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A Tribute To Col. Michael Friedsam

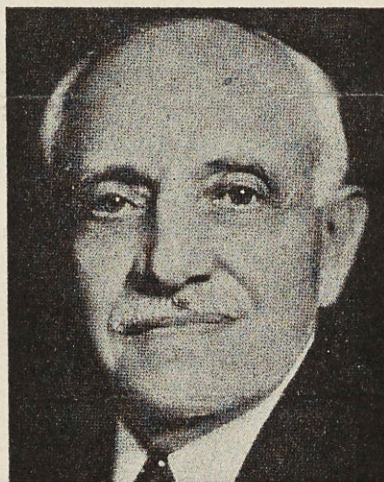
(Reprint of article published a short time after the decease of Colonel Friedsam, on April 16, 1931.)

"The nation paid its tribute to a distinguished American and a great Jew, when last week there was laid to rest, Colonel Michael Friedsam.

"He loved to be generous without display. He gave freely without desiring to have his name plastered all over the walls of the recipient institutions. Of him it may be truly said, that he was a gentleman amongst gentlemen, who added, in unmeasurable words, to the glory and renown of the Jew.

"Indeed, the cause of Jewish education has lost one of its best friends. The City, State, and Nation are poorer since he has passed to the Far Beyond.

"No more loving and greater tribute to his memory can be paid than to say of him that he was never a knocker, but always a builder. He did fine things, and in the memorable language of Kingsley, let us say of him: "to labor with zest and give of your best, for joy and sweetness of the giving; to help folks along with hand and with a song," was what actuated him, typifying real religious thought which humanity can never forget; hence, it is that we believe that he came into this world inspired with the thought that he was born to bring sun-



COLONEL MICHAEL FRIEDSAM

shine in every way, during the time that he was to sojourn here.

"Well may every boy study the life work of Michael Friedsam and follow in his footsteps. We, of the Institutional Synagogue, will never forget him."—ISAAC SIEGEL.

Parents' Association Hold Annual Luncheon

The Parents' Association of the Institutional Synagogue held a Luncheon last Tuesday afternoon, March 29th, at Lou G. Siegel's Restaurant, in honor of the 21st Anniversary of their existence.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Eva Stein Blotnick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Stein of 216 West 99th Street. Mrs. Blotnick, who was recently married, has been most active in all activities of the Institutional Synagogue for many years as President of the Junior League, Secretary of the Parents' Association and a leader in all youth undertakings.

Her mother, Mrs. I. Stein, who is now honorary President of the Parents' Association, was its president for more than 18 years in which capacity she served most efficiently and industriously.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein presented the

guest of honor with a beautiful golden kidush cup. Rabbi Goldstein spoke of the uncertain conditions facing Jewry throughout the world.

Rabbi Philip Goodman delivered a brief address on the "Need of Jewish Education."

Mrs. P. Vogel, President of the Parents' Association, acted as chairman of the Luncheon. The committee in charge of the Luncheon consisted of:

Mrs. Ida Bernstein, Chairman; Mesdames: Fleisig, Gruber, A. Levine, Levit, Perman, Rosenbaum, I. Stein, Leah Siegel, Isaac Siegel, Vosberg, Wartels and Zaslowsky.

M'Chiras Chometz

M'chiras Chometz is taking place every morning and evening.

Federal Theatre To Stage Variety Show

No Admission Charge For This Performance

Under the auspices of the W.P.A. Theatre Project, a variety show will be presented this Saturday evening, April 9th, at 8:30 o'clock.

Clowns, magicians, dancers, and a host of other comedy and musical skits are scheduled to make their bow on the I. S. stage that evening.

Featured on the bill of entertainment are several novelty skits that have never been presented on the professional stage. The antics of the clowns, as well as the other comedians, will provide plenty of amusement. No doubt, wonder will be expressed at the uncanny skill with which the magicians will again prove the ancient saying that "the hand is quicker than the eye."

The curtain rises promptly at 8:30 o'clock, and we suggest that you come early and make sure that you will not miss any of these delightful acts. There will be no admission charge this Saturday evening.

Talmud Torah To Hold Typical Seder Services

Typical Seder Services for the boys and girls of the Talmud Torah have been arranged by Rabbi Philip Goodman and the staff of teachers. The Seder is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 13th, at 5 o'clock.

The purpose of these typical Services is to fully prepare the pupils of the Talmud Torah for participation in their family Sederim. All the traditional ceremonialisms including the eating of "charoses" and "morer" will enhance the beauty of the program.

Essay Contest

Members are hereby reminded that the closing date for entries in the Essay Contest is Thursday evening, April 14th. The subject is: "The Partition of Palestine."

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 Sedrah: M'zarah
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The Story of Passover

Passover begins at sundown of the fourteenth of the month of Nissan, and lasts eight days, of which the first two days and the last two are complete holidays, while the intervening four days are "Chol homoed"—half holidays.

The holiday commemorates the freedom of the children of Israel from the bondage of Egypt. Under the leadership of Moses, the Israelites departed from Egypt, after ten severe plagues had been visited upon the inhabitants of the land.

The Bible says (Exodus, Chapter 13), "Remember this day, on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage . . . Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and there shall be seen no leavened bread with thee, in all thy borders."

Since on Passover we are not allowed to have in our food any trace of leavened bread, the dishes and utensils used on Passover must be such that were either not used at all during the year, or at least cleansed from any absorption of "chometz" in the manner prescribed by the law.

"Biur chometz" means the removal of all leavened bread. This is started by pious Jewish women many days before Passover. (Chometz that cannot be destroyed before Passover is sold by the Rabbi to a non-Jew, and every head of a family has to delegate that task to him several days in advance). The official search for leavened bread takes place on the evening before the holiday. On the eve of Passover we are permitted to eat chometz only until the passing of the first third of the day.

Passover is called "Z'man Cherusenu," the Time of Our Freedom. It is remarkable that the freeing of the People of Israel coincided with the freeing of nature from its winter stagnation.

Since the only kind of bread we are permitted to eat on Passover is what is known as "matzoth," the holiday is called "Chag Hamatzoth," or the "Feast of Matzoth." The prohibition against eating leavened bread on Passover is due to an important incident that accompanied the deliverance of the Israelites from the land of bondage.

(Continued Next Week)

WIT & HUMOR

A RABBI who used to tease his wife said to her on the eve of Pesach, "I have sold all my chometz but one," and pointed to her.

"You need not worry about me," his wife shot back. "My father long ago sold me to a Goy."

* * *

RABBI Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev walked through the streets on Erev Pesach. On his way he met a smuggler. "Have you any smuggled silk," he inquired. "Yards and yards of it," replied the smuggler, "and any kind you like."

He proceeded further and met a Jew. "Have you any chometz?" he inquired.

"Chometz?—Heaven forbid—I have sold every bit of it."

He proceeded further and met a second Jew. "Have you any Chometz?" he asked.

"Don't mock me, Rabbi," the Jew exclaimed, "You may be sure that I sold all my Chometz betimes."

Rabbi Levi then turned his face heavenward. "Great God," he declared, "here is the government of the Czar with an army and a police force ordering people not to smuggle, but they pay no heed to it and flaunt the laws publicly; whereas You have commanded Your people Israel to have no Chometz on Pesach, and without police power or an army You are obeyed implicitly."

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A MAN came to call on Rabbi B. "Rabbi," said he, "I have a Shelah to ask. May one satisfy the required cups (of wine) with milk?"

"No, my son," the Rabbi replied. "Here are \$25.00, go get yourself some good red wine."

When the visitor left, the Rebbetzin cried out petulantly: "Was it necessary to give the man \$25.00 for wine? Would not \$1.00 or \$2.00 have sufficed?"

"My foolish child," the Rabbi replied. "If the man was ready to use four cups of milk, it showed that he had neither meat nor fish, and probably not even matzoth. The \$25.00 will help him to prepare an adequate Pesach."

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Many of the guests will participate with prose and poetry readings. The group will join in

singing traditional and modern Passover songs. A motion picture, The Red Sea Miracle, will be shown. Mr. E. J. Londow, of the Jewish Welfare Board, will be the guest speaker. Pesach goodies and drinks will refresh the palates of the company. Admission is by invitation only.

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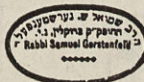
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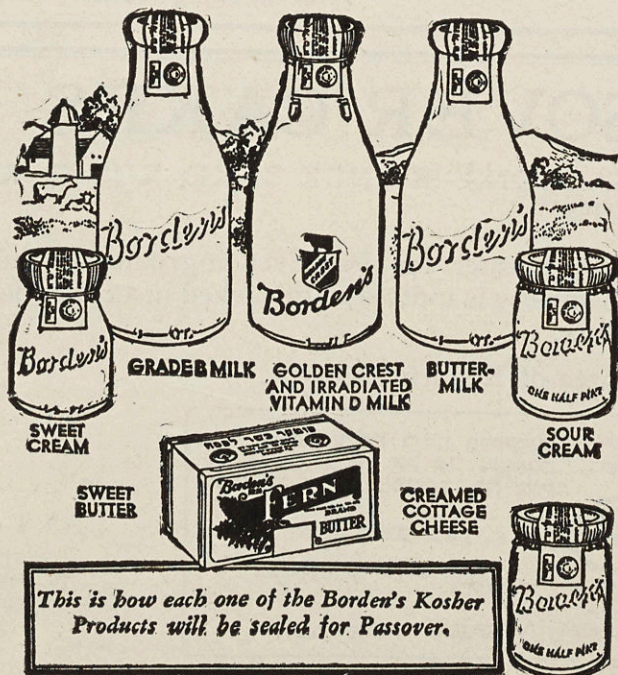


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