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PASSOVER FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM

APRIL 18th — APRIL 26th SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Due to the fact that Erev Pesach, Passover Eve, occurs on Shabbos, Saturday, April 18th, the entire pre-Passover schedule is different this year.

Preparing the Home

In order to alleviate the complex and difficult situation caused by the fact that the eve of Passover is a Shabbos the following method is recommended. The entire house is to be prepared for Pesach on Friday, April 17th. All Chometz is to be out of the way. The entire kitchen is to be Pesachdig and all cooking and preparation for Shabbos in Passover utensils on the stove after it has been koshered for Passover. On Friday evening and Shabbos morning we should use Egg Matzoh in sufficient quantities in order to fulfill the Shabbos obligation. Challah we cannot use, as the house is already Pesachdig and regular Matzoh is not permitted to be eaten on the eve of Passover. We are permitted to make the blessing "Homotze" on Egg Matzoh when it is used as the staple of the meal and in sufficient measure. Those who wish to eat Chometz on Friday evening and Saturday morning should see the Rabbi for instructions. The last time to eat any Chometz or Egg Matzoh on Saturday morning, April 18th, is 9:10 A.M. Therefore, morning services on Saturday will be held at 6:45 A.M.

Search for Chometz

The official search for Chometz, known as "Bedekas Chometz" is made with the candle on Thursday evening, March 16th. The Chometz is to be burned on Friday morning, April 17th by 10:30 A.M. In preparing for Passover, don't forget to empty out your vacuum cleaners and Bissel sweepers. Also, clean your cars thoroughly, including the trunks and glove compartments. You'd be surprised what Chometz you may find there!

Fast of the First Born

The First Born usually fast on the eve of Passover as they were spared during the tenth plague of the slaying of the first born Egyptians. Since Passover

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FROM THE PRESIDENT**TWO BEAUTIFUL JEWISH SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES**

On March 15th, we were privileged to attend a dinner at our Young Israel of Parkchester, hosted by Kelly Winkler, honoring TORAH — Our Creator's "Crown of Glory," benefiting the Yeshiva Har Etzion in Israel, in Honor of Al & Evelyn Hein.

Bernard Horowitz, who attended the function with his son David, acted as M.C., and as always, did so in his most inimitable fashion.

This was followed by our esteemed Rabbi Schwartz who gave a most comprehensive biographical account of the guest speaker, Jonathan Rosenblatt, a great grandson of the late Cantor Yosselle Rosenblatt — Ohav HaShalom — "I can't sing" were the opening words of Jonathan Rosenblatt, but words pertaining to his two years spent at Yeshiva Har Etzion flowed like "milk and honey", speaking of his Jewish spiritual life within the environs of the Yeshiva. One could visualize the depth and meaning of each word and phrase, as he spoke of the true Spiritual Commitment and responsibility to HASHEM, fellow students, and the Land of Israel — containing the highest of elements in Life's Goal — All this under the great care and concern of the esteemed Roshei Yeshiva - Rabbi Lichtenstein and Rabbi Amital.

Rabbi Schwartz then presented a beautiful SHALOM plaque to Al & Evelyn, charter members of our Young Israel, Al as Treasurer, and Evelyn for her service in the Women's League and as a present member of the Presidium of Hadassah.

Many, many thanks to Hayim and Rifka Schwartz, our Junior members of Young Israel who served the meals with great distinction and care, sacrificing their dinners to people who attended without making prior reservations.

Our second Jewish Spiritual Experience occurred, on Thursday Evening, March 19th, Purim evening. We were privileged to be attending Evening services in our Sanctuary with our own "Kelly" reading Megillat Esther. The decorum was one of perfection. I may add that among us, for the first time, were Russian families and their children who had the Megillat Esther with Russian translation. When that cursed name of HAMAN was read the groggers went full force with vengeance.

The beautiful stillness that pervaded the sanctuary during the reading was startling. Eyes were glued, by all, to the books before them and at its completion everyone admitted having had a true Jewish Spiritual Awakening.

This was followed by Purim, Hamantaschen, wine and liquor in Levin Hall. "Next year again" was on everyone's lips.

It is true that HAKADOSH BARUCHO — the Almighty made us the smallest of numbers — but it is also true that HE gave us the greatest of Jewish Spirit.

Now we could all become inspired to prepare for a Kosher, Happy and Healthy Pesach —

Shalom - See you in Schul
 FRED KUTNER



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. Last year, over \$2,000 was dispensed to various worthy causes.

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 HAGADOL THE GREAT SABBATH

Due to the fact that Shabbos Hagadol occurs on Erev Pesach this year, the traditional Droscha Sermon in Halacha and Agada by Rabbi Schwartz will be held a week earlier, on Saturday afternoon, April 16th, at 5:00 P.M. Everyone, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend this most important Torah Discourse.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

FRIDAY April 17th 6:17 P.M.

SATURDAY April 18th 7:28 P.M.

SUNDAY April 19th 7:29 P.M.

FRIDAY April 24th 6:24 P.M.

SATURDAY April 25th 7:35 P.M.

The Festival ends on Sunday April 26th at 8:37 P.M.

PASSOVER (continued)

Eve occurs on Shabbos the fast will be on Thursday, April 16th. The Siyum ceremony, marking the completion of a Talmudic Tractate will be held after services Thursday morning, April 16th at 7:30 A.M. By participating in this celebration, a "Seudat Mitzvah," they are given a dispensation from fasting.

Preparation for the Seder

Kindly note that due to the fact that the eve of Passover is Shabbos, it is prohibited to start any preparations for the First Seder Saturday night, during the entire Sabbath. The earliest time on Saturday evening to commence any work is 7:28 P.M. Do not desecrate the Sabbath because of Passover. Everyone understands the different circumstances of Passover preparations this year due to its occurring on Saturday night.

MAZEL TOV

Our heartiest congratulations to:

Mrs. Beverly List on the marriage of her daughter Madeline to Alexander Hershen-son.

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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Erev Pesach Morning, April 18th	6:45 A.M.
Yom Tov Mornings, April 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th	8:45 A.M.
Chol Hamoed Mornings, April 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th	6:30 A.M.
Evening Services	6:15 P.M.
Yizkor Memorial Services, Sunday, April 26th	10:30 A.M.



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 proper supervision 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.

"FREEDOM"

BY SELMA SEIDEL

A tribute to all
Yosef Mendelevitch

"F" is for "FREEDOM", so precious
to all,
"R" for "REJOICING", at the
Western Wall.
"E" to "EXTOL" Israel, and
glorify our home,
"E" for the "EXILES", who no
longer will roam.
"D" for our "DREAMS", which now
have come true,
"O" for the "OBLIGATIONS" of
every Jew.
"M" for "MENDELEVITCH",
Mitvahs, Miracles and more.
May our Dear G-d watch over us, as in
days of yore.

*(Yosef Mendelevitch was freed from a
Siberian camp and arrived in Israel last
month)*



LAST CALL FOR PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATIONS

Reservations are now being taken for the Passover Sedorim on Saturday evening, April 18th and Sunday evening evening, April 19th 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 \$28.50 per person for both nights or \$16.00 per person for one night. Early reservations are in order. No tax, no tips, all included.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members:

I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Passover.

We are proud of:

Those women who dedicate themselves to their commitments at the Koffee Klotch every Tuesday and help our Schul to raise needed Funds — Minna Altschiller, Dorothy Brodsky, Sarah Kirshner, Anna Miller, Sally Smith, Rose Weinstein, Belle Zuckman. To Sophie Levine and Hattie Haiman for bringing the bakery products. Who is the driving force behind so much hard work? Their Chairlady **FLORENCE MASLOW**.

Hattie Haiman Chairlady and Faye August Co-Chairlady ask your help in one of our important Fund Raising Projects.

Molly Gewertz for making our L'ma'an Hayeled Children's Clinic and Laniado Hospital in Israel a success. Also Ruth Fasiole for collecting \$40.00 for the children's clinic.

Pauline Lehman and Sarah Miller for running the Donor Shop during Esther Harap's illness. Get well quick Esther we miss you.

THANK YOU ALL

Congratulations to:

Evelyn and Al Hein who were guests of honor at the Har Etzion Dinner held at Young Israel.

A BIT OF AMERICAN JEWISH HUMOR:

"It was graduation day at the Adult Citizenship Class, and Mrs. Pomerantz smiled with pleasure as the teacher announced that she was the winner of a prize for having the highest marks in the class.

"And here is your reward," said the teacher, handing her student a replica of the Liberty Bell.

"Denk you", said Mrs. Pomerantz, "Dis-prize I'm graciously accapting, even if it is cracked".

When you live in a community you need to be part of it.

Shalom,
HARRIET MILLER
PRESIDENT

MEN'S CLUB

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This is the last article I will be writing for the "YOUNG ISRAELITE" as President of the Men's Club of Young Israel of Parkchester.

For fifteen inspiring and rewarding years, mine has been the honor of leading a wonderful group of dedicated men. As we know, one person cannot do it alone, so to all the officers and active worker's who encouraged me and worked with me for the benefit of our Synagogue A GREAT BIG THANK YOU.

I pray that the members will be granted good health and many years to continue to cooperate as in the past. You are all to be congratulated for the beautiful job you are performing for our Synagogue.

MEMBERS ASK WHY? WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO BE PRESIDENT FOR FIFTEEN YEARS? In reply, I speak only for myself. Undeniably the presidency, harboring trials, is laden with immense responsibility. And yet, the splendid challenge attracts with a magnetic force. The results being that during my tenure in office WE CONTRIBUTED ABOUT \$25,000 TO THE SYNAGOGUE. I hope that my efforts have brought some measure of success.

To the new President and all of the new officers, I extend my best wishes for a healthy and successful tenure of office.

At this time my dear wife NORMA and I decided to retire to the sunny climate of Florida, where we look forward to seeing many friends, among them YOUNG ISRAELITES OF PARKCHESTER and also continue our activities that we are leaving behind here.

At the conclusion, NORMA as PAST PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE and I AS PRESIDENT of the MEN'S CLUB will say a FOND GOOD-BYE to all the members of the WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND THE MEN'S CLUB.

HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE.

We are about to celebrate the HOLIDAY OF FREEDOM. I, therefore, wish all our members, their families and friends a VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY PASS-OVER.

SHALOM
HARRY BROOKS
PRESIDENT

FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Readers:

I must apologize to the Floridians for lack of news from that region in this issue. I expected my correspondent Harry Jaffe after sojourning in Florida for a month to return with a load of news, instead he fell asleep on the beach and returned with a good sunburn and a shopping bag full of Sea-shells.

However, in the next issue there will appear a column of great interest to most of you readers, and it will give you an opportunity to contribute (not money) as to what you think was omitted!

I will now take up my big project of managing the Passover Sedorim which will also be attended by several Jewish families from Russia with special Haggadahs in Russian.

A Happy Passover to all.

Sincerely,
AL HEIN

P.S. On behalf of Mrs. Hein and myself, I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee for having selected us to be the guests of honor to benefit the Yeshiva Har Etzion. And a special thank you to all our friends who attended and responded so generously.

REMINDER

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AL HEIN

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YOUNG ISRAEL CHATTER

WANTED

Someone to take over the presidency of the Men's Club. Harry Brooks who held that office for the last 15 years highly recommends it. Not only will you inherit all the honors that go along with the title, but also you will have an opportunity to be in daily conference with our lovely president of the Women's League.

WANTED

Someone to take care of our Bulletin Board. Moe Scher is retiring after 20 years of service. He promises any man or woman that takes over his job an opportunity to improve on their spelling and eventually be ready to enter the "National Spelling Bee Contest".

WANTED

Men and Women Russian Translators. "The Russian (Jews) are coming"! We have been blessed with the opportunity to welcome about 175 Russian Jewish Families into our area with more coming, and we would like them to feel at home in our Synagogue.

WANTED

Kohanin to accept Torah Honors, Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Our three steady Kohanin Aaron Brandler, Werner Loew and Harry Seidel are so overworked that we are afraid we will be accused of cruelty to Kohanin!

WANTED

Jobs also open for Levites, as we only have two, Lou Becker and Henry Messing, and when they don't show up our Kohanin are doubly burdened.

WANTED

We are organizing an escort service to accompany our lovely ladies who are afraid to go home alone at night. Although there is a rumor making the rounds that they are merely using same as an excuse, so that they can invite you to their apartment to offer you "A GLEZELLE TEI MIT SPONGE CAKE".

WANTED

Men and Women to take charge of our Hat Check Concession. Must be able to

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HOW RELIGIOUS ARE THE ISRAELIS?

No one really seems to know for certain . . . Certain towns and neighborhoods are totally observant, while other towns and neighborhoods seem totally secularized. Yehuda Ben-Meir, a young American scholar who is now a citizen of Israel and a member of the Knesset, conducted a preliminary poll among a cross section of the Israeli population.

With respect to personal observance, the following are the percentages of those who recorded affirmative answers on some of the questions: attend Synagogue daily, 9%; refrain from riding on the Sabbath, 25%; keep separate milk and meat dishes at home, 50%; Mezuzzah on the door, 89%; take part in Passover Seder, 99% . . .

In matters of religious belief the replies ran as follows: believe in the coming of the Messiah, 35%; believe in G-d, 70% . . .

On controversial public issues: favor closing streets in religious neighborhoods to traffic on Sabbath, 79%; favor inclusion of studies in Jewish traditionalism in the general school curriculum, 84% . . . the pollster found pure 100% secularists to be scarce creatures.

YOUNG ISRAEL CHATTER

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avoid mixups as the one that occurred recently. Two ladies from the Women's League, with look alike Fur Coats, did not realize they took the wrong coat until they got home and one found a Chopped Liver Sandwich in the pocket when she distinctly remembered she took a Lokshen Kugel. Everything worked out well, but it took quite some time until the other lady got hungry!

All the above jobs are very good. No matter where you live, if interested, we will assist you to relocate.

By AL HEIN

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

BIRTHDAYS

(1) Susan Cohen, Morton Nussbaum, Hannah Lacher, Rose Wurmbrand; (3) David Bernfeld, Tillie Gross, Harry Seidel, Robert Liebert; (4) Edward J. Linder, Marjorie Berish, Dr. Mervyn Kaplan; (5) Harriet Miller, Sidney Sloan, David Zimmerman; (6) Ellen Lott; (7) Raymond Klugman, Harvey Erenstein, Myrna Soslowitz; (8) Elliott H. Solomon, Mollie Kramer, Max Vegotsky; (10) Goldye Rockman, Julius Solomon, Richard Friedman; (11) Tillie Kaplan; (12) Philip Kramer; (13) Sharon Lazarus; (15) Frank Horowitz, Rose Goldner, Lila Weiner, Frieda Breiner, Nat Brown, Helen Buchen; (16) Selma Anshen; (17) Milton Levine, Marc Rosenberg, Dinah Miller; (18) Isidore Felman; (21) Sonya Malka Gross, Hannah Osroff, Harold Levin, Robert Friedman; (23) Miriam Daniels, Myra Koch, Lillian Berish; (24) Milton Levitan, Gerald List, Fred Graff; (25) David Geller, Ben Shulman, George Ide; (26) Sandy Cohen; (28) Miriam Margulis; (29) Myrna Kaplan; (30) Carol Tirnauer, Elsie Wiesenfeld.

ANNIVERSARIES

(2) Mr. and Mrs. Sol Laufer; (4) Mr. and Mrs. Denny Katz; (6) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Liebert; (7) Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Yablonsky; (15) Mr. and Mrs. Irving Roseman; (22) Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mednick; (27) Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Turk, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beeber * * * and many happy returns.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to:

Mrs. Philip Ammer on the loss of her beloved sister Tina Rosenblum.

Dr. Ralph Saal on the loss of his beloved mother.

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

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