Chairman of a dinner and who played an important part in many of the highlights of his life . . . as having performed the wedding ceremony for himself and Mrs. Albert, his daughter, his son and at the recent Bar Mitzvah of his grandson. Rabbi Levinthal also having been present at the golden wedding ceremony of his parents.

He thanked Mrs. Bertha Kirsch for her beautiful singing and announced that he had adopted "Mother" Blumberg and Hyman Kirsch as his father and mother following the death of his own parents. He also expressed his appreciation to the officers and directors of the Isaac Albert Re-

search Institute for their support of the dinner, to the medical and dental staffs for their cooperation and for the painting of himself which Dr. Kershner had previously presented to him.

He announced that the heads of many organizations and institutions of which he had been active were present in the ballroom, including the Locality Mayors of which Saul Graff is president, and that the proceeds of the next function held by the organization will go to the Isaac Albert Research Institute . . . Aaron Fried, president of the Menorah Home and Hospital for the Aged; Louis Blumenstock, president of the Haym Saloman Home and Hospital for the Aged; Lippi Eisenberg, head of the Associated Health Association of the Pythian Order; Mrs. Dorothy Michaels; Dr. Moses Spatt, president of the Brooklyn Jewish Center; Jacob H. Cohen, head of the Pride of Judea Home; Benne Katz, president of the Beth-El Hospital; William Surgan president of the Nonpareil Club, Noah Seedman, of the American Legion, and Abraham Kraditor, of the Jewish War Veterans.

He expressed his thanks to John J. Smith, president of the East New York Savings Bank and to John L. Bates, vice president of the National City Bank for their cooperation in the erection of the hospital's new building.

Mr. Albert announced that the proceeds of the forthcoming dinner which the Nonpareil Club was tendering as a testimonial to Council President Abe Stark on Sunday, Nov. 23 at Ben Maksik's Town & Country Club were to go to the hospital's research institute.

He closed with congratulations to the Leviton and Blumberg families on becoming great-grandparents and grandparents on the recent birth of a child to their children.

The dais guests included: Bklyn Boro Superintendent of Buildings Benjamin Saltzman, hospital vice president Charles Sahn, Miss Henrietta Klein, secretary to the board of directors and president of the Miriam Klein Research Foundation; Max Finkelson, vice president; Jacob Pone-mone, first vice president; State Comptroller Arthur Levitt, Kings County District Attorney Edward S. Silver; Harry Meyerowitz, chairman of the hospital's board of directors; Hyman Kirsch, vice president; Mrs. Max Blumberg, vice president and chairman of the women's board of directors; Benjamin Goldstein, chairman of the hospital's finance committee; George Blumberg, chairman of the hospital's executive committee; Boro President John Cashmore; Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal, Morris Kirsch, president of the Isaac Albert Research Institute; Public Service Commissioner Aaron L. Jacoby; Joe Weinstein, honorary vice president; Isidor Liviton, honorary president; Isaac Albert, president of the hospital, State Senator Jeremiah B. Blom; Mrs. Minnie Tulipan, administrator of welfare, Council President Abe Stark; Mrs. Isaac Albert, David Minkin, co-chairman of the executive dinner committee; Supreme Court Judge Walter R. Hart; Harry Hershfield, Morris Masin, in whose honor the hospital's new Morris & Bessie Masin Pavilion was named; S. M. Elowsky, honorary vice president; Albert Wigutoff, Mr. Masin's son-in-law and chairman of the memorial and tablet committee; Dr. David Kershner, director of surgery and formerly head of the hospital's medical board; Budget Director Abraham D. Beame; Abraham Spector, vice president; Julius Levenson, treasurer; Murray Ringelheim, chairman of auxiliaries and synagogue committee; Mrs. Estelle Rodman, secretary to the department of

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