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30 New Members Join Congregation

Campaign sure to net 50 members by Passover

The campaign for "50 new members by Passover" has already netted 30 members and is showing every promise of "going over the top" before it closes.

At a special meeting held on April 5 the candidates for membership were officially voted upon and made part of our membership body.

Never before in the history of our congregation has such an important undertaking been so successfully accomplished. Never before has a committee worked so earnestly and devotedly as did the Membership Campaign Committee, and never before did anyone work so energetically and

enthusiastically as did Dr. Henry Rafsky, chairman of the Campaign Committee.

Dr. Rafsky on behalf of the committee made the following statement: "This campaign is not the task of the membership committee alone. It is for the entire membership body of our congregation. All must work for its success as all will reap the benefit of its success."

This call must not go unheeded by our members and seatholders. The slogan for the remainder of the campaign should be:

If you are a member—get a member.

If not—become a member.

**"CHEVRA MISHNAYOTH"
CELEBRATES "SIYUM"**

A regular old fashioned "Siyum" was celebrated by the "Chevra Mishnayoth" of our Congregation on Monday night, April 4th, in the vestry rooms of the synagogue.

Mr. Harry Fischel the "Gabbai" of the "Chevra" acted as toastmaster at the dinner which followed the conclusion of the last Mishna and the Talmudic discourse by Rabbi Margolies.

The speakers at the dinner were Rabbi Lookstein, who gave a homiletical finish to his Talmudic discourse, Mr. Joseph Polstein, Mr. Louis Robbins, and Mr. Herman Polstein who made his debut as a speaker that night and scored a great triumph.

Mention was made by all the speakers of the late Nathan Roggen who was the founder and first "Gabbai" of the Chevra for almost a quarter of a century.

Cantor Steinberg supplied the musical programme of the evening, which was very delightful. Election for "Gabbai" then followed and Mr. Harry Fischel was unanimously elected to the office.

The happy evening came to an end after Grace was recited by Mr. M. Botkofsky, the oldest member of the Chevra.

MEMBERS' NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Congregation will be held on Wednesday evening, April 20, at 8:00 o'clock, in the vestry rooms of the synagogue. The new members will then be officially welcomed. Election of officers, as well election of trustees whose term expires this year, will take place. All members are urged to attend.

"CHEVRA KADISHA" ORGANIZED

At the Siyum of Mishnayoth, a long-felt need in the Congregation was at last supplied, namely, the organization of Chevra Kadisha, or a committee for ministering to the dead.

The Committee consists of:

Mr. Moses Davis, Gabbai
Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Secretary
Rabbi M. S. Margolies
Mr. M. Botkofsky
Mr. Joseph Bailin
Mr. Simon Bloch
Mr. Max Cottin
Mr. Harry Fischel
Mr. F. Goldberg
Mr. L. Horowitz
Mr. David Levy
Mr. Harris Mayer
Mr. H. Movsowitz
Mr. I. Perlow
Mr. Joseph Polstein
Mr. S. Rosen
Mr. Harry Roggen
Mr. A. Stern
Rev. B. Steinberg

The "Seudah" of the Chevra Mishnayath will be held every year on the 7th day of Adar. Now that the Committee is organized let us hope that they have very little work to do.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Purim entertainment of the Junior League, held in the vestry rooms of the Congregation on Saturday night, March 18, was a most glorious success. About one hundred attended, and enjoyed the many features of the celebration. Many of those who attended became members of the League, which now boasts of a membership of forty.

CALENDAR FOR PASSOVER

Saturday, April 16—Shabos Hagadol.
 Morning services..... 6:30
 Chometz may be eaten till 9 A. M.
 Mincha services..... 5:00
 Rabbi Margolies will speak after Mincha.

Sabbath is out at 7:05 P. M., at which time lights may be kindled and the table set for the "Seder."

Sunday, April 17—Passover I.
 Morning services..... 8:00
 Sermon by Rabbi Lookstein10:30
 "The Use and Abuse of Freedom"
 Mincha services..... 5:30
 Rabbi Margolies will speak after Mincha.

Monday, April 18—Passover II.
 Morning services..... 8:00
 Sermon by Rabbi Lookstein.....10:30
 "If Thy Child Should Ask"
 Mincha services..... 6:30

Friday, April 22.
 Kindling of Sabbath Candles..... 6:30
 Mincha services..... 6:30

Saturday, April 23—7th day of Passover.
 Morning services..... 8:00
 Sermon by Rabbi Lookstein.....10:30
 "The Song of Songs—the Moral Lyric"
 Mincha services..... 5:30
 Sermon by Rabbi Margolies after Mincha.
 Sabbath is out at 7:10.

Sunday, April 24—Last day of Passover.
 Morning services..... 8:00
 Memorial services.....10:00
 Sermon by Rabbi Lookstein—
 "Laying the Corner Stone"
 Mincha services..... 6:30

During week of Chol Hamoed morning services will be held at 6 and 7:15.

Friday, April 29.
 Kindling of Sabbath Candles..... 6:35
 Saturday morning services... 8:30
 Sermon by Rabbi Lookstein.
 Mincha services..... 5:00

SOCIAL NEWS

Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph H. Lookstein announce the birth of a daughter, Nathalie, on March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Goodstein of 1239 Madison Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter Julia to Mr. Abraham Winer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Winer of 24 E. 120th Street, New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Horowitz of 50 E. 96th Street announce the engagement of their daughter Carolyne to Mr. Harold Horowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horowitz of 225 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Our best wishes for a happy and kosher holiday to the officers, members, and seatholders of our congregation with their families.

Sincerely,

Rabbi M. S. Margolies,
 Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

We extend our heartiest wishes for a joyous holiday to the rabbis, members and seatholders of our congregation.

Sincerely,

Joseph Polstein, President.
 Louis Robbin, Vice-President.
 Henry Mayper, Secretary.
 Simon Bloch, Treasurer.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

The congregation extends a hearty welcome to the following who have joined our fold. "Blessed be they who come in the name of the Lord."

M. BASEWITZ
S. BAUM
A. BERNHARD
ABRAHAM BINDER
I. BRAVERMAN
N. BRILL
DR. J. BURGER
H. N. GOODSTEIN
DR. I. W. HELD
SAMUEL L. HURWITZ

MORRIS KITE
DR. EUGENE KLEIN
DR. S. KLEIN
BENJAMIN LANDAU
D. LENZ
GORDON V. LYONS
MR. S. MILLSTEIN
DR. A. MORGANSTERN
I. PERLOW
HERMAN POST

DR. S. J. ROTH
S. RUBINSKY
L. SARUYA
BEN STAVISKY
D. SCHER
D. STRAUS
DR. SUNDELSON
SAMUEL WILNER
MR. ZWIEBOLD
DR. ZUCKERMAN

THE STORY OF PASSOVER

If you know not of the story,
Know not of "Passover Night,"
When great God revealed His glory;
Then list, 'twill fill you with delight.

When God in His realm on high,
Heard the wail for help that rose;
And hearkened to His people's cry,
To their great and numerous woes.

Sent he then a leader wise,
One who would do His command.
One who with far-seeing eyes,
Would guide them to the "Promised Land."

Through great Moses then He sent
Plagues that wasted all around;
'Til Egypt's King gave his consent,
And joy in Israel did abound.

But ere the sun had gone to rest,
Pharaoh, King of Egypt land,
Said, "I did but idly jest,
Israel will stay on Egypt's strand."

When God heard of the broken vow,
He summoned the Angel of Death to Him,
And said, "O, Death, I command thee now,
When the sun sinks behind the western rim,

With thy shining sword then wilt thou slay
The first-born in the land.
Thy task must be done by the break of day;
But slay not Israel, I command."

To save His children from Death's cruel sword
To keep them to spread His Gospel true,
To save their lives, our Gracious Lord
Revealed to Moses what they should do.

Before each house in which Israel dwelt,
The blood of a lamb on the threshold ran;
And while they in devout prayer knelt,
Death his gruesome task began.

Each house but those where the lamb's blood
lay,
Death visited in the dusk of night;
And returned to God at the dawn of day,
A spectre grim, to inspire fright.

Then cruel Pharaoh bowed his head,
And said, "O God, I set them free;
For lo, my first born is now dead;
And I myself soon dead may be."

So Israel left, by God's great will,
And journeyed the desert wide.
'Til its banner was planted on Zion's hill,
And unfurled to the winds its beauty and
pride.

And so on each Seder night,
After the matzoth is hid,
Loudly each prayer recite,
And thank God for all that He did.

By Howard Freedman,
Age 11 years,
1239 Madison Avenue, New York

Editor's Note.—This poem, the product of a child of eleven, merits great praise. We heartily congratulate the young poet.