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PASSOVER SERVICES FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM

Erev Pesach Monday March 31st

Services6:45 A.M.
Siyum Ceremony following services for
all first born7:30 A.M.
Chometz may be eaten until9:20 A.M.
Burning and selling of Chometz until10:30 A.M.
Light Candles5:59 P.M.
Evening services followed by
FIRST SEDER6:10 P.M.

Tuesday and Wednesday April 1st and 2nd

Morning Services8:45 A.M.
Evening Services6:10 P.M.
Counting of Omer Begins
Light Candles Tuesday Evening April 1st ..7:08 P.M.
SECOND SEDER

Chol Hamoed-Intermediate Days

Thursday April 3rd through Sunday April 6th

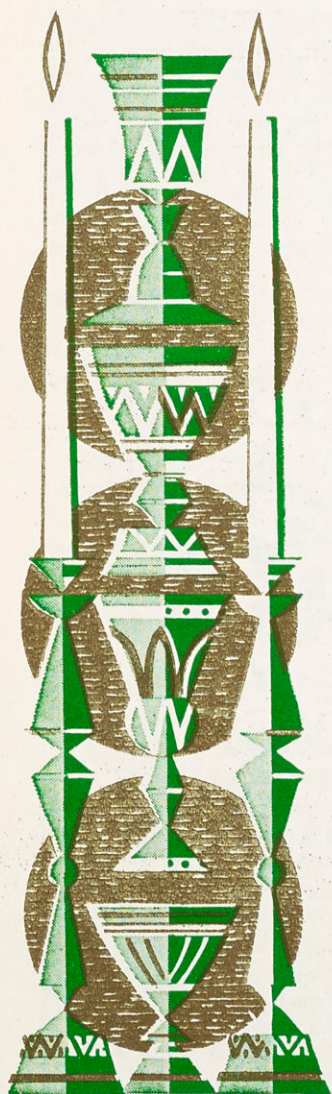
Thursday and Friday Morning Services6:30 A.M.
Light Candles Friday April 4th6:03 P.M.
SATURDAY SERVICES8:45 A.M.
SUNDAY SERVICES8:00 A.M.

Closing Days of Passover

Monday and Tuesday April 7th and 8th

Light Candles Sunday Evening April 6th ...6:05 P.M.
Morning Services8:45 A.M.
Light Candles Monday Evening April 7th ..7:16 P.M.
Yizkor Memorial Services
Tuesday, April 8th10:30 A.M.
FESTIVAL ENDS-TUESDAY EVENING 7:17 P.M.
Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will officiate

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AND THEIR FAMILIES.**



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HAPPY PASSOVER

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Maurice L. Schwartz *Rabbi*Dr. Reuben Klein *President*Harry Brooks *Pres. Men's Club*Doris Schuman *Pres. Women's League***FROM THE PRESIDENT****REFLECTION ON JEWISH HOLIDAYS:**

In Israel all religion is also history. With the advent of Purim and Passover we are reminded of the fact that every generation has its own brand of "RASHOYIM" (demagogues) who are determined to curb the freedom of the Jewish people or make an attempt to eliminate them as a threat to themselves. History tends to repeat itself. Persia (Iran) had Haman and before him there was Pharaoh in Egypt bent on the extinction of the Jews. Hardly more than one generation ago it was Hitler and I need not dwell on the slaughter that ensued, a matter which could never be erased similarly like the other events before it. Today, we are confronted with the same or similar designs for eradication of the Jewish people by men like Khomeini, Arafat, and also by the leaders of the Russian government.

What makes Jews different from other nations, to be able to survive the atrocities and adversities as compared to nations which disappeared thousands of years ago? We Jews represent sociologically a unique character. It is difficult to classify the Jewish community in the framework of sociology or ethnology as we do with other people. Being a Jew does not only in itself mean belonging to a particular race, or a particular nation, or a particular denomination, orthodox, conservative or reform. There are variety of strains to be found among Jews. Jews have the most varied national origins, allegiances, and cultures. The secret of Jewish existence is something

that transcends categories which a social scientist can devise.

The question remains what unites all the varied forms of existence under one category of "Jewishness"? In manner, language, culture, all show a great range of variation. Yet the Jews do represent a historic continuum and has survived all attempts to make Jews unidentifiable or to eliminate them. What is the reason for this? Israel is not a nation at all like the "nations of the world". It is a community created by G-d's special act of covenant, first with Abraham whom He called out of the idolatry world, and then with Israel, collectively at Sinai. The covenant was G-d's act of creating and maintaining Israel for His purpose. The purpose—"You shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:6)

I wish all a Happy Holiday. See you in Shul.

Dr. Reuben Klein

**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 3:30 to 7 P.M. or at the rabbi's residence, 1470 Parkchester Road, Apt. 1B. All contributions received are donated to charity.



CONCERNING PASSOVER CAKES

One must be particularly careful when purchasing cakes and other baked goods for Passover. We are happy to inform the congregation, that besides the packaged products baked under approved rabbinical supervision, we now have a retail bake shop, GRUENEBAUM'S BAKE SHOP, 741 Lydig Avenue which will carry a large variety of Kosher for Passover cakes, cookies and macaroons under the supervision of Rabbi Dr. Joseph Breuer and approved by our Rabbi Schwartz.

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.

One should also check cat and dog food to see if it contains Chometz.

MEDICINES FOR PASSOVER

There are many medicines which contain Chometz and are questionable if they can be used during Passover. Call our Rabbi Schwartz, either at the synagogue or at his residence 792-0737 for advice and guidance. The rabbi, in consultation with recognized medical authorities, will be able to advise you on how to conduct yourself on Pesach.

COFFEE WARNING

The Mellow Roast, regular and instant coffee beverage, is NOT kosher for Passover as it is a coffee and grain beverage. Only purchase a pure coffee product under supervision for Passover.

SHABBOS HAGODOL

The Great Sabbath

Our Rabbi Maurice L. Schwartz will preach the Traditional Sabbath Hagadol Sermon (Drosha) in Halacha and Agada on Saturday afternoon, March 29th at 5:00 P.M. Everyone, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend this most important Torah discourse.



LAST CALL FOR PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATIONS

Reservations are now being taken for the Passover Sedorim on Monday evening, March 31st and Tuesday evening, April 1st at our own Young Israel. A beautiful Seder, together with a delicious catered Passover meal, including all your favorite delicacies, is included in the price. Reservations can be made at our office or by calling Al Hein, the committee chairman. The price is \$27.50 per person for both nights or \$15.00 per person for one night. Early reservations are in order. No tax, no tips, all included.

SEARCH FOR CHOMETZ

Every home must be thoroughly cleaned of Chometz before the Eve of Passover. All closets, cabinets, cupboards and all other places where one suspects the existence of Chometz should be thoroughly inspected. This includes our automobiles and their trunks. On the night before Passover, Sunday night, March 30th, a formal search known as B'Dikah Chometz is conducted. The opening pages of your Hagadah give you the procedure. The next morning the Chometz collected during the search is burned.

THE TRADITIONAL SYMBOLS OF THE SEDER

1

CANDLES are lit by the mother of the house to usher in the festival of Passover. The benediction which she pronounces over the candles gives a religious meaning to this simple act. An abundance of light symbolizes joy and festivity, and the soft candle-glow adds an aura of spirituality to the Seder table.

2

A CUP OF WINE is placed at each table setting. The sanctification of the Holiday is pronounced over the first cup. Three additional cups are used during the course of the Seder, making a total of four, to symbolize the four expressions of the Lord's promise to redeem the children of Israel and deliver them from bondage.

3

THE HAGGADAH (literally "the telling") contains the complete Seder (order). The first part of the book, concerned mainly with the story of the Jews' deliverance from Egypt, is read before the meal. After dinner follows the second portion consisting of prayers of praise and thanks to the Almighty.

4

MATZOH represents the "bread of affliction" eaten by the Jews in Egypt, and also the bread that had to be baked during their hasty flight when there was no time for leavening. The *matzoth* are placed on the Seder tray. Half the middle *matzoh*, saved for the *Afikomon* (dessert), is playfully "stolen" by a child and ransomed for a prize.

5

THE Z'ROAH, a roasted shank bone, is placed on the Seder tray. It represents the ancient sacrifice of the Paschal lamb (*Pesach*) which had to be eaten roasted. *Pesach*, the Hebrew name for Passover, also refers to the Lord's passing over (*pesach*) the Jewish homes

during the plague visited upon the Egyptian first-born.

6

THE BEITZAH, a roasted egg placed left of the *Zroah*, symbolizes the required offering brought on all festivals in the Temple. The egg, while not itself sacrificed, is used in the Seder as it is the Jewish symbol of mourning (in this case for the loss of the Temple where the sacrifices were brought).

7

THE MAROR or "bitter herbs" (usually horseradish) is placed in the middle of the tray and symbolizes the Jews' bitter suffering under the Egyptian yoke. Directly below is the *Chazereth*, another piece of bitter herbs, commemorating the custom of eating *Maror* sandwiched between two pieces of *Matzoh*.

8

THE CHAROSET, placed beneath the *Zroah*, is a mixture of chopped apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine designed to look like the mortar used by the Jews in building the palaces and pyramids of Egypt during centuries of forced labor. Before the *Maror* is eaten, it is dipped into the *Charo-set*.

9

THE KARPAS, a piece of parsley or lettuce placed to the left of the *Charo-set*, symbolizes the meager diet of the Jews in Egyptian bondage. It is dipped into salt water in remembrance of the tears they shed in their misery. The *Karpas* also signifies Springtime, the season of Passover.

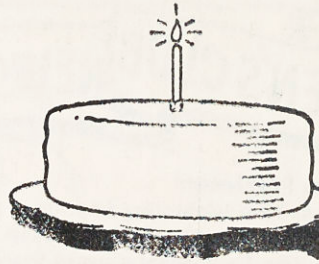
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THE CUP OF ELIJAH, filled with wine, is kept on the table throughout the Seder in the hope that the Prophet Elijah may appear as a messenger of the Almighty and announce the coming of the Messiah. Thus, in the midst of their memories of the past, the Jews look forward to the day of universal peace, love, and brotherhood.

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN SERVICE

Because the first born of the Israelites were spared when the Egyptians were smitten in the Tenth Plague, all first born Jewish males are by tradition required to fast on the eve of Passover as an expression of thanksgiving for their deliverance.

If, however, one attends a "Seudat Mitzvah" a celebration accompanying the performance of a religious deed, as a Siyum, completion of the study of a volume of the Talmud, one may absolve himself from fasting. This Siyum ceremony is held at 7:30 A.M. following services on Monday morning March 31st. All first born should attend.



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

BIRTHDAYS

(2) Leon Brown, Andrew Santo, Philip Blacker; (3) Jay Rosenberg, Beth Brownstein; (4) Mary Zuckerman, Sondra Fox, Loretta Solomon, Philip Haiman; (7) Phyllis Grossman; (8) Rosann Kalish, Shirley Silverman, Stella Carlin; (9) Leslie Erenstein, Deborah Katz; (10) Norma Siegel, Murray Weinreb, Ruth Kutner, Gertrude Edelman; (11) Rose Schaffer, Miriam Friedman, Eve Ponyman, Leane Wolfe; (12) Grace Green, Reba Septimus, Irving Greenfield, David Cohen, Nathan Turk, Roslyn Turk; (13) Alfred J. Daniels; (14) Murray Heller, Howard Stahl; (15) Kenneth Horowitz, Stephanie Jaret, Anne Konigsberg, Robert Kaplan, Joseph Krenkel; (16) Charles Schwartz, Bessie Vegatsky; (17) Jerome Shelby; (18) Eugene Fink; (19) Marion Silverman, Norma Brooks, Yudi Horowitz; (20) Roslyn S. Scher, Sophie Speck; (22) Ruth Weiden; (23) Frances Pausack, Beatrice Buchsbaum, Helen Winkler, Jerry Lott, Robert Cohen; (24) Pearl Feinstein, Lois Danis; (25) Emma Slavin; (26) Renee Canter, Terri Lott, Lilian Shulman; (28) Rae Call; (29) Helen Leibowitz, Stephen Kest.

ADDITIONAL JOURNAL ADS

The following names were inadvertently omitted from our Annual Journal.

Hattie & Phil Haiman
Lt. Col. Mark L. Haiman
Lt. CDR & Mrs. Arnold Haiman
Betty & Phil Bookbinder
Susanne Pollack
Jennifer Pollack
John Pollack

GET WELL

Its good to see

Louis Milefsky, William Peltz and Daniel Workman up and around after their recent hospitalization. Keep Well.



ANNIVERSARIES

(4) Mr. and Mrs. Sam Berman; (6) Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carlin; (7) Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bernstein; (10) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fox; (11) Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kossack, Dr. and Mrs. William Frishman; (13) Mr. and Mrs. Sol Spitz; (16) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horowitz; (19) Mr. and Mrs. Max Kaplan; (20) Mr. and Mrs. Leo Slavin; (21) Mr. and Mrs. Harold Speck; (26) Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Bengel; (28) Mr. and Mrs. Philip Osroff * * * and many happy returns.



From the President:

This year I am celebrating 50 years of giving service to the public as a pharmacist. At the same time I am celebrating 14 years of giving service to the Young Israel of Parkchester as the President of the Men's Club. During my long tenure in office I became closely associated with most of our members and found out that many of them are suffering from different ailments and naturally are subjects of medications.

Since there is a very close relationship between the physician and the pharmacist and since the pharmacist is the professional drug expert I feel at liberty to share with our ailing members my professional expertise:

1. ALWAYS HAVE YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED IN THE SAME PHARMACY. MOST PHARMACISTS KEEP A PATIENT DRUG PROFILE WHICH CAN HELP AVOID A REACTION TO CERTAIN DRUGS.

2. NEVER TAKE ANY MEDICINE IN THE DARK, IT MAY PROVE FATAL.

3. NEVER TAKE MEDICINE PRESCRIBED FOR ANOTHER PERSON.

4. DON'T GIVE MEDICATION PRESCRIBED FOR YOU TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR FRIEND, EVEN THOUGH SYMPTOMS MAY SEEM ALIKE TO YOU.

5. NEVER MIX MEDICINE WITH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, THIS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

6. NEVER TAKE OUTDATED DRUGS, IT MAY PROVE USELESS OR IT MAY CAUSE AN ALLERGIC REACTION.

In addition to this advice permit me to give you 5 Tips to help you live longer:

1. ACCOMMODATE YOURSELF TO THE MANY CHALLENGES IN LIFE.

2. AVOID PROLONGED STRESS.

3. DEVELOP OUTSIDE INTERESTS.

4. KEEP WORKING IN EITHER PAID OR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.



FROM THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Dear Members,

I wish to express my appreciation and warm thanks for the confidence and approval you have shown me in my new role as Acting President of the Women's League.

We have an exciting Calendar planned for the months ahead, so I hope you will use your membership and get involved in the activities.

Election of new officers will take place at our next meeting Sunday, April 13th. On April 20th the Annual White Elephant Sale will be held, and on May 4th a Card Party is being planned by Frances Pausack. Incidentally, these are good opportunities for earning Donor Credit and also clearing out some of your good usable but unwanted items.

The passing of Dorothy Haimowitz shocked and saddened all who knew her. Her vivid personality and untiring service to the Women's League will always be remembered. Please see Shirley Ide in the office about her Memorial Fund.

On a happier note, we are glad to hear Rose Weinstein is on the mend and hope she will be back with us soon.

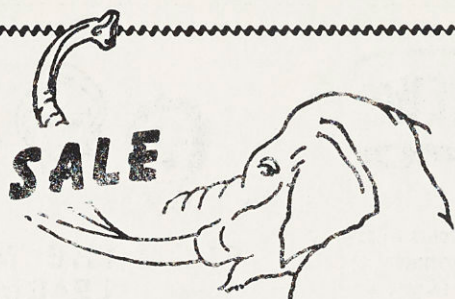
I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a most happy PASSOVER HOLIDAY.

Shalom
Evelyn Hein (Acting President)

5. EAT AND DRINK SPARINGLY, BUT WITH ENJOYMENT.

As we are approaching the "FREEDOM HOLIDAY". I wish all our members and their families a "CHAG SOMEIACH" a "JOYOUS PASSOVER".

HARRY BROOKS, President



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of their beloved wife and mother Frances.

Mrs. Minnie Finkelstein and Family on
the loss of their beloved husband
and father Lou.

Mrs. Joan Felman on the loss of her
beloved brother.

Mr. David Haimowitz and Family on the
loss of their beloved wife and mother,
Dorothy, past president of our Women's
League.

Mrs. Faye Spitz on the loss of her beloved
brother Morris From.

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Daily

Morning.....	6:45 A.M.
Evening.....	5:00 P.M.
Saturday.....	8:45 A.M.
Sunday.....	8:00 A.M.

Mrs. Faye Spitz wishes to express
her heartfelt thanks to all Young
Israelites for their kind expression of
sympathy and donations in memory
of her beloved brother Murray From.

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