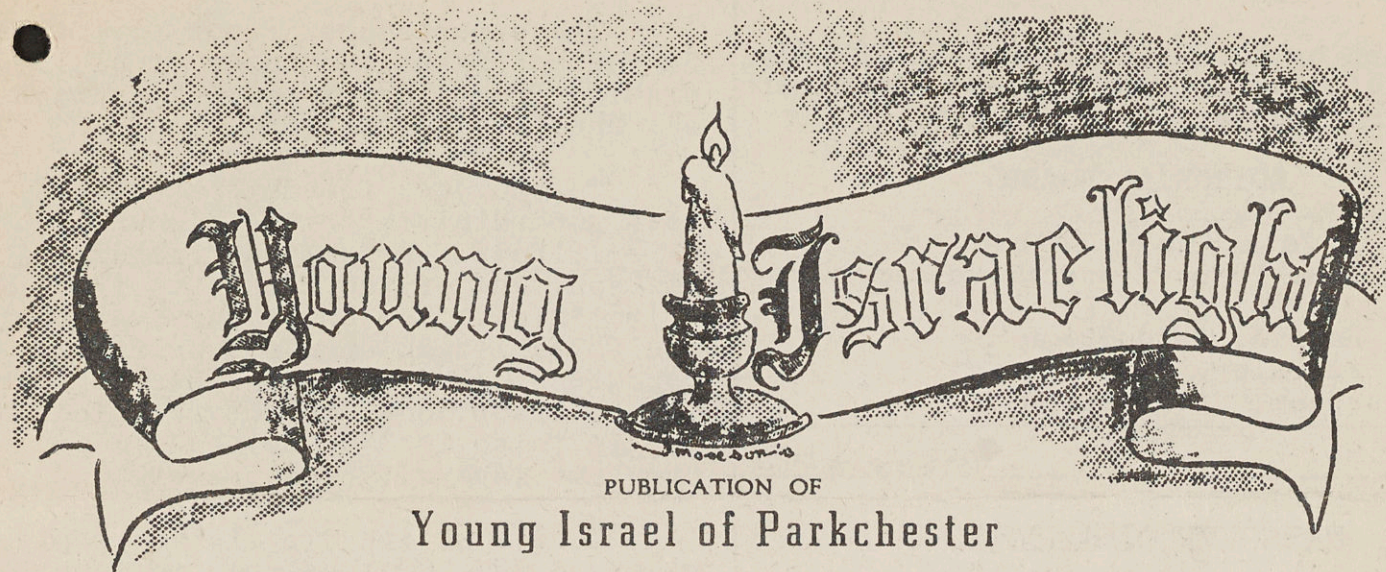


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### ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR SIXTH ANNUAL AFFAIR

On Saturday evening, April 19th, Young Israel of Parkchester will hold its annual Celebration at its headquarters, 2137 Ellis Avenue.

A committee under the leadership of Boris Stern has been making special preparations for the occasion.

A novelty band featuring several entertainment specialists has been engaged for the evening. Ernie Mann is well known for his clever rendition of the accordian. His merry music makers promise to keep us on our toes the evening long. In addition, the committee has several surprise numbers in store for us. In short, make no other dates, get your party of friends together and be sure to be there.

Oh yes, there'll be refreshments too, a real buffet style service, hot dogs, sodas, beer and all the trimmings. Come one, come all, this is an affair you can't afford to miss!

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

-Psalms

### THE PASSOVER FESTIVAL

Pesach ~~and~~ or the Passover Festival is inaugurated at sunset on the 14th of the month of Nisan and it ends in the evening of the 22nd. These dates correspond this year with Friday evening, April 4th, to Saturday evening, April 12th. The first two days and the last two are sacred. It is the first of the three Pilgrimage Festivals.

It was a springtime festival, occurring in the early spring harvest in Palestine. Today its agricultural aspect is again expressed there by outdoor merry-making during "Chol Hamoed," the "semi-holidays" (the intermediate days between the first and second sacred days).

Historically, Passover commemorates the anniversary of the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage (about 1450 B.C.E.). It is the birthday of the Jewish nation. It is the Festival of Freedom, "Zeman Cherusenu." We are at all times to remember it, hence, it is the central point in many of our prayers. We read in the Haggadah, "In every generation, the Jew should regard himself as though he went forth from Egypt."

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## PASSOVER CEREMONIES

### THE HAGGADAH

The Haggadah or "The Story" is the book that is used at the Seder. It contains the order of the service. It is a compilation of extracts from the Bible, the Talmud, the psalms, the prayer book, and special prayers, and songs.

Altogether it forms a comprehensive account of the stay of the Israelites in Egypt, and their final departure.

### MATZOTHS

Why is it called "Chag Hamatzoth," the Feast of Matzoth? Because during it we are commanded to eat only unleavened bread, but neither to eat nor to possess leaven (Chamets). It is the "Bread of Affliction," the "Bread of Poverty," hurriedly made because the Israelites had to depart in haste. Ex. 12:33-41.

### THE SEDER

The Passover Festival is principally a home celebration. The first two evenings, known as "Seder evenings," serving as a great occasion for family reunion. Besides the matzoths and the cups of wine, other articles of food symbolic of the slavery and freedom of the Israelites occupy the festive table.

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## EDITORIAL

The experiences of our forefathers in ancient Egypt and their final liberation from slavery symbolizes most of all the ideal of Freedom.

To the Jew, freedom has always been subordinated to the higher ideal of spiritual freedom; the freedom of the soul and of the mind; the freedom of religion. For sheer survival, he had to fall back upon his spiritual resources. The strength that he found in his traditions, in his religion, and in his faith in G-d, helped him to overcome adversity and travail.

Today, we are a ravished people. We are 6,000,000 less than we were ten years ago. If we are to survive, we must strengthen our resolves to destroy the tyrant, wherever and whenever he may arise.

"In every generation", the Haggadah tells us, peoples and nations arise to destroy us, but "G-d succors and saves us".

As we sit at our Seder table and celebrate the festive season, let us be worthy of the faith of our stricken brethren wherever they may be. Let Passover forever symbolize for us true spiritual freedom.

William Posner

## UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

All Parkchester organizations including Young Israel are joined in a united effort for UJA this year. On March 25th, a special dinner rally is being held at the Imperial Gardens to initiate the campaign. Gene Sugarman is chairman of the dinner. Tickets are available from committee chairman, Nat Saperstein, or our president, Bill Posner.

Every young Israelite should make it a MUST to contribute something to UJA through us. Let's all join together and put the dinner over!

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## Among Ourselves

-Pitput

Best wishes to Louis Gittelman, Jewish Center Talmud Torah teacher on the birth of daughter "Ziona"--Birthday greetings for our little ones - Lois Slove who reaches six March 24th and Adrienne Adler also six, March 27th - hope you have many happy returns and presents too--some grownup birthdays, too - Rhea Posner, past 21, March 12th; Irving Pollack (still under 40) March 16th, and Helen Winkler, also at least 21, March 23rd--congratulations to you all!--

The Sol Spitz's celebrate "tin" years of wedded bliss on March 13th; and the Gene Nussbaum's "ditto" on March 14th. Mazel tov to all of yez!--

Bouquets to Barney Harris for donating a beautiful flag to our scout troop--it was presented at investiture ceremonies at scout headquarters at PS 106, March 11th--Yosh Hakoach, Chickie Benl for the swell Purim show you put on with the Bible Class Kiddies March 9th.

Nat Saperstein takes the fateful plunge March 16th - bon voyage, Benedict as you charter the good ship "Matrimony".

#### PASSOVER CEREMONIES (Continued) THE FOUR CUPS

The four cups of wine represent the four synonymous expressions of redemption, namely: "I will bring you out," "deliver you," "redeem you," "take you." (Ex. 6:6, 7).

#### CUP OF ELIJAH

A mysterious ceremony at the Seder concerns the "Cup of Elijah," who in tradition is welcomed as the herald of good tidings and redemption for Israel. In a spirit of hospitality, therefore, the cup is prepared for him. "He shall turn the heart of the fathers by the children, and the heart of the children by their fathers." From this comes the motto of Young Israel

"והשיב לב אבות על בנים ולב בנים על אבותם"

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## A MESSAGE FROM RABBI H.D. SILVER

The Hagodah speaks of four sons of different dispositions - the wise, the wicked, the simple, and the indifferent. These symbolize Jewish national character in the Diaspora.

From the Jewish communities in Babylon then Spain, France and the pre-Mendelsohn era in Germany came many wise sons. In that period, Israel was absorbed in the Torah and its interpretation.

After Mendelsohn, the wicked son dominated. In assimilation he sought to throw off the yoke of the Torah. Then followed the era of the Hassidison - the simple son, clinging to Jewish tradition as life itself.

Alas, to the American Jew, falls the lot of the fourth son - indifferent to his background. Educate the indifferent and ignorant son, advises the Hagodah. To perpetuate our identity as a people, we must heed this call. We must be ever young in reaching for our high goal - education.

Young Israel has set a pattern by offering a refresher course in Jewish living. The need has been reorganized through its Institute of Jewish studies and other educational endeavors in its various branches.

In celebrating the exodus from Egypt our hearts should go back to Mt. Sinai so that we may be worthy of our redemption.

## A MEMBER'S VOICE

By joining this organization, you have shown your interest in the aims and ideals of Young Israel. Have you also accepted your responsibility as a member? The welfare of our youth is our major task; each of us must be willing to share in the program of activity. Meetings are for members. Come regularly every first and third Tuesday. Remember, action speaks louder than words, or even money!

Gene Nussbaum

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## DADDY

When it came to give the Seder in the  
good old-fashioned way,  
Not a man could touch my Daddy in the  
sweetness of its lay,  
And he sang the whole Haggada, as we  
quaffed our koss of wine,  
Not a Chazzen in the Khilla could  
outdo this dad of mine.

When some mourner wanted minyan, to  
say kaddish for the dead,  
It was then that good old Daddy in  
the prayer always led,  
And he recited all the Maa'riv without  
glancing at the book,  
And it rippled like the waters that are  
running down the brook.

He was pious, poor old Daddy! laid  
Telfillem every day,  
Never thought to take his hat off when  
his prayers he would say:  
Friday night he'd chant his Kuddush  
and his meal grace never miss,  
Ending Sabbath with Habdolah, then my  
mother he would kiss.

Kiss the face so old and wrinkled, tho'  
she were a Summer bride,  
Ever tender, ever thoughtful, thus  
they drifted side by side,  
Tho' he barely earned a living in the  
little drygoods store,  
His small purse was opened ever to the  
Schnorrer at his door.

And on Pesach at the Seder he would  
have some homeless drone  
To be seated at his table, to enjoy  
the sweets of home;  
Every year he'd deck the Sukkoh with  
the palms of tropic clime,  
Where the moon laughed through the  
ceiling, when we gathered there to  
dine.

Oft he blessed the same Levonoh, when  
its first streak loomed the skies,  
While the black fast brought its wail-  
ings, blended with its soulful sighs,  
He was longing for old Zion, yearning  
for the sacred sod,  
Where his people reigned in glory by  
the grace of Jacob's God.

Now, sisters all lived trefeh, in their  
mansions on the hill,

## PASSOVER CEREMONIES (Cont'd)

The institution of Maoth Chitim or  
Money for Matzoths is time-honored and  
is described in the Jewish Codes of Law.  
A Jew cannot sit down at his Seder table  
to enjoy the Passover Festival unless  
he has previously arranged that those  
less fortunate than he shall have their  
Passover necessities.

## PASSOVER FESTIVAL (Continued)

The festival is known as Passover  
because God passed over the houses of  
the Israelites in Egypt when he smote  
the first-born of the Egyptians, but  
spared the houses of the Israelites.

## SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Friday, April 4th (Passover Eve) | 6:00 P.M. |
| Saturday, April 5th (1st Day)    | 9:00 A.M. |
| Saturday, April 5th (Mincha)     | 6:15 P.M. |
| Sunday, April 6th (2nd Day)      | 9:00 A.M. |
| Thursday, April 10th             | 6:15 P.M. |
| Friday, April 11th (7th Day)     | 9:00 A.M. |
| Friday, April 11th (Mincha)      | 6:00 P.M. |
| Saturday, April 12th (Yizkor)    | 9:00 A.M. |

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| April 4th, Passover Eve  | 6:03 P.M. |
| April 5th, Passover Eve  | 6:05 P.M. |
| April 10th, Passover Eve | 6:10 P.M. |
| April 11th               | 6:12 P.M. |
| April 18th, Friday Eve   | 6:17 P.M. |
| April 25th, Friday Eve   | 6:24 P.M. |

## BLESSING AFTER LIGHTING CANDLES

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King  
of the Universe, who hast sanctified us  
with His Commandments and commanded us  
to light the Sabbath Candles."

Where the chickens need no Schochet,  
where the shegetz fills the bill.  
They are members of a Temple--better  
known as Sunday Jews--  
Where they breakfast on Yom Kippur,  
lounge at home and read the news.

Ah poor Daddy! ah, poor Mammy! little  
then ye realized  
That the Golden Faith ye fondly treas-  
ured would some day be galvanized;  
Better so, that ye have parted, with  
your straight-backed yeedless crew  
For in this advancing era, a more  
bending fate we need.

By A Junior Young Israelite

KEEP OPEN APRIL 19th - OUR ANNUAL AFFAIR