Seventeen years ago the State of Israel came of age. On Sunday, February 20, 1966, your Albuquerque B'nai B'rith Lodge came of age. That night marked the first time your lodge has undertaken the annual BONDS FOR ISRAEL campaign. At a dinner attended by more than 300 people, the Honorable Irwin S. Moise, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, presented Mrs. Rona Adler with a certificate in recognition of her many years of service to our community. The featured speaker was George Jessel. Never before has Albuquerque attracted such a speaker for this campaign. More than $50,000 was invested in Israeli bonds - approximately $5,000 more than in any previous campaign. We attended the campaign dinner last year and, despite the heroic efforts of those on the campaign committee, only 25 people showed up and only approximately $12,000 was invested. For any of you who are asking what your lodge is doing, this is a clear signpost. Special congratulations are due to Brother Henry Pave who was the chairman of the committee and worked so hard to make it a success and to Brother Nat Weinberg who was in charge of the brilliant publicity campaign. Mentioning these two men is in no way a slight for the remaining members of the committee who worked equally hard. But, certainly no one can take from these two men the honor that duty belongs to them for their brilliant efforts. The lodge is deeply indebted to them and to all who served with them.

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For those of you who want to improve your library at home, we have received word that through the B'nai B'rith you may obtain the newly revised (1966) complete set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica for $369.00. This is $90.00 less than the similar works are sold on the open market. Out of the $369.00, Encyclopaedia sends to B'nai B'rith $10.00. In addition to the main volumes, and included in the same price, are two options: (1) A complete set of Britannica Junior, which usually sells for $149.90 and is usable for pre-school through Fifth Grade ages; (2) Or, a bookcase, World Atlas, and two-volume, six-language dictionary. In addition, all purchasers of the Britannica may purchase the annual yearbook for $6.95 per year, and that price is guaranteed for a ten year period. If you are interested in helping B'nai B'rith, furthering your own education, and teaching your children to think for themselves, you may contact Robert Montgomery, District Manager of Encyclopaedia Britannica. His office phone is 263-4504.

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The Albuquerque B'nai B'rith Lodge extends its deepest sympathies upon the passing of Brother Julie Karchmer. For those of us who knew Brother Julie, his passing leaves a deep void which will take many years to fill, if it ever can be filled.

To Brothers Sam Chernov, Arthur Ravel and Dave Meyer we send our warmest best wishes for a speedy recovery. All three Brothers are in the hospital and have been visited by your Sunshine Committee. Also, our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Louis Krieger, our 1st VP's mother and the wife of one of our newest members - Brother Louis Krieger.

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Your B'nai B'rith Lodge, in continuing its ever broadening program of local activities to serve you, has a men's bowling league. The league meets Tuesday evenings at 9:00 P.M. at Fiesta Lanes. It merits your support. Brothers Irv Mechanic, President, and Harry Ostrower, Secretary, have requested that we ask for four or five men to call them if you can substitute. Everyone has fun (averages run from 110 to 170) so don't be afraid to come out and bowl with the boys. (??) Irv's number is 255-0551; Harry's number is 299-5790.

Do you want to remember someone's passing? Or a wedding, bris or b'ermitzvah? Do it with Trees. Trees planted in Israel are a living symbol of your thoughtfulness. Brother George Cosden (256-0547) can give you complete details.

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The next meeting of the Lodge is February 29th.