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PASSOVER MESSAGE

Pesach is our festival of freedom. It commemorates the event of our ancestors departure from Egypt wherein they were enslaved 3500 years ago. Pesach proclaims our national independence. It marks the first celebration of human freedom.

Paradoxically, however, this holiday of freedom is beset with more restrictions to the personal daily habits of the Jewish man or woman than any other holiday. Thruout the eight days of the festival we not only abstain from eating any "chometz" but must not even be in possession of "chometzdike" food or dishes.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES COMPLETED

The last of the series of ten lectures on "Is the Bible in Conflict With Science?" was given by our Rabbi Margolies on Friday evening Feb. 15th. His subject was "The Miracles of the Bible."

The ten week course which was designed to answer the questions and dispel the uncertainties of the adult mind concerning the controversial issues in the Bible, engendered lively discussion among those who attended.

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BANQUET AND DANCE MARKS 2ND MILESTONE

The Banquet and Dance to be held on March 30, 1952 in our auditorium will commemorate the 2nd anniversary in our own building.

The committee with the capable guidance of its Chairman, Manny Komitee, has in preparation a n evening for perfect relaxation and enjoyment. Everything that can be done, will be done to make this a most pleasurable and memorable evening. You will be wined and dined with luscious and appetizing foods. Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres, a Chicken Dinner complete with wine and SoftDrinks.

Unfortunately our accommodations are limited and reservations can only be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Avoid disappointment-- send in your reservation now with a check for \$10.00 which is the cost per couple.

The Nominating Committee consisting of: Abe Ort, Chairman, Sid Sussman, Max Spielberger, Manny Komitee, Al Levine, Kelly Winkler and Rabbi Margolies will meet for the purpose of presenting its slate at a Special Meeting of Young Israel of Parkchester to be held Tuesday, March 18, 1952.

You may submit the name

CHILDREN TO HOLD OWN MODEL SEDER

The children of our Hebrew and Sunday Schools will this year again hold a model Passover Seder. The Seder will be held Sunday morning, April 6th. The services will be conducted entirely by the children who will chant the traditional Passover melodies and recite portions of the Haggadah.

All the traditional Seder foods will be prepared by the Women's League.

Adults who think they can find standing room at our building are invited to observe our children in action.

Election of Officers will be held on April 22, 1952 at a general meeting of Young Israel of Parkchester. Guest speaker of the evening will be Senator Enzo Gaspari.

Refreshments, and plenty, will be served.

of an eligible member to any one of the above mentioned committeemen. He in turn will present that name before the committee for consideration.

For your enjoyment at this meeting there will be shown a sound movie in color, namely, "Flight to Israel," plus the ever welcome-refreshments.

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FROM YOUR YOUTH
DIRECTOR, LEO FUCHS

Many of our members have questioned me as to whether our Youth Program has been successful and as to whether it would be advisable to plan for bigger things in the future. I am very proud to say, that my answer to both those questions are in the affirmative.

Every group in our program is functioning beautifully. The meetings are highly interesting, cultural, as well as social. Attendance and participation at our youth services has shown a steady increase, and it is hoped that in the near future 100% attendance by all our young members will be realized.

Gala monthly social functions are planned for our groups. On Feb. 17, 1952 a Tu Bishvat carnival was held by the Clubs Kenereth and Macabees. On March 8, 1952 there was a gala Purim ball for all teen-agers, and on March 22, 1952 there will be an inter-senior dance.

As you can readily see our activities are of a wholesome nature, beneficial to both the physical and mental well being of all our young members, and it is the duty of each one of us to plan and work for a larger and better youth activities program.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

As we cannot rest on our laurels of past financial successes, we must ever bear in mind that our task is not finished. We have much to do and in order to achieve our goal we must work and labor and sweat.

We've got to build another floor on our building. We need money. With your help and cooperation in the months ahead we can accomplish it.

Our social committee has arranged several night baseball games of which you will be advised.

The most important project is our Bazaar to be held the last week in May. You must cooperate with Chairman Al Hein by giving of your time and getting merchandise.

Don't forget our Journal which goes to press on March 17th to be issued on March 30th.

GET AN AD--GIVE AN AD
Thanks for your aid.
A. I. Levine

RABBI MARGOLIES HONORED

We take pride in announcing that Rabbi Margolies was elected 1st Vice-President of the Community Council of Parkchester and Unionport

May I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the youth committee for their able assistance in planning the various activities. Let us keep up the good work and keep building a better youth for tomorrow.

Sidney Sussman
Youth Chairman

YOUTH ENJOY OWN MEGILLA READING

The Talmud Torah youth and members of all our Youth groups enjoyed having their own Purim Eve service featured by the reading of the Megilla on Monday, March 10th. Their service was held prior to the regular adult service that same evening.

Martin Slove and Zvi Gitelman intoned the traditional melody in the chanting of the Megilla. Members of the Minyonaire Club summarized the story of Purim and assisted at the service.

The mention of Haman's name by the readers of the Megilla was greeted by the Youth with rattling of groggers, distributed to them by the Synagogue Committee. "Sholach Monos" were distributed to the children by the Women's League.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO HAVE GALA JAMBOREE

As this paper goes to press the Women's League will be enjoying their Gigantic Jamboree on March 11th. Scheduled to coincide with the Festival of Purim, Shushan Time, a play in all its glory will be presented by the Dramatic Youth Group under the direction of Marvin Gutchin.

The evening will be full of fun and thrills, particularly to the winners of the Jamboree drawing. The children will be honored by the presentation of prizes to those having sold two or more drawing books.

All indications are for a most successful evening climaxed by the traditional serving of Hamantashen and coffee.

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

Wednesday	April 9th	6:30 A. M.	Siyum B e c h o r i m (special service for first born)
Wednesday	April 9th	6:15 P. M.	Evening S e r v i c e (first S e d e r night)
Thursday	April 10th	9:00 A. M.	Morning S e r v i c e (first day of Passover)
Thursday	April 10th	6:15 P. M.	Evening S e r v i c e (second Seder night)
Friday	April 11th	9:00 A. M.	Morning S e r v i c e (second day Passover)
Friday	April 11th	6:15 P. M.	Sabbath evening Service
Saturday	April 12th	9:00 A. M.	Sabbath C h o l H'amoed
Sunday	April 13th	8:15 A. M.	Second Day Chol H'amoed
Monday	April 14th	6:30 A. M.	Third Day Chol H'amoed
Tuesday	April 15th	6:30 A. M.	Fourth Day Chol H'amoed
Tuesday	April 15th	6:20 P. M.	Evening S e r v i c e
Wednesday	April 16th	9:00 A. M.	Seventh Day of Passover
Wednesday	April 16th	6:20 P. M.	Evening S e r v i c e
Thursday	April 17th	9:00 A. M.	Last Day of Passover
Thursday	April 17th	10.30 A. M.	M e m o r i a l Services

PASSOVER ends Thursday April 17th at 7:15 P. M.

SCHEDULE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Thursday	April 10th	10:00 A. M.	First Day of Passover
Friday	April 11th	10:00 A. M.	Second Day of Passover
Saturday	April 12th	10:00 A. M.	
Wednesday	April 16th	10:00 A. M.	Seventh Day of Passover
Thursday	April 17th	10:00 A. M.	Last Day of Passover

The Women's League Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs Pearl Levy, will serve holiday refreshments to all children.

PASSOVER INFORMATION

Passover begins Wednesday April 9th at sunset and ends Thursday April 17th after sundown.

CHOMETZ: Food items which are derivatives of grain, cereal, rice and such products as beer and other grain distilled liquors, as well as vinegar made from grain are CHOMETZ and may not be used for PASSOVER. All fresh fruits and vegetables may be used except rice, millet, peas and beans.

GENERAL CAUTION: The label "Kosher for Passover" whether printed in Hebrew or English, is not necessarily a sign of Kashruth for Passover. Do not accept any product which has a loosely attached "Kosher for Passover" label. Food in tins, jars

and packages that carry a Passover label may be used only if they contain the name of an authoritative supervising Rabbi.

Kashering: If chometz glasses and metal utensils are to be used for Passover, they must first be kashered. The process is as follows: Metal utensils are first scrubbed and washed, then kept without being used for at least 24 hours. They are then placed in a kettle or vat of boiling water and finally rinsed in cold water. This applies to silverware and small utensils. To kasher large metal utensils (anything other than metal cannot be kashered) fill them with water to the very top, heat to boiling point, then place hot iron or stone inside,

causing the boiling water to run over the sides of the pot.

Drinking glasses and glass dishes may be kashered by soaking them in water for at least 3 days prior to Passover with the water being changed every 24 hours. Plastic dishes cannot be kashered.

BEDIKAT CHOMETZ: The final or formal search for chometz in the house is conducted by the light of a candle on the night before Passover. This year, it should be performed on Tuesday eve, April 8th.

MECHIRAT CHOMETZ: The sale of all the chometz in one's possession must precede the Passover holiday. Obviously the valuable dishes and other paraphernalia used for non-Passover foods cannot

be thrown out before the holiday. The law prohibits however, the possession by any Jew the chometz articles during Passover. The expedient resorted to is the sale of the chometz to a non-Jew through the agency of the Rabbi. After the holiday, the Rabbi formally and legally re-purchases the chometz from the non-Jew, at which time it reverts to the original owners. Every Jew who is desirous of fulfilling the law correctly must contact the Rabbi before Passover for the sale of his or her chometz.

PIDYON B'CHORIM: The redemption of all first born males takes place on the day preceding Passover. This year, on the morning of April 9th, all first-born males should attend the morning services. At that time the Rabbi will perform the necessary ceremony celebrating the escape from death of all first-born Israelite males during the Tenth Plague. Fathers with first-born sons under thirteen must attend the ceremony as proxies of their sons.

If you desire additional information or help with any Passover problem that may arise do not hesitate to call on our Rabbi.

**PASSOVER IS BEAUTIFUL
IT IS ALSO MEANINGFUL.**

We wish you all a very joyous and Kosher Pesach.

MAZEL TOV

Mr & Mrs. Michael Wurmbrandt announced the marriage of their son Morton, who is with the Armed Forces, on March 8, 1952.

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The all pervading principle of Judaism is inherent in this prohibition: "Be thorough in whatever you do." Because we are not separated from chometz during the whole year, therefore we need to be thorough to avoid the pitfalls of custom and habit; therefore the instruction to search every place into which chometz may have been introduced; therefore the prohibition to use any dish which has absorbed chometz; therefore the care with regard to food or foodstuffs advertised as kosher for Passover; therefore the tremendous task which the Jewish housewife undertakes to prepare her home in accord with the law.

But why? Why are we so restricted and regimented by our law, particularly on this holiday dedicated to the theme of freedom?

The Jewish concept of freedom is exemplified in the multitudinous laws and restrictions which we observe during the Passover festival.

Freedom involves law and responsibility. The slave is not responsible. It is the master who must carry the responsibility for him. Therefore the slave is not free. The moment the slave is emancipated that very moment does he assume responsibility for his own self.

The very first act proclaiming the freedom of our ancestors in Egypt was an act of responsibility. The first Mitzvah given Israel was fraught with serious responsibility. The Jews were commanded to slaughter the Egyptian god-the lamb-and daub its blood on the sideposts of every Jewish door so that the destroyer

er may PASS OVER the homes of the children of Israel and spare their lives.

Thus, through this act, the name for this festival of freedom was obtained--PASSOVER. A very important lesson for us to remember. Freedom is not license. Freedom must be marked by moral restraint and obedience to the law of G-d. "Only he is free who is subject to law," say our Rabbis. In our tradition, law was never a negation of liberty but an opportunity for freedom. Our Torah, therefore, placed these many rigid restrictions upon us at the very festival of freedom, so that each person will recognize that liberty and moral restraint are not mutually exclusive of each other, but on the contrary, go hand in hand and are inseparable partners in the venture of FREEDOM.

Rabbi

Irving A. Margolies

**CANTORIAL GROUP FORMED
AT JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

Something new has been added! A group of prospective cantors for Junior Congregation Services has been meeting every Sabbath morning at the conclusion of regular services. All students of the Hebrew School are eligible for membership. The group is directed by Mr. J. Stillson with the able assistance of Billy Patent, one of the "veteran" cantors.

Another innovation at the Junior Congregation is the reading of the Torah each Sabbath. Special accolades should go to Zvi Gitelman and Bernard Horowitz for doing such a grand job. It is a thrilling experience to hear

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these youngsters read the "portion" of the week.

A list of students having the best attendance at Junior Congregation for the term ending Feb. 2nd, has been posted in the building.

An additional list will be posted for the term beginning February 9th.

All the foregoing students will receive attractive prizes at a later date.

Our best Get Well Wishes are extended to Louis Kirschenbaum who has been hospitalized due to a cardiac condition.

PACKAGES FOR ISRAEL

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\$10.00 PACKAGE

5 cans Glatt Kosher Meat (Beef)	1/2 lb. Coffee
2 pints Oil	1 bar Chocolate
2 lbs. Sugar	2 bars Soap
1 lb. Dried Prunes	1 lb. Finest Wheat Flour

\$15.00 PACKAGE

6 cans Glatt Kosher Meat (Beef)	2 bars Soap
3 pints Oil	3 lbs. Finest Wheat Flour
2 lbs. Sugar	2 lbs. Rice
3 lbs. Dried Prunes	1 can Milk
1/2 lb. Coffee	1 lb. Cocoa
2 bars Chocolate	1 lb. Raisins

\$20.00 PACKAGE

8 cans Glatt Kosher Meat (Beef)	2 lbs. Finest Wheat Flour
4 pints Oil	3 lbs. Rice
3 lbs. Sugar	2 cans Milk
3 lbs. Dried Prunes	1/4 lb. Tea
1/2 lb. Coffee	1 lb. Butter
2 bars Chocolate	4 pack. Soup Mix
3 bars Soap	

HEBREW ADULT CLASSES EXTENDED

After a very successful season of Adult Classes at our building, the decision was made, in response to the request of many students, to continue the Elementary and Advanced Hebrew Courses for an additional term. These courses will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings from 8:30 to 10:30 with Mr. J. Stillson, their instructor.

The courses offered in our Adult Education program this year elicited keen interest and enthusiasm from our "students". Those who attended the series of Dr. Schachter's lectures on "Can Judaism Face the Challenge of Modernism?" and the lecture series on "Is Jewish Law Superstitious?" given by our own Rabbi Margolies were exceedingly pleased, having amassed a good deal of informative and enlightening knowledge concerning our Jewish Faith.

In all, we are quite pleased with the warmth and the interest with which our courses this year were received, and particularly with the considerable progress and work which our students accomplished.

On March 3rd a Zain Adar celebration was held at our building which was followed by a memorial tribute to the late Abraham Kirschenbaum.

CONDOLENCES

The members of the Congregation extend their sincerest condolences to Al Hein on the loss of his father: to Gus Spielberger on the passing of his father.

We offer our profound sympathy to Gussie Schwell on the untimely loss of her beloved mother.

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MARCH

Rabbi & Mrs Margolies-6th
 Mr. & Mrs. Spitz-----13th
 Mr. & Mrs. Nussbaum--14th
 Mr. & Mrs. Slavin----20th
 Mr. & Mrs. Ornitz----31st
 Mr. & Mrs. Ratner----31st

APRIL

Mr. & Mrs. Linder----16th

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Harry Furshpan-----3rd
 Joyce Furshpan-----4th
 Norma Siegel-----10th
 Murray Weinreb-----10th
 Reba Posner-----12th
 Edith Bank-----12th
 Irving Greenfield----12th
 Philip D. Balsam-----13th
 Stephanie Gura-----16th
 Helen Winkler-----23rd
 Frances Pausack-----23rd
 Lois Slove-----24th
 Pat Slavin-----25th
 Adrienne Adler-----27th
 Carol Ruth Topel-----29th

APRIL

Morton Nussbaum-----1st
 Tillie Cross-----3rd
 Lillian Hauser-----3rd
 Edward J. Linder-----4th
 Marcia P. Ratner-----4th
 Charles Kutner-----5th
 Shirley Bogart-----6th
 Marian Ornitz-----7th
 Myrna Pausack-----7th
 Milton Levine-----17th
 Bill Posner-----23rd

Is your name missing?
 See Murray Schaeffer,
 he will be very happy to
 put it in his record book

SCHOOL CHILDREN
CELEBRATE PURIM

The boys and girls of our Hebrew and Sunday Schools ushered in the festive holiday of Purim with merriment, masquerade, drama and song at their Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 9th.

Each class erected its own decorative booth which represented some outstanding feature or character of the Purim story.

A prize was awarded to the class having the best and most attractive booth. Prizes were also distributed to the children who sold two or more raffles for the Gala Jamboree sponsored by the Women's League.

A masquerade parade was also held and delicious Hamantashen were served to all present by the Women's League. The spirit of "ad lo yada" filled the auditorium of Young Israel on that day.

BAZAAR TO OPEN
MAY 24TH

Chairman Al Hein announced that the Third Annual Bazaar of Young Israel of Parkchester will be held at 1375 Virginia Ave. from May 24th to June 1st inclusive, with the exception of Friday evening.

He expressed the hope that the cooperation accorded him in the past would be forthcoming now.

To insure the financial success of this project he stressed the great need for saleable merchandise. "It is the sacred duty of every person connected with Young Israel of Parkchester to exploit every possible lead or connection that may bring in usable articles," he said. "It is the aim of the Bazaar Committee," said Al, "that the proceeds will be so great as to start the immediate building of an additional floor which has now become mandatory."

There will be thrills for all, with nightly prizes, and the grand prize on June 1st.

Don't Forget

U. J. A. Breakfast

Sunday Morning,

April 20

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The Rabbi's lectures, while being highly enlightening and informative were also entertaining and fascinating. Those who attended the series experienced very delightful "Oneg Shabbats" on Friday nights. Community singing, led by our Rabbi's wife as well as the "Shabbasdige" tea and cake were enjoyed to the full by all those present. To those that were not there, we can only say that they missed a stimulating series of lectures as well as a series of specially pleasant social gatherings.

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