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Passover Services Festival of Freedom

Erev Pesach Friday morning, April 16th

Services 6:30 A.M.

Siyum ceremony following services for
all first born males

Chometz can be eaten until 9:10 A.M.

Burning and selling of Chometz until 10:15 A.M.

Light Candles 6:17 P.M.

Saturday, April 17th

Sermon: A New Hagadah

Sunday, April 18th

Sermon: Around The Table

Chol Hamoed (Intermediate Days) Monday
through Thursday April 19th-22nd

Services at 6:30 A.M.

Light Candles Thursday evening,

April 22nd at 6:24 P.M.

Friday, April 23rd

Sermon: Stormy Passage

Saturday, April 24th

Yizkor Memorial Services at 10:30 A.M.

Holiday Morning Services

Commence at 8:45 A.M.

Evening Services at 6:15 P.M.

Junior Congregationl Services at 9:30 A.M.
in Room One

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will officiate

A Happy and Kosher Passover to all
Young Israelites and their families.



Why is this night different?

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We think the following verse, taken from "IDEAS", a publication of Yeshiva University, is worthy of reprinting:

Filet Minyan

We're a little group of pietists
Who keep the Golden Rule.
And when it comes to davening,
We're stubborn as a mule.
If you ask us where we're going
Why we're on our way to Shul,
For we have to make the Minyan
in the morning.

If the temperature is sizzling
Or the mercury is low,
If the rain comes down in torrents
Or the roads are deep in snow,
And the winds come round ahowling
Still we never fail to show
For we have to make the Minyan
in the morning.

Our Synagogue is gorgeous
And the service is divine.
But it's in the little chapel
Where we have to hold the line,
For you cannot say a Kaddish
When the count is only nine,
So, come help us make the Minyan
in the morning.

If the good Lord finds it fitting
And has to cut us down,
We go searching for replacements
And we scout around the town.
If you want to have a Mitzvah
That will bolster your renown,
Come, help us make the Minyan
in the morning.

* * *

A happy and healthy Pesach to all. . .

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. All contributions received are donated to charity.

FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Members:

During the past month many activities were held and were well attended. Our Fashion Show on the 10th, sponsored by Flo Maslow and Fay Spitz, was a tremendous success. Many thanks to the committee and to Robert Landau and Martelli Beauty Shop for beautifying our lovely models, also to Ann Hurwitz, our most gracious narrator for the evening.

Hannah Katz and Bea Kutner are also doing a wonderful job on the dresses they have been selling, and at our meeting on the 23rd they had a lovely fashion exhibition.

We have many plans for our synagogue and the monies realized by these various functions will help to make them come true.

Our Donor Shop, with Fanny Eigner and Jeanne Weiss at the helm has been equally successful. We are indeed fortunate to have such wonderful people in our organization.

I hope you are all planning to come to our Donor Affair. The date and place will be announced soon.

Our nominating committee has been busy too and we will have election of officers on Tuesday, April 6th, our next meeting.

With the Passover Holiday not far

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PASSOVER FUND (MO'OS CHITTIM)

There is hardly a local charity in Jewish life that has appealed 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 SHABBATH

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will deliver the Traditional Sabbath Hagadol Sermon (Droscha) in Halacha and Agada on Saturday afternoon, April 10th at 4:45 P.M. Everyone, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend this most important discourse.

MODEL SEDER

The children of our Hebrew School will conduct their traditional Model Seder on Sunday morning, April 11th 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 Matzo's, gefilte fish, wine, etc. Free Seder instruction sheets will be distributed to all present.

HEBREW SCHOOL NOTICE

There will be no Hebrew School or Sunday School sessions during the Passover holiday. Regular classes resume Monday, April 26th for the Talmud Torah, and Sunday, April 25th for the Sunday School.



RESERVE SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 2nd for the ANNUAL PARKCHESTER UJA BREAKFAST

Guest of Honor

Our own President

STANLEY M. LANGER

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.

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.

YESHIVA TO HONOR JACOB BERNSTEIN

Our own beloved "Jack" Bernstein, member of the Board, will be honored at the Annual Yeshiva University Breakfast to be held on May 16th. All members are requested to reserve that Sunday morning to pay tribute to one of our most loyal and devoted workers. Max Spielberger and Kalman Winkler are again serving as co-chairmen for the breakfast.



PASSOVER SUPPLEMENT

Passover, the Festival of Freedom begins on the Eve of the 15th day of the Jewish month of Nisan after sunset, and ends after sundown eight days later. Throughout the eight days of the festival, we abstain from eating any chometz or leaven, i.e. that which contains grains and has been subjected to even the slightest amount of moisture. Food about which there is even a suspicion of Chometz must also be abstained from, for the minutest amount renders an entire product unsuitable for Passover use.

What Is Chometz?

Wheat, rye, barley, oats and generally speaking all grain and grain products, foods and drinks made from them are subject to the laws of Chometz. All products containing *grain vinegar* as an ingredient, as for instance pickles, horseradish, etc. (If not endorsed by a reliable Rabbi are Chometz).

No ordinary flour is permitted for Passover use at all. (Potato starch and matzah meal endorsed by a reliable Rabbi may be used for baking.) Candy, soft drinks, wines, liquors, milk, canned foods and dried foods require Rabbinical endorsement. All green vegetables may be used except peas and beans. Rice can not be used. Children should not be fed Chometz during Passover. (Dextro-Maltose is Chometz) unless a physician has so ordered and after your Rabbi has been consulted as to procedure. Please feel free to consult me in any questionable case.

Preparing Oven Or Stove

Every part of the oven or stove must be thoroughly cleaned and scraped. The oven and range and the burners must then be heated to a glow. Place metal sheets over the top of the range.

Dishes And Utensils

It is, of course, best to use dishes and utensils specially set aside for

Passover use. However under certain conditions some of the utensils used throughout the year can be "Kashered" and be used on Passover. The laws of "Kashering" are many and varied. Please consult your Rabbi, who will be happy to advise you.

Selling The Chometz

Any chometz owned by a Jew during Passover is unconditionally forbidden for use at any time even after Passover. If, therefore, one cannot dispose of all Chometz before Passover one must arrange for a formal sale of that Chometz to a non-Jew. Neighborhood Jewish grocers and bakers should be asked by their customers whether their chometz products were sold.

All the Chometz including dishes should be placed in a spare room, closet or trunk and locked up the day before Passover. After all chometz is assembled the Rabbi should be formally asked to draw up a bill of sale and negotiate transfer to a Non-Jew.

The transaction of selling Chometz is a completely legal one giving to the non-Jew all rights of ownership over the Chometz that has been sold to him. After the conclusion of Passover, your agent, the Rabbi, may repurchase the Chometz from the non-Jew. However, none of this Chometz sold to him may be used until it has been repurchased.

DEFINITIONS AND SYMBOLS OF THE SEDER

Seder

means order or method. The Seder is thus named because there is a prescribed and outlined order in observing the ritual on the eve of Pesach.

Matzoh

means unleavened bread. Because it contains only flour and water, it is also called "bread of affliction," referring to the bread which our people ate in the land of Egypt during bondage.

Moror

means bitter herbs — reminds us of the time when our people were under Egyptian bondage and whose lives were embittered by hard labor at clay, bricks and all manner of toil in the fields.

Four Cups of Wine

Each person participating in the Seder drinks four cups of wine. The number four signifies the four expressions of Redemption which G-d used when sending Moses to deliver our people from Egypt. (Exodus VI 6, 7)

And I will bring you forth —

And I will deliver you —

And I will redeem you —

And I will take you unto me —

The reason that wine is used is that it is a symbol of joy and happiness.

Roasted Shank Bone (Zroah)

symbolizes the Pascal Lamb which was sacrificed on the 14th day of Nissan during the time of the Bais Hamikdosh (Holy Temple in Jerusalem). Neither the Zroah nor any roasted meat of any kind shall be eaten on the two Seder nights. The reason for this prohibition is that we may not attach sacrificial importance to this roasted meat and imagine that we are eating a Pascal offering which is reserved only for the time when we have the "Bais Hamikdosh."

Karpas

means vegetable of the garden. The reason for dipping Karpas into salt water and eating it so much prior to actual meal is to arouse the curiosity of the children to inquire as to the meaning of this anomaly. The father will then have an opportunity to explain the significance of this night and all the details of the exodus of Egypt.

It must be remembered that the keynote and underlying purpose of the Seder are the questions by the children and the explanation by the grownups.

The reason that salt water is used in the practice of Karpas is to point out our present status as free men. The food that was served to the Israelites in Egypt was prepared without salt. Salt was a delicacy reserved for the free. Salt water also signifies,

so some authorities say, the bitter tears that flowed from the Israelites as they were subjected to the meanest tasks in Egypt.

When reading the initial letter of the word "Karpas" backwards, it connotes six hundred thousand (the number of Israelites liberated from Egypt) who were forced to work rackingly labors.

Roasted Egg

symbolizes the Hagigah (the festival offering) in addition to the Pascal lamb that was sacrificed during the Pesach festival when we had the "Bais Hamikdosh."

Charoses

The Charoses too is a symbol of slavery. The mixture resembles the mortar at which our ancestors worked during their enslavement in Egypt.

Charoses serves as an antidote to the Moror.

Cup of Elijah

The custom of pouring a special cup and calling it "The Cup of Elijah," the Prophet, has its origin in a Talmudic controversy as to whether four or five cups are commanded on the Seder night. We, therefore, fill a fifth cup but do not drink it, and call it the cup of Elijah thereby deferring the issue to the day of Messiah when Elijah, the Prophet, will appear and render his decision on this controversy. To symbolize the coming of Elijah, we all rise to welcome him with the words "Baruch Haboh" (Blessed is He who comes).

Afikomen

In the days of the "Bais Hamikdosh" the Pascal lamb was eaten at the conclusion of the Pascal meal. It was forbidden to eat anything after the Pascal lamb. Today the Afikomen, which means meat refreshments, takes the place of the original Pascal sacrifice. Following the Afikomen nothing is to be eaten. It has become a custom for the children to "steal" the Afikomen and to exact some gift for its return. This custom was introduced in order to enliven the closing parts of the Seder and have the children remain awake until the end.

Reclining

The one conducting the Seder and any male who wishes reclines on a pillow on the left side. This posture connotes freedom and independence.

Haggadah

means narration. The Seder is based on the Biblical commandment, "And thou shalt narrate to thy son on that day saying: It is because of that which the Lord did for me when I came forth out of Egypt." In reading the Haggadah, we are observing the command to narrate the tale of the Exodus from Egypt.

STATE REGENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our heartiest congratulations to Lewis Bernstein, Sydney Brown, Neil Buchholtz, Mark Kator, Joseph Trompeter and Neal Winkler, recipients of State Regents Scholarships.

May they continue to bring pride, joy and Nachas to their parents and all Israel.

GET WELL

It's good to see William Charifson, Mrs. Betty Fogel, Morris Jacobs, Mrs. Lillian Klein and Michael Wurmbrand at home after their recent hospitalization. Keep well!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new additions to our ever-growing Young Israel family, Harry Solinsky and Dr. David Trompeter.

May our association be a long and pleasant one.

Women's League (Cont'd)

off, I want to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy, Joyous and Kosher Passover.

Sincerely,

BETTY WALDMAN,
President

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(1) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Solinsky (2) Mr. & Mrs. Sol Laufer (6) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Liebert, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Roth (15) Mr. & Mrs. George Rockman (16) Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Linder (22) Mr. & Mrs. Morris Mednick (27) Mr. & Mrs. Max Schuman (30) Mr. & Mrs. Louis Friedman *** and Many Happy Returns.



Our sincerest and heartfelt sympathy to:

Mrs. Jeannette Robinson, on the loss of her beloved parents Rebecca and Morris Halpern.

Dave Wrubel, on the loss of his beloved father Moshe Wrubel.

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



MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Saul Mond, on the marriage of their son Stephen to Lenore Hecker.

Mr. & Mrs. Moe Scher, on the marriage of their daughter Marilyn to Richard Besen.

Mark, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Steiner, on his being awarded three fellowships: Fulbright, National Science,

Foundation, and Danfort Foundation and being accepted for graduate work at Princeton University.

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Zuckerman, on the birth of their grandson Michael Barry, and to their children Mr. & Mrs. Gerald M. Zuckerman.

Edward, son of Bea & Joe Kutner, on being placed on the Dean's List at Michigan State University.

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from all
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