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## Passover Services

### Festival of Freedom

Erev Pesach, Monday morning April 8th  
Services ..... 6:30 A.M.

Siyum ceremony following services for all  
first born males.

Chometz can be eaten until 9:15 A.M.

Burning and selling of Chometz until  
10:30 A.M.

Light candles at 6:07 P.M.

Tuesday, April 9th

**Sermon: What Can We Answer?**

Wednesday, April 10th

**Sermon: The Meaning of Freedom**

Monday, April 15th

**Sermon: The Miraculous Crossing**

Tuesday, April 16th

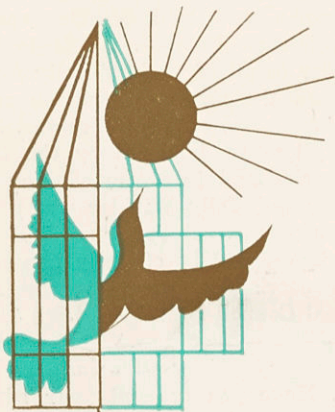
Yizkor Memorial Services at 10:30 A.M.

Morning Services commence at 8:45 A.M.

Evening Services at 6 P.M.

Junior Congregation at 9:30 A.M. in the  
vestry.

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will officiate.  
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Brother, Sister, Worshipper and their families.



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### YESHIVA UNIVERSITY BREAKFAST TO HONOR SPITZ

On Sunday morning, April 21st, we will have the pleasure of honoring one of our Congregation's favorite sons, Sol Spitz, as the guest for our Annual Yeshiva University Breakfast.

Sol is a former student of Yeshiva, when it still was located on the lower East Side, and acquired his vast Hebraic and Talmudic knowledge at this great institution.

This love for Torah has manifested itself in our own Young Israel. His munificent contributions of a 21 volume set of "Shas-Babylonian Talmud" and several sets of Encyclopedic Bibles with all the major commentaries, have helped strengthen the study of Torah in our Synagogue.

Although Sol's business takes him away from Parkchester a good deal of the year, he has always found time to participate in all Young Israel endeavors. It is only fitting, therefore, that we should pay homage to a favorite son of Yeshiva and Young Israel.

Max Spielberger and Kalman S. Winkler are co-chairmen of the Breakfast Committee. All Young Israelites are invited to attend.

### SELLING OF CHOMETZ

The religious ceremony of "Mechiras Chometz" traditionally customary each year before Passover, will take place under the supervision of our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz, daily until Erev Pesach, at the office of our synagogue, from 2 to 8 P.M., or at the rabbi's residence, 1491 West Avenue, Apt. 2H.

### A BACKWARD GLANCE

Sidney Robinson

If the Cultural Breakfast held on Sunday, March 3rd, was an indicator, we can look forward to many interesting Sunday mornings . . . Mr. Benjamin Hirschberg, who spoke on "Life in an Israeli Kibbutz", kept the members entranced with his vivid description of the establishment, struggles, and final success of one of Israel's outstanding religious kibbutzim . . . By the way, Kibbutz Lavee has guest accommodations available for visitors to the Galilee in the Holy Land . . . It was a pleasure to listen to Jeffrey and Noah Gurock, Lewis Bernstein and Neil Winkler read the Megillah on Purim . . . It is still a wonder to all of us how Kelly manages to read the names of the ten sons of Haman in one effortless breath . . . The cocktail party tendered by the Council in Levin Hall in honor of Max Spielberger and Kelly Winkler was a singular success . . . Both Max and Kelly, as you know, will be officially honored for their services to the Movement at the annual Council Dinner on April 21st . . . More than \$2,000 was pledged to the Council by those attending the affair . . . Have you ordered your wine yet for Passover? . . . If not, contact the office or Boris Stern, who is once again in charge of this worthy endeavor . . . And don't forget the many attractive and practical Passover articles in our Women's League Gift Corner . . . A hearty "bon voyage" to our good friends, Florence and Sam Witkin, who sailed for Eretz Yisroel — both used their first teaching sabbatical to fulfill the goal of all ardent Jews . . . Also to Anna and Louis Milefsky who will be spending Passover in Israel . . . Our Mo'os Chitim drive is on, and we urge all readers to contribute to this fund, which helps the needy celebrate Pesach in true religious conformance . . . Contributions may be left at the office or mailed in . . . A Happy Passover to all . . . May your Seder be a truly religious experience — reliving that greatest of all miracles, the Exodus of our fathers from a land of physical and spiritual bondage to a people that gave the world a moral and ethical code that has been the foundation of civilization for the past 3,500 . . .





### PASSOVER FUND (Mo'os Chittim)

There is hardly a local charity in Jewish life that has called more warmly to the heart of the Jews than the Mo'os Chittim Appeal, providing Passover needs for poor families in dire and wretched circumstances.

Our Young Israel of Parkchester has never failed each year to put this Passover help into the outstretched hand of every deserving individual and institution, whether in our own locality, in Europe or in Israel.

Please send your contribution to the synagogue office and help those who need it most. Your preparations for Passover are not complete without having given your Mo'os Chittim contribution.

### SHABBOS HAGODOL THE GREAT SABBATH

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will deliver the Traditional Sabbath Hagadol Sermon (Drosha) in Halacha and Agada on Saturday afternoon, April 6th, at 5 P.M. Everyone, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend this most important discourse.

### FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

It was a pleasure to see so many of our members at our breakfast meeting March 17th and to listen to our worthy Rabbi Schwartz deliver a most interesting talk about Matzoh. A great deal of little known facts about the production of matzohs were brought to light.

We also had the opportunity to start our Baseball Boosters' Campaign and every member is urged to do his part to help us realize our goal of \$2500.00.

Best wishes for a Happy Passover to all.

LOUIS GROSS

### HEBREW SCHOOL NOTICE

There will be no Hebrew School or Sunday School sessions during the Passover holiday. Regular classes resume Wednesday, April 17th, for the Talmud Torah, and Sunday, April 21st for the Sunday School.

### NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

I am happy to report that our fashion show was a huge success. This would not have been possible without the diligent cooperation of the following people: Eddie Maslow for his beautiful posters; Mrs. Sadye Levine and Florence Maslow for helping our chairman, Mrs. Faye Spitz, select the styles shown, as well as helping throughout the evening. Our models were the Mesdames Norma Brooks, Gertrude Drillings, Sara Edelson, Ann Katz, Betty Kopp, Frances Needle and Alice Weinstock. Robert Lando of Unionport Road made our models even more glamorous with his beautiful hair styles. The dresses shown were by designers Henry Rosenfeld, Jerry Gilden and Eleven East and furs by Herman Felber of 134 West 29th Street. Mrs. Ann Hurwitz did a magnificent job as narrator. Many thanks also to Mrs. Blanche Cantor and her committee of hostesses. Our gratitude also goes to the following for their contributions to our raffle prizes of the evening: Grossingers, Areles Restaurant and the Israeli Cafe Sahbra. Thanks also to the Royal Venetian Blind Co. of White Plains Road for lending us that nice mirror.

Don't forget our Israeli Gift Shop. Passover will soon be here and we have beautiful items for the Seder table. If you are interested see Mrs. Ida Diamond, who is at the synagogue on Tuesday afternoons.

A Happy Passover to all!

HELEN SOCHRIN *President*

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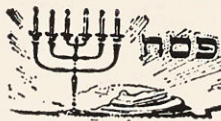
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### MODEL SEDER

The children of our Hebrew School will conduct their traditional Model Seder on Sunday morning, April 7th at 10 A.M. in Levin Hall. All parents, members and friends of Young Israel are invited to attend this most educational event, which will be complete with Matzohs, gefilte fish, wine, etc. Free Seder instruction sheets will be distributed to all present.





## PESACH

With few exceptions, the Jewish festivals commemorate historic events whose moral and meaning must be transmitted to succeeding generations. Thus we learn from the lessons of the past.

The Jewish people were the first to look at history from a moral perspective. We do not view particular events as isolated occurrences. Rather, we see a living plan in the constantly-unfolding panorama of human history.

Each major historic event must, therefore, be defined and clear, so that its impact upon the present and the future of our people may never be lost. By re-enacting the age-old scenes of the Jewish past in the rich setting of the festival ceremony, we are constantly reminded of our involvement in an historic pattern of living dimensions that promises a glorious future for those who remember the 'Hand of G-d.'

By the majestic and yet tender ceremonies of Passover we are transported to the events of long ago in Egypt. They help us relive the momentous happenings which gave birth to our nation. Truly, as the Hagadah says, "Each one must regard himself as if he himself had gone forth from Egypt." For only he who observes the laws written in the Torah without changing or adjusting them to fit in with what may be "fashionable" today, or more "convenient" and "easy", can recapture the historic significance of the Exodus for the Jewish people, and its moral lesson for all men today.

In Israel the length of the holiday is seven days, and the first and seventh days are sanctified by refraining from all work. In the Diaspora, the first and second, and the seventh and the eighth days are observed as holy days. The intervening days are known as *Chol HaMoed*, the weekdays of the festival, when necessary labor is permitted. Each day, a special Torah reading dealing with some aspects of Passover is included in the synagogue service. On the Sabbath in *Chol HaMoed*, the Biblical book, *Shir Hashirim*, the Song of Songs, is read. This beautiful idyll is an allegory of the love of G-d for Israel, which received the highest expression when G-d redeemed Israel from slavery and took us to be His chosen people.

### Guide For Passover Preparations

Please feel free to call the Rabbi at the Synagogue or at home concerning any Passover problems that might arise.

We are commanded neither to eat nor to have in our possession any form of *Chometz* for the eight days of the festival. Scrupulous care must be taken in preparing for this holiday, for foods about which there is even a suspicion of *Chometz* may not be eaten. The minutest amount of *Chometz* renders an entire product impermissible for Passover use.

**CHOMETZ:** Foods made from wheat, rye, barley, oats and spelt, or their derivatives of any kind (including such products as alcohol and vinegar) are considered *Chometz*. The only exception is matzoh and matzoh products made under strict Rabbinic supervision for Passover use, these being prepared in such manner as not to allow any rising of the dough.

**VEGETABLES:** All vegetables may be used with the exception of peas, beans, corn and mustard.

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**Pesach (Cont'd)**

**RABBINICAL CERTIFICATION:** All processed foods and food products to be used during Passover require the certification (Hechsher) of a Rabbinic authority. This is to insure that no Chometz went into the processing or ingredients and that the production was done in equipment especially 'kashered' for Pesach. A 'Kosher for Passover' tag or label without a *recognized* rabbi's signature is valueless. We have a ① Kosher Foods for Passover directory at the Synagogue for you.

Please stop by and pick one up. There is no charge.

**BABY FOODS:** Baby foods that are not made especially Kosher L'Pesach, if prescribed by a physician, are to be used only in accordance with the instructions of the Rabbi.

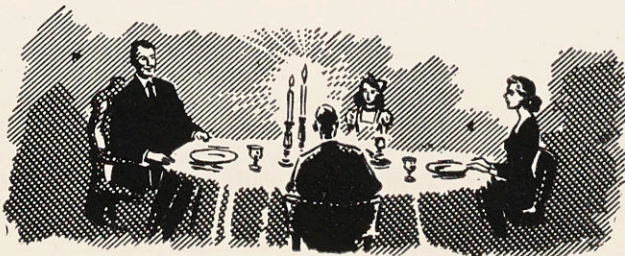
**DISHES AND UTENSILS:** Since we are not permitted to have any trace of Chometz in our food during Passover, special attention must be given to dishes and utensils. It is of course best to use utensils specially set aside for Passover use. However, under certain conditions, some of the utensils used throughout the year may also be used on Passover. They must then be 'kashered.' The laws of 'kashering' are many and varied, and there are many utensils that can under no circumstances be 'kashered'. In all cases, therefore, consult the Rabbi first.

**FAST OF THE FIRST BORN:** Because the first-born male Israelites were spared when the first-born of the Egyptians were smitten in the tenth plague brought upon Egypt, all Jewish first-born males fast on Passover Eve. If one attends a 'Siyum' or party celebrating the conclusion of the study of one of the volumes of the Talmud, then he need not fast on this day.

**SEARCH FOR CHOMETZ:** Every home should be thoroughly cleaned during the week before Passover. All closets, cabinets, cupboards and all other places where one suspects the existence of Chometz should be thoroughly inspected. On the night before Passover, the formal search called B'DIKAS CHOMETZ is conducted. The opening pages of your Hagadah give the procedure. The next morning, the crumbs collected the previous night are burned.

**SELLING YOUR CHOMETZ:** If one cannot, or does not wish to dispose of all his Chometz before Passover, he must arrange a formal MECHIRAS CHOMETZ — sale of the Chometz to a non-Jew. All such Chometz, and all Chometz dishes etc. should be placed in a spare room or in a closet or cabinet which can be locked or at least closed so that it is difficult to open. You should then authorize the Rabbi to draw up a bill of sale and negotiate the transfer to a non-Jew. *This is a completely legal transaction, giving the buyer all rights of ownership over the Chometz.* None of this may be touched by you until the Rabbi has repurchased the Chometz after the holiday.

All contributions received will be donated to charity.





## Passover Symbols

### Pesach — Passover

Pesach is a Hebrew word meaning to pass or skip over. The Bible tells us that when the Angel of Death caused the first-born in every Egyptian home to die, the Jewish homes were not touched. The Angel of Death passed over the Jewish homes.

### Seder

Seder is a Hebrew word meaning order or procedure. On the first two evenings a special order or service known as the Seder is conducted. When our ancestors left Egypt they celebrated their freedom with a special ceremony. Ever since then the Jews have been observing this ceremony.

### The Seder Table

The following articles are grouped on the Seder Table: three Matzohs placed in the center; a dish containing bitter herbs, horse radish, celery, parsley, lettuce, charoseth — a mixture of scraped apples and raisins, pounded almonds and other nuts, sugar and cinnamon; an egg which has been roasted; a roasted lamb bone (the shank is generally used); a special wine used for Pesach.

### Matzohs

When our ancestors left Egypt they had no time to make their bread in an oven, so they took along dough and baked it in the sun while traveling. The matzohs remind us of the bread of affliction or suffering which our ancestors ate in Egypt and of their haste to flee from the land of slavery. The three Matzohs used at the Seder symbolize the three classes of Israel — Kohanim, Levites and Israelites.

### Wine

The wine symbolizes joy: "And wine that maketh joyful the heart of man." (Psalm 104-15)

We drink four cups of wine because of the four promises made to our ancestors when they were freed from Egyptian slavery.

"And I will take you out" of the land of bondage.

"And I will save" you.

"And I will free" you from slavery.

"And I will take" you to be a chosen people.



### Moror

We eat a bitter vegetable, usually horse-radish, as a remembrance of the bitter life of our forefathers when they were slaves in Egypt. Moror in Hebrew means bitter.

### Egg

The egg is a symbol of the new life the Jews were to enter. The people were about to burst the shell of slavery and enter the period of liberation. It is also the symbol of the free-will burnt offering brought each day of the Passover Feast during the existence of the Temple in Jerusalem.

### Charoseth

Charoseth is made of nuts, apples, raisins, cinnamon and wine. It has the color of clay or mortar. We eat it to remember the bricks our ancestors made in Egypt and the mortar they used in building palaces and temples for the Pharaohs. It is also used as a symbol for the sweetness of freedom.

### The Afikomen

Afikomen is of Greek origin which means after the meal, or dessert. It too reminds us of the way Passover was celebrated in olden times. At the end of the Seder each person received a portion of the Paschal Lamb for dessert.

### Cup of Elijah

There is a beautiful legend that before the Messiah will come to lead the Jews back to Israel and to establish everlasting peace in the world, the prophet Elijah will appear to announce the coming of the Messiah. We express our wish and hope for the arrival of this glad messenger by providing a special cup of wine and by opening the door to admit the expected guest.



**WARNING (AZORAH)!**

There is NO bakery in our borough of the Bronx that bakes properly supervised Kosher cakes, cookies or macaroons for Passover for retail consumption. One should obtain *packaged* products baked under approved rabbinic supervision, or call the synagogue office, where information concerning the Kosher bakeries in New York City will be given.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Children should be given special Passover lunches on Monday, April 8th and Thursday, April 11th. They should also be cautioned against buying their usual treats at stores during Passover.

**TO THOSE WHO HAVE PETS**

Chometz is not permitted in one's possession during the entire Passover! Check the diet of your pets and substitute all Chometz with other Passover foods. Bird food is Chometz and we have been advised by Hartz Mountain Foods that Matzoh Farfel, ground up and spread out, is an ample substitute in the bird's diet for the Passover week.

**Get well wishes to our**

Harry Beckerman recuperating at home. Let's see you soon at Young Israel.

**CONDOLENCES**

*We share in the sorrow that has befallen:*

Leo Amster on the loss of his beloved father, Max.

Irwin Calman on the loss of his beloved mother, Sarah.

David Heimlich on the loss of his beloved father.

Phil Levy on the loss of his beloved sister, Sarah Berg.

Irving Langer on the loss of his beloved sister, Pauline Jaffe.

May they be comforted amongst the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

**CONGRATULATIONS****Our heartiest Mazel Tov to:**

Mrs. Mae Axelrod on the birth of her first grandchild Alan Randy Axelrod.

Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Daniels on the birth of a granddaughter Jill Karen.

Frank Doberman, son of Mrs. Esther Doberman, on receiving a Regent Scholarship.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Greenberg on the birth of a new grandson, Jeffrey Scott.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Russnow on the en-

gagement of their daughter Joan to Stephen Fortgang.

Mr. Julius Horowitz upon his appointment as National Chairman of the 51st Anniversary Dinner of the National Council of Young Israel.

Mr. & Mrs. George Fleischer on the birth of a granddaughter.

**CORNELL "SHAS"**

The following letter received by our Rabbi speaks for itself.

**YOUNG ISRAEL CHAPTER OF  
CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

Dear Rabbi Schwartz:

I wish to thank you and your congregation on behalf of Young Israel of Cornell for the very lovely edition of Shas which we have just received. It is but one of the many fine gifts which Young Israel of Parkchester has sent us. It is my belief that our members will make worthy use of it.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT GOLDENBERG  
*President*

*Best wishes and felicitations to the following members having birthdays or anniversaries in April:*

**BIRTHDAYS**

(1) Ruth Lott, Morton Nussbaum, Hannah Lacher (3) David Bernfeld, Tillie Gross, Robert Liebert (4) Edward J. Linder (7) Raymond Klugman, Marian Schneider, Myrna Pausack (8) Mollie Kramer, Joseph VanGrover (10) Doris Bernfeld, Julius Solomon, Richard Friedman (11) Tillie Kaplan (12) Philip Kramer (14) Michael Schuman (15) Lila Weiner, Nat Brown (17) Milton Levine (19) Ira Wiesner (20) Sadie Charifson (21) Dennis Lowenthal, Robert Friedman (22) Lynda Ondelman (26) Sandy Spitz (28) Miriam Margulies (29) David Bresenoff.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

(2) Mr. & Mrs. Sol Laufer (6) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Liebert (16) Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Linder (22) Mr. & Mrs. Morris Mednick (27) Mr. & Mrs. Max Schuman (30) Mr. & Mrs. Louis Friedman  
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