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Once again we take pleasure in bringing to our members and friends important Passover information. We hope that this brief summary will prove helpful to all in making preparations for the Holiday.

Passover is the Holiday of Freedom. It commemorates the exodus of our ancestors from the slavery of Egypt (about 1450 B.C.) In a sense it is the birthday of the Jewish nation for this liberation from bondage led our forefathers forward to independence and nationhood. Throughout their many centuries of exile the Jewish people have looked upon Passover as the symbol of their hope and striving for the reestablishment of the Jewish nation in Eretz Israel.

In these fateful days, Passover 1948, has important significance for all of us. Even though others arise to destroy us we shall yet triumph. The march of freedom will go onward if each of us sees his true responsibility. We read in the Haggadah, "In every generation each Jew should regard himself as if he himself went forth from Egypt." This means that liberation will come when each of us has truly become a "missionary" for the redemption of our land and spiritual home.

Let us truly hope that "Leshanoh Haba Byerushalayim."

A happy Pesach to all!

Schedule of Holiday Services

Friday,	April 23rd,	6:30 A.M. (Special Service for First Born)
Friday,	April 23rd,	6:30 P.M.
Saturday,	April 24th,	9:00 A.M.
Saturday,	April 24th,	6:30 P.M.
Sunday,	April 25th,	9:00 A.M.
Sunday,	April 25th,	7:30 P.M.
Thursday,	April 29th,	7:30 P.M.
Friday,	April 30th,	9:00 A.M.
Friday,	April 30th,	7:30 P.M.
Saturday,	May 1st,	9:00 A.M. (Memorial Services)

Passover begins Friday, April 23rd at sunset and ends Saturday, May 1st after sundown.

### General Preparations

The Torah commands that no "Chametz" shall be seen or found in one's possession during Passover. This means that in addition to the prohibition of the use of "Chametzlike" food and utensils during Passover we must also make a complete and thorough housecleaning to eliminate the possibility of contamination. Particular attention should be given to the kitchen, oven and other places which may have been reached by food during the year. These should be thoroughly scraped and scoured.

### Dishes and Utensils

"Chametzlike" dishes and utensils are forbidden for Passover use. It is best therefore for every Jew to provide himself with separate dishes and utensils which can be utilized from year to year. If this is not possible, special provision is made by Jewish law for the "Koshering" of certain type of utensils for Passover use.

### Utensils which cannot be cleansed for Passover use:

- a. Earthenware and Porcelain objects
- b. Utensils that may be damaged by hot water (where utensils are glued together.)
- c. Utensils or vessels that have dents which cannot be reached by glowing.
- d. Knives with glued-on handles.
- e. Vessels and utensils that cannot be cleansed thoroughly (those with narrow necks).
- f. Glass vessels used for hot foods.

The following general rules should be followed for "Koshering" or Cleansing of other utensils for Passover use: (i.e. Knives, spoons, forks)

1. Clean utensil thoroughly to rid it of rust, dirt, etc.
2. If utensil has dents, scrape the dents.
3. Stains do not matter.
4. Immerse in boiling water (add nothing to the water). If many vessels are purged in the same boiling water and the water becomes turgid or gray, that water may no longer be used.
5. Purging should take place at least 24 hours after the vessel was used for leaven (chametz) and not to be left for the day before Passover.
6. Wash vessels in cold water.
7. Glassware is soaked for 3 days changing the water every 24 hours.

Preparing Oven or Stove: The oven is prepared for Passover as follows: Every part which may have been reached by food during the year is thoroughly cleansed and scraped. The oven and range are then heated to a white glow. During Passover special tin sheets are placed over the top of the range to prevent contact with Passover utensils.

### Foods forbidden on Passover:

1. Generally those which contain chametz or with regard to which there is a suspicion of chametz; those which did not receive proper Rabbinical supervision in the preparation. (These include cereals, wheat, barley, rice, etc.)
2. Legumes (peas, beans, etc.), Dried Fruits (unless the drying process was under the supervision of an orthodox Rabbi.)

3. Children should not be fed chametz during Passover unless a physician has so ordered, and after a Rabbi has been consulted. For further information, consult your Rabbi.
4. Ice cream, syrups, candy (unless specially prepared for Passover)

#### NIGHT BEFORE PASSOVER

##### Search for Chametz:

1. Any chametz in the possession of a Jew may not be enjoyed, let alone eaten. It must be completely destroyed.
2. House should be thoroughly cleaned during the week before Passover (cupboards, closets, cabinets, etc.).

Time of Formal Search: Night before the evening of Passover, (Thursday, April 22nd.) Search must be made directly after dark. Necessary for the Search are the following items:

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| 1. Wax candle.  | 4. Feather |
| 2. Wooden spoon | 5. String  |
| 3. Cloth        |            |

##### How search is made:

1. Crumbs are placed in various places in rooms of the house (so that search may not be in vain and blessing not wasted).
2. Saying of blessing. Before beginning the search, the Blessing found in the beginning of the Hagadah is said.
3. Have your way lighted by candle.
4. Crumbs should be swept into the wooden spoon with the feather. Search must be thorough and sincere. Chametz that is found is to be gathered together, tied up in the cloth and bound with the string. After search, nullify chametz. (Formal renunciation of ownership or desire to benefit from the chametz. See Hagadah).
5. Chametz should be placed in a conspicuous spot.
6. Chametz shall be burned before 10:00 A.M. Friday morning. Renounce ownership again. (See Hagadah).
7. If one finds it impossible to make the search personally, he shall formally appoint an agent to do so.

##### Clothing, Linens, and Utensils:

- a. Clothing containing starch may be worn. Heavily starched tablecloths, however, should not be used for Passover purposes.
- b. Dishes and utensils not used for Passover should be thoroughly scoured and cleansed and then hidden. Lock them up in a separate room or closet and hide the key until after Passover. (If closet has no lock, fasten the door with tacks and twine so that it is difficult to open).

##### Day before Passover:

1. Last time for eating chametz: Friday, April 23rd, 9:30 A.M.
2. Last time for handling (selling or burning) of chametz: Friday, 10:00 A.M.
3. Haircuts, manicures, etc., should be gotten before noon. Give the Jewish barbers a chance to prepare for their own Sedorim.

Diet on day before Passover:

1. Whatever is to be used at the Seder may not be eaten during the day of Erev Pesach (Friday the 23rd).
2. Time to abstain from food: after 3:00 P.M., in order to relish the Seder meal more fully and with greater enjoyment.

Fast of the First-born:

1. Every male who is the first-born in his family is required to fast.
2. The fast takes place on the day before Passover (Friday).
3. Why should he fast: To commemorate that the Almighty did "pass over" the homes of the Israelites when He slew the first born of the Egyptians directly before the release of the Israelites from Egypt.
4. Alternative -- the first-born may join in the feast in the performance of a religious duty on the day before Passover, which would absolve him from fasting. Attend your synagogue Friday morning at Services for "Siyum".

Selling of Chametz: Any chametz owned by a Jew during and over the Passover week is forbidden both for actual use or enjoyment forever. Go to your synagogue. Give the Rabbi your name and address. Appoint him your agent to sell your chametz to a non-Jew. Do not delay the sale or appointing of a Rabbi as your agent later than Thursday night or Friday 10:00 A.M. (April 22nd or 23rd, respectively).

Maath Chitim (Passover Assistance)

Each Jew should be enabled to celebrate Passover in a fitting manner. Financial assistance is provided by the community for those who lack funds for the Passover preparations. Those who have should help those who have not. This year as in the past Young Israel is cooperating with the "Joint Passover Association" which does the noble work of helping the needy in our own community. Please send in your contributions to us and we will be glad to turn it in to the proper place.

THE SEDER

The Seder table should be set as beautifully as possible in preparation for the Seder Service. In addition to the Holiday Candles, the Seder table should have on it three matzos (usually placed in special Matzo Covers) wine and the Seder plate.

In addition to cups of wine for the assembled guests a special cup is placed on the table for the Prophet Elijah. This is a symbol of Elijah's visit to every home to bring us happy tidings. At one point during the Seder Service the door is opened to "admit" him.

The Seder plate has on it six symbolic foods: The egg, which represents the sacrifice that Visitors offered in the Temple. The "zroa" or shankbone symbolizes the sacrifice of the paschal lamb in the Temple. The "Maror" is symbolic of the bitterness of Egypt. The "Karpas" (parsley or lettuce) symbolizes the coming of Spring and new hope. "Charoses" is a mixture of chopped nuts, apples and wine and is a symbol of the mortar the Israelites were compelled to make in Egypt. The "Chazereth" or horseradish is another symbol of the bitterness of Egypt.

It is customary for the "master" of the house to recline upon a pillow during the Seder to show that he is like unto a master, a free man and not a slave.

During the early part of the Seder (Consult your Haggadah) it is customary to break the middle Matza (of the three on the table) and hide it. This is the "Afikomen." This is eaten by the guests as the "dessert" of the meal.

The Seder should be not only the occasion for a "good meal" but should be a spiritual and religious event. All the assembled guests should read the Haggadah and perform the customs and ceremonies indicated there. In this way we shall truly be able to understand and feel the significance of the Holiday - its eternal message and hope of Freedom.

#### THIS AND THAT

A recent arrival in our Young Israel community is Howard Alan, a son to our esteemed member, B'nai Brith President Murray Topal -- incidentally sister, Carol Ruth celebrated her sixth birthday on March 29th -- The stork presented the Sam Pausacks with Cynthia Meryl, a sister for Myrna Zita, who will be six on April 7th -- the Nat Sapersteins made our Ex.Pres. "Grandpa" Abe Kirschenbaum happy with the coming of their firstling, Raphael Jacob -- and the Irving Pollacks finally came through with a son, David Alan -- Mazel Tov to all and may they grow up to be good Young Israelites!

Recently on the sick list were Shirley Ratner, recovering from a pneumonia siege, also Betty Furshpan who sustained a fracture as a result of a fall while attending nephew Raphael Saperstein's "bris mileh" -- hope you are well on the road to recovery, girls!

Recent birthdays celebrated --

March 10th	Mrs. Normal Siegel
12th	Mrs. Reba Posner
12th	Mrs. Edith Bank
15th	Janet Harris
16th	Irving Pollack
23rd	Mrs. Helen Winkler
24th	Lois Slove
27th	Adrienne Adler
April 1st	Morton Nussbaum
3rd	Mrs. Tillie Gross
13th	Michael Horowitz
17th	Milton Levine
23rd	Judith Pollack
23rd	Mr. Bill Posner
26th	Janet Pollack
May 4th	Michael Levine
5th	Mrs. Irene Stern
10th	Mr. Charles Segal
11th	Mr. Abe Kirschenbaum
12th	Mr. Nat Saperstein
15th	Mrs. Rachel Bernstein
17th	Juditha Winkler
19th	Martin Slove
20th	Mrs. Reggie Slove
20th	Stewart Gross

Wedding anniversary greetings to --

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Nussbaum  
Mr. & Mrs. Boris Stern ~ May 30th

May you have many, many more!

Coming Events - Our Women's League announces its current theatre party, "Inside U.S.A." scheduled for May 5th. This promises to surpass the successful date we had with "Look Ma I'm Dancin'", so get your tickets at once, if you don't want to be left out. Contact Chairlady, Essie Ornitz, 2053 McGraw Avenue, TA9-8406, or Co-Chairlady, Fay Spitz, 1970 E. Tremont Avenue, TA9-5070. A gala strawberry Festival sponsored by the Women's League will take place early in May - watch for the date - this will be an event you will want to attend!

Have you sold all your raffle books? If you want to win that vacation week at Grossinger's Hotel, turn your books in to Charlie Siegel, 1565 Odell St. at once!

Youth Activities - In cooperation with the Jewish Center of Unionport our junior clubs are participating in the various functions led by Social Director, Samuel Greenblatt. Clubs, games, ping pong and Jewish cultural activities are offered daily from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Young Israel's Director, Miss Chickie Berl is available to guide our various groups who are interested. Call her at TL2-2007.

Our Sunday morning Bible classes are conducted every Sunday from 9 to 12. Parents with children from 4 to 8 are urged to enroll them if they aren't already attending.

A new group of girls from 10 to 12, calling themselves the "Pre-Teens" have been successfully meeting Sunday afternoon under the leadership of Miss Marilyn Gates. The "Zionettes" (girls from 12 to 14) continue to meet with their leader, Miss Chickie Berl, Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9. The "Intermediates" (co-ed 16 to 20) have their social meeting Sunday evenings 8 to 11 p.m. Their leader, Si Fine, 1356 Frisby Ave., Bronx, invites all those interested to visit the next meeting and join in the fun. Our Boy Scout Troop #266 takes boys from 11½ and over. Meetings are held Tuesday nights at P.S. 106 where they play basketball and carry on scout activities under the leadership of Scoutmaster Lou Gross. If interested contact Scout Committee Chairman, Boris Stern, 1553 Unionport Road TA3-3595.

REFLECTION ON CONTENTMENT

I love my peace and freedom,  
Pleasure and way of life.  
Yet, headlines stare before me;  
Black, bloody headlines before me,  
Recalling my brethren's strife.

We love rejoicing and festivals;  
To sing deliverance from,  
The Amalekites that loomed before us;  
Bloody and dreadful before us,  
Threatening another pogrom.

Can we divert our thoughts from Palestine;  
Be deaf to our brother's cries;  
Be blind to his pleading assistance;  
Be dumb when he calls for assistance;  
Alas say, "If he dies, then he dies."

How long can you be a Stoic?  
When yours is not the life forfeit.  
How long 'til it gnaws at your vitals;  
At your heart, at your soul, at your vitals  
How long your teeth can you grit?

Barry Henning