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Passover Services

The Festival of Freedom

Erev Pesach Wednesday morning, April 2nd

Services6:45 A.M.

Siyum Ceremony for all first born males
following services.

Chometz can be eaten until9:20 A.M.

Burning and selling of Chometz until10:35 A.M.

Erev Tavshilin

Light Candles6:03 P.M.

Thursday, April 3rd

Sermon: "What Can We Answer"

Light Candles7:08 P.M.

Friday, April 4th

Sermon: "Elijah's Message"

Light Candles6:06 P.M.

Chol Hamoed (Intermediate Days)

Saturday, April 5th

Services8:45 A.M.

Talmud Class5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 6th

Services8:00 A.M.

Monday and Tuesday, April 7 - 8

Services6:30 A.M.

Light Candles Tuesday, April 8th6:10 P.M.

Wednesday, April 9th

Sermon: "March To Victory"

Light Candles7:10 P.M.

Thursday, April 10th

Yizkor Memorial Services at10:30 A.M.

All Holiday morning services commence at 8:45 A.M.

Evening Services at6:15 P.M.

Junior Congregation9:30 A.M.

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will officiate.

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



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HAPPY PASSOVER

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It is an ironic twist of fate that the clock of history should revert itself to an era of thirty-five hundred years ago. Then, as now, the adversaries were the Jews and Egyptians. Then, as now, the Lord worked a miracle and the Jews triumphed over Egypt. Having vanquished the foe then, the Israelites were faced by new enemies—the Edomites, Canaanites, Philistines, and other hostile nations on the road to the Promised Land.

Israel, on its present journey to a peaceful existence, is likewise faced by foes that seem bent on its destruction. Unlike the foes of ancient times who fought with arms, today's enemies use backroom diplomacy, blackmail and threats. Their domiciles include such institutions as those devoted—at least by word if not by deed—to the cause of peace. But their goals are the same as those of the nations of yesteryear—the complete destruction of the Jewish State.

Yet we must face the truth by saying that Israel may suffer defeat not only by what its enemies do, but what its friends do not do. And by "friends" we mean our Jews in this land. Israel desperately needs our moral and financial support now. It needs every American Jew to campaign vigorously for support by the Government in Washington not only on paper, but in deeds. This means letter writing, joining demonstrations and physically visiting the proper authorities when necessary.

It means contributing to such campaigns as the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish National Fund, and the Red Mogen David. It means buying Israeli made products (and the number of items available grows daily). It means investing in Israel's future through the purchase of Israel Bonds.

Passover has always been identified with freedom. In our time we must do all we can to insure Israel's freedom from harassment, evil diplomacy and physical danger. Each of us, in our own way, can be a little Moses leading Israel to the Promised Land. As we retell the story of the Exodus at our Seder tables this year, let us resolve that we shall work during the coming year with all the strength the Lord has given us to see that true freedom comes to Israel.

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.

MAZEL TOV**Our heartiest felicitations to:**

Mr. & Mrs. Nat Call, on the birth of their granddaughter Amy Call.

Mrs. Anna Cheynovitz, on the addition to her family of two great-grandchildren, Jonathan David Glassroth and Jason Mark Levine.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Dolinko, on the birth of their grandson, Ronald Charles Schreier.

Mrs. Marian Jaffe, on the birth of her granddaughter Linda Beth to her children Dr. & Mrs. Louis Jaffe.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kossak, on the marriage of their son Ronald to Sandra Jacobson.

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Steiner, on the engagement of their son Richard to Sara Rosenshein of Montreal.

Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Klein, on the birth of their granddaughter Cori Lynn to their children Susan and Leonard Gelber.

THE GREAT SHABBATH

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will deliver the Traditional Sabbath Hagadol Sermon (Drosha) in Halacha and Agada on Saturday afternoon, March 29th at 4:30 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, March 30th at 10:30 A.M. 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.

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.

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.

CONCERNING FOWL FOR PASSOVER

All chickens and fowl should be purchased and Koshered before the advent of the yom tov. Do not purchase fowl during Chol Hamoed (Intermediate Days). If you are short of freezer space, have your butcher store it for you until you are ready to use it.



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PASSOVER GUIDE

Passover begins at sunset of the 14th day of the Jewish calendar month of Nisan. The festival lasts for 8 days. The first two days and the last two days are full holidays. The intervening four days are Chol Hamoed, half holidays.

Foods Forbidden on Passover

Any food or drink made from wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn and other grains or their derivatives are subject to the laws of Chometz. Therefore, such products as pickles, horseradish, etc. have to be made under special supervision for Passover as they may contain grain vinegar or other forbidden spices.

Foods such as matzohs, cakes, macaroons, candy, soft drinks, wines, liquors, milk, canned food and dried fruits require supervision, attested by recognized Rabbinical authority. Do not be misled by irresponsible merchants who due to chaotic conditions in American Jewish life, take advantage of a gullible public by indiscriminately pasting "Kosher L'-Pesach" labels on articles which are really chometzdik and are forbidden. All green vegetables may be used except rice, millet, peas and beans.

Children should not be fed Chometz during Passover unless a physician has so advised and after the Rabbi has been consulted as to the procedure. We are happy to note that there is now available Kosher for Passover baby food and cereals from several reliable manufacturers.

Sale of Chometz (Mechiras Chometz)

As we are forbidden to have Chometz in our possession during Passover, the Rabbi is usually authorized to draw up a bill

of sale and negotiate transfer of Chometz to a non-Jew. The transaction for selling Chometz is a completely legal one giving the non-Jew all rights of ownership over the Chometz sold to him. After the festival the Rabbi repurchases the Chometz from the non-Jew. Any contributions will be given over to worthy charities.

The Search for Chometz

The ceremony of the symbolic official search for leavened bread takes place after sunset on the 13th day of Nisan.

The head of the family, equipped with a lighted candle, goes from room to room gathering little crumbs of bread as a symbolic expression that the house has been cleansed of all Chometz and is ready for the Passover Festival. The Chometz thus gathered is burned the following morning.

Fast of the First Born

Because the first born of the Israelites were spared when the Egyptians were smitten in the tenth plague, all first born Jewish males fast on Erev Pesach until the Seder. If, however, one attends Seudat Mitzvah (a feast of religious duty) one is not required to fast. It is, therefore, customary in all synagogues that a Siyum (conclusion of a Talmudic tractate) follows the morning service on the Eve of Passover.

Dishes and Utensils

The Laws of Kashering are many and varied and dependent upon time. Our Rabbi should be consulted sufficiently before Passover for all details. It is best to have separate sets of Passover utensils to avoid any question or doubt.

The Seder Symbols

1. *The Three Matzohs* — *Yachatz*:— The middle matzoh is broken and the larger piece taken for the afikomen, which is eaten at the end of the meal to commemorate the paschal lamb. After eating the afikomen it is forbidden to eat anything more for the rest of the night. *Motzi* — When making the "Motzi" (Blessing—*Hamotzi Lechem Min Ho'oretz*), and the Blessing, *Al Achilas Matzo*, all the matzos including the broken one in the middle are held, but then the third one is put down and the top whole one and middle half one is broken and at least a piece the size of an olive should be eaten. It has been said by our commentaries that the reason a broken matzoh is used is to indicate the "*Lechem Oni*," the bread of the afflicted. And as a poor man eats broken pieces so do we show, on this night, that we join with him.

2. *Morror* — The bottom matzoh is used later with the morror sandwich, the bitter herbs which are a remembrance of the bitterness suffered by our forefathers in Egypt. When we eat the morror it is dipped into Charoses.

3. *Charoses* — Represents the mortar and clay that went into the making of the bricks for Pharaoh. When dipping the Moror into the Charoses, we should not take so much Charoses on, that it will reduce completely the taste of the bitterness.

4. *Karpas* — Basically parsley, but may be any vegetable such as onion, tomato, potato, etc., which is dipped into salt water (which is said to commemorate the tears of our forefathers) and the blessing of "*Borei Pri Hoadomah*," is recited.

5. *Z'roa* — the symbol of the Paschal lamb, which is a meat bone with some flesh on it roasted on the fire. When roasting this bone one should not say, "this is the Paschal lamb," because we are not permitted to imitate the *Korban Pesach* (the paschal sacrifice). Since the destruction of the Temple, the most we are permitted, are the symbols. For that reason it is not permitted to eat roasted meats or chicken at the Seder. Pot roasted (that is in water) is permitted.

6. *Betzah* — a boiled egg which is roasted on the fire, is the symbol of the *Korban Hagigah*, the festival sacrifice in the Temple. It is said that eggs symbolize mourning, and the reminder of the destruction of the Temple on the Seder night makes us sorrowful. For that reason, it is customary that eggs and salt water are eaten on the Seder night.

7. *The Four Cups of Wine* — which we drink at the Seder is a MUST, incumbent upon EVERYONE. At least the majority of each cup must be consumed even by women. Grape Juice (made under Rabbinical supervision) is acceptable as wine. The four cups symbolize the four expressions of redemption used in the Torah — "I will bring you forth, I will rid you of bondage, I will redeem you, and I will take you to me for a people." (Exodus VI - 7). Because of the disagreement amongst the Sages, whether or not the expression in the next sentence (Exodus VI - 8) "And I will bring you unto the land" is another expression of redemption which would necessitate a fifth cup, we resolve the matter by making the fifth cup for Elijah the prophet, the one who will bring the news of the future redemption.

BANQUET AND TORAH DINNER OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES

During the past few weeks, our Young Israelites have had the pleasure and enjoyment of participating in two wonderful affairs.

Our Annual Dinner in honor of Sol and Fay Spitz held Feb. 15th at the Concourse Plaza Hotel was the largest in the history of our congregation. The food and service were superb, the music excellent and the program short and to the point. The Journal published under the chairmanship of Max Spielberger was the largest and helped make the affair a financial success. Accolades to Lou Rifkin, dinner chairman, and his committee and Julius Horowitz, toastmaster for the evening.

The Torah Dinner held on March 8th marking the Siyum of the Talmudic tractate Shabbas was a true demonstration for Torah learning. The toastmaster for the evening, Stanley M. Langer, pointed out that Torah learning is the very basis of Judaism and through our Adult Education program we can build Yiddishkeit. Greetings were given by Rabbis Gershon Romanoff, Zevulon Charlof on behalf of the National Council, and the presidents of our various synagogue organizations. Rabbi George B. Schwartz of Young Israel of Boro Park, older brother of our rabbi, spoke at the dinner in Levin Hall. Cantor David Werdyger, accompanied by Vladimir Heifitz entertained. John Greenfield did a magnificent job as dinner chairman and our thanks to him for his good work.

FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Sisters:

Spring cannot be so far away, now that Passover, the Spring festival, is just around the corner.

Pesach is the story of the bitter suffering of our people and the strength of their hope and faith in G-d and their joy in liberation and freedom. All this is read in the Haggadah when family and friends gather around the Seder table. Passover to us is an annual and eternal symbol of liberty, a symbol of the past and hope for the future. The same is true today. The hope that war will end soon and for eternal peace in Israel and all over the world.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Rabbi Schwartz spoke on the traditions and rituals of Passover to a large turnout at our March meeting. We also heard a book review of "My Father, Sholem Aleichem" by Marie Waife-Goldberg presented by Ann Hurwitz in her usual excellent oratory and gracious manner.

A new innovation was our Sunday Brunch Fashion Show held on the 16th. Chairman Fay Spitz and her committee did a magnificent job. Ann Hurwitz narrated in her own inimitable way and piano accompaniment was provided by yours truly. The models were beautiful in their Israeli fashions by "Dorina of Israel."

The dinner given in honor of Sol and Fay Spitz was most enjoyable. Fay looked like a queen, and to our delight and surprise, made the shortest speech of the evening. An unforgettable scene of grace and beauty was the hora by Rhoda, Sandy and Olivia, danced around Fay and Sol.

Please send in your raffle books and money as the drawing will be held at the April meeting.

We hope to see all of you at our Donor Dinner at Arele's on Tuesday evening, May 6th.

Congratulations to Ellen, daughter of Frances and Arthur Needle, who was awarded a Fellowship in Math and will attend City University.

Edith and Marty Berish enjoyed a visit with their daughter, Marjorie, in California, with a side-trip to Las Vegas; Sophie and Irving Coe will spend Passover in the mountains; Bertha and John Greenfield are going to Israel; Shirley and Nat Hamburger vacationed in Florida; Fay and Philip Rosenhause's daughter, Sharon, is returning from California, where she completed her fellowship; Roslyn and Moe Scher and her parents are going to Nassau; Reggie and Jack Slove went cruising in the Caribbean and Al and I are looking forward to

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As President of Women's League, I wish you, one and all, a Joyous, Happy and Kosher Pesach.

Sincerely,
FANNIE R. BROWN

CONDOLENCES**Our deepest sympathy to:**

Mrs. Fannie Goldberg and Family, on the loss of their beloved husband and father Hyman Goldberg.

Mrs. Marian Goldbetter, on the loss of her beloved father Allen Kruskall.

Prof. Abraham Hurwitz, on the loss of his beloved brother Sam Hurwitz.

Mr. Al Stein, on the loss of his beloved father Louis.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

(2) Leon Brown, Bess Seidman (4) Mary Zuckerman, Sandra Fox, Loretta Solomon, Philip Haiman (5) Kate Gewirtz (7) Phyllis Grossman, Arthur Lowenthal (8) Rosann Kalish, Shirley Silverman, Stella Carlin (10) Norma Siegel, Murray Weinreb, Ruth Kutner (11) Robert Lowenthal, Rose Schaffer, Miriam Friedman (12) Grace Green, Reba Septimus, Irving Greenfield, David Cohen (14) Murray Heller (15) Kenneth Horowitz, Stephanie Jaret, Anne Konigsberg, Robert Kaplan, Louis Friedman, Joseph Krenkel (16) Charles Schwartz, Bessie Vegatsky (17) Jerome Shelby (18) Eugene Fink (19) Marion Silverman, Norma Brooks (21) Roslyn S. Scher, Sophia Speck (22) Ruth Weiden (23) Frances Pausack, Beatrice Buchsbaum, Bob Lott, Helen Winkler (24) Pearl Feinstein, Lois Danis, Jerry Lott (25) Emma Slavin (26) Alex Sobel, Leslie Sobel, Irving Banarer (28) Rae Call (29) Milton Skulnik, Renée Canter, Helen Leibowitz.

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FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Due to the blizzard of February 9th, our February meeting was not held. Your president was still recuperating from a most harrowing experience of being stranded on the parkway for eighteen hours in the blizzard.

Our March meeting is of great importance and we are therefore calling all members to this special breakfast which will be held on Sunday morning, March 30th at 9:00 A.M. in Levin Hall. In addition to the regular business agenda, we will launch our 1969 Baseball Booster Club. Since this is our main fund raising project for the year, we ask all our members to please come and secure tickets for themselves and their friends.

At this meeting, special awards will be presented to our 1968 captains, so let's have a big turnout and show them our appreciation, which they really deserve.

At the approach of the holiday season, I wish all our members and their families a Healthy, Happy and Kosher Pesach.

HARRY BROOKS
President

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SADYE R. LEVINE
Your News Reporter

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