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RABBI GOLDSTEIN EXPLAINS THE SYMBOLISM AND LAWS OF PASSOVER

- Seder—meaning "Order of Service," is the name given to the service in the home on the first two nights of Passover, for which an elaborate ritual is prepared. The Seder is symbolic of a royal banquet; the father, dressed in white kittel, is the king, the mother the queen, and the children the princes and the princesses.
- The absinence from leaven for the eight days is intended to recall to our minds every year the event of Israel's redemption from bondage. The Israelites were in such a hurry to leave Egypt that they did not take the time to let the dough, which they had prepared, leaven.
- The Matzo's are intended to remind us of the bread thus prepared in haste. Since the Israelites did not let the dough rise, it remained flat and they baked it in the hot sun of the desert.
- Start a search for the chometz-leaven on the night preceding the Seder and burn and sell it the following morning, because we are not only forbidden to eat it, but we are also enjoined not to have it in our possession. Symbolically, leaven is supposed to represent all that is mean and sordid in life, and Matzoh the pure, lofty and sublime. The prayer said while the leaven is being burned reveals this. Just as the Jew removes all leaven from his house and possessions, so we pray that all impure thoughts may be removed from the earth.
- The Hessebet—the cushions put on the left side to lean upon, represent the oriental custom of all freemen to recline at their banquets. This symbolizes the fact that we are no longer slaves.
- The 3 Matzo's set on the table stand for the 3 classes in Israel—Cohen, Levi, and Israel.
- The four kosos—cups of wine—stand for the four words in Hebrew meaning "to set free."
- The pouring out of the 10 drops of wine, to recall the 10 plagues.
- The five special dishes:
 - The bitter herbs are symbolic of our bitter life in Egypt.

Passover Relief Work In Assisting Harlem's Needy To Begin Saturday Night

Services

	West Side	Harlem Branch
Saturday morning services.....	8:30	9:00
Mincha & Mariiv services.....	6:23	6:23
Daily morning services.....	7:15	7:00
Daily afternoon services.....	6:30	
Next Friday evening services.....	6:00	6:20

Passover Services

Wednesday evening, April 24.....	6:30	6:30
Thursday morning, April 25.....	8:15	9:00
Thursday evening, April 25.....	6:30	6:30
Friday morning, April 26.....	8:15	9:00
Friday evening, April 26.....	6:30	6:30

All those who wish to sell their Chomitz can do so every morning from 7 to 9 A. M. and every evening from 6 to 8 P. M., at our Synagogue.

- Charoshes—a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine—represent the mortar and clay which the Israelites had to build with when they were slaves unto Pharaoh.
 - The salt water represents the tears shed by the Israelites in their misery.
 - The roasted bone represents the Paschal lamb sacrificed by our people before they left Egypt and also at the time when the Holy Temple was in existence in Jerusalem.
 - The egg is symbolic of the special holiday offering which had to be brought to be sacrificed (in the time of the Temple) besides the customary Paschal offering.
 - The Cup of Elijah—Passover is the festival of redemption. Therefore, we put a special cup on the Seder table for Elijah, who, according to Talmudic Tradition, will come to announce to us our final redemption.
 - Opening of the door. We open the door during the Seder service to indicate our belief in the special Divine protection of Israel and to show that we are unafraid
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I. S. Sisterhood Again Takes Active Part In Giving Material Aid For the Poor

The annual roll call for Passover Relief has sounded, and the Sisterhood is ready with its vociferous beneficial answer. Once again has this worthy organization, together with other groups, undertaken to assist the needy in Harlem with Matzo's, Clothing, and other food-stuffs, for the Passover Holidays.

Last Year 540 Cases

Last year, under the auspices of the Harlem Joint Passover Relief Fund, 540 Jewish families were given substantial and material aid at the I. S.

Over \$2,000 of cash was distributed in varying amounts, and 3,000 pounds of Matzo's and Matzoh Meal were apportioned. In addition, sugar, fruits and candies were given out, as well as a plentiful supply of clothing and meat tickets entitling the holder to obtain meat-stuffs at designated butcher shops.

The Relief Dates

Mrs. Annie R. Morris, the President of the Sisterhood, her committee, and also the committees representing different organizations, will work a plan for the distribution, which is as follows:

Saturday evening, April 20th.....	8:00 to 10:00
Sunday afternoon, April 21st.....	2:00 to 5:00
Monday evening, April 22nd.....	8:00 to 10:00
Tuesday evening, April 23rd.....	8:00 to 10:00

DR. KAPNER TO DELIVER A PILPUL

The congregation will be privileged again to listen to Dr. Kapner who will deliver a Pilpul on the Laws of Passover, this Sabbath afternoon at 4:30, at the main building.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ours is the pleasant duty of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levow on the recent birth of a son.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 6:23

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CHESS CLUB ORGANIZED AT I. S. PROVES OF GREAT INTEREST

To those interested in the game of the Kings—Chess—this is very important news. A club has been organized by Harold Tobin whose purpose is to encourage chess players and chess playing. All those who are able to play the game or who are interested in learning are welcomed by this group who meet in Room 301 every Tuesday evening.

Inasmuch as the Metropolitan League Chess and Checker Championships are going to be held at the I. S. the early part of May, the organization of this group is of added interest. The I. S. team had sent out a blanket challenge to all institutions, but as yet has received no replies.

CLUBBERY

At the last meeting of the Junior Council held Wednesday, April 10th, it was decided that a Junior Passover Dance and Entertainment be presented for Saturday night, May 4th. Among the clubs contributing to the entertainment, are the Collegians and the Jewish Stars.

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As a part of their coming Social Hour Entertainment, the girls of the Progressives have decided to select their play now. They will start upon their rehearsing at once.

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Besides their other activities, the Collegians have decided to have several inter-member debates, one of which is "Resolved that community centres be supported by State funds." This topic will be argued at their coming meeting, in their club room

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For additional activity the girls of the Bronharts intend to deliver two-minute talks before the members of the club, on topics of current interest. This occasion will undoubtedly prove to be of more than usual interest.

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That a grand and glorious time was had by those attending the Entertainment and Dance conducted by the Jewish Stars last Saturday evening, April 6th, was evident from such remarks as "Whoopee," "Hot Dog" and "Great." It may be said to the credit of the Jewish Stars that this affair was but one of a number of highly successful presentations given under their auspices.

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Our Harlem A. C. announces that it will attend its first Annual Dance, coupled with a Basketball Games against the Pals, on Saturday evening, April 27th. A fast battle is expected between these top-notch teams. With respect to the Dance, a well-known known band will be one of the outstanding features.

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Inasmuch as the Juniors are clamoring for hiking, the I. S. has decided to take a series of hikes in the near future. Juniors are requested to watch the Bulletin Board for announcements regarding the time and place for proposed hikes.

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Sammy Stein is in charge of the Argosies' coming play entitled "Putting It Across." This comedy, plus various novelties, will be presented Tuesday at 8 P. M., April 23rd, in the I. S. Auditorium for the Argosies Social Hour.

I. S. DRAMATIC GROUP
TO BE REPRESENTED IN
FEDERATION SETTLEMENT

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The Dramatic Tournament Preliminary Contest of the Harlem Branch, in which the I. S. is participating, will take place May 5th, at the Federation Settlement. This tournament is preliminary to the main contest, which is to be held May 12th, at a Brooklyn Theatre.

One of These Three

The I. S. is as yet undecided as to which group shall represent it, for each association is allowed but one representative dramatic group. Among those outstanding is "Good Medicine," produced by the Collegian Girls, which won the Junior One-Act Play Contest; "The Eligible Mr. Bangs," presented by the Intermediate Group, the Tranquillity Boys, or, a One-Act Play by the Senior Duval Club, winner of last year's Intermediate Contest.

Short Play the Vogue

Only one-act plays are to be permitted, not to be any more than 30 minutes in length. The judges will be selected from the Metropolitan Dramatic Directors' Guild, boasting of some well-known theatrical celebrities. The plays will be judged on the following basis: 40% for presentation, which includes direction and how well the play gets across to the audience; 25% for acting, 25% for the selection of the play, and 10% for setting and lights.

ALBERT OTTINGER CONSIDERED AS
U. S. AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

It is a matter of interest to learn that ex-Attorney General Albert Ottinger is seriously being considered for the important diplomatic post of United States Ambassador to Italy. Although the information has arisen from rumor, there is every indication that the present Administration will make the appointment.

At any rate, it has been definitely established that should he not receive this dignity, President Hoover will utilize his services for some other position of importance.

The Italian Government has already communicated its acceptance of Mr. Ottinger. In view of his rich character, fine personality, and unusual ability, it is apparent that Mr. Ottinger's selection will add prestige to our country, as well as show sound judgment on the part of the present Administration.

AID SOUGHT TO RELIEVE FAMINE STRICKEN JEWS OF BESSARABIA

Active measures are now being taken to bring about relief for the fifty thousand famine stricken Jews of Bessarabia and Roumania. At a mass meeting two weeks ago of New York Jews of Bessarabian extraction, held under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress and the Bessarabian Relief Committee, a campaign was inaugurated to raise \$500,000 as an initial sum to go toward the aid of these unfortunates.

It is most unusual that the Province of Bessarabia, which, up to recent years, was one of the most fertile farm regions of Southern Russia, has during the past five years, failed to yield anything but meagre crops. As a result, the Jewish agriculturists, over 50,000 in number, are on the point of starvation.

To add to this appalling situation, it appears that there is no possibility to aid the sufferers until next August or September, when rich harvests of grain and sugar beets are expected.

One of the speakers present declared, "The mere fact that there are 50,000 fellow Jews suffering the pangs of hunger,

LAWS OF PASSOVER AND ITS SYMBOLISM EXPLAINED

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of our enemies.

- l. The Afikomen is a piece of the middle one of the three Matzohs placed before the master of the house. It is the last thing partaken of at the Seder because it represents the Paschal offering, which used to be eaten last.
- m. The Haggada. The outstanding feature of the Seder is the reading of the "Haggada," which relates the history of the Exodus from Egypt. The Bible commands us to relate the story of Passover.

Laws of Purging (Kashering)

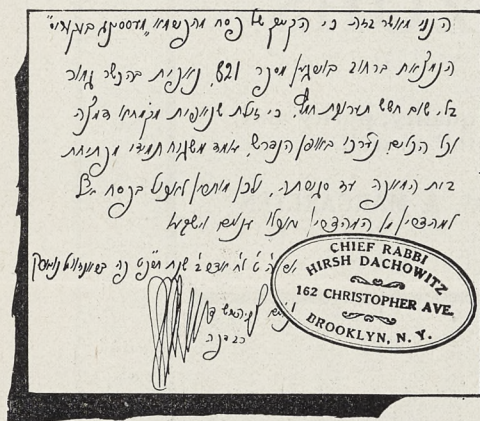
- a. A vessel that cannot be thoroughly cleansed, such as a sieve, a grater, a basket used for leaven, tubes, a vessel with a very narrow neck that cannot be cleansed from within, and the like—it is not permissible to purge for Passover use.
- b. Purging is done only in boiling hot water.
- c. Vessels which are to be urged should be put into a net or basket and plunged into boiling hot water.

- d. A vessel should not be Kashered unless 24 hours have elapsed since leaven was cooked therein.
- e. Before the vessel is Kashered, it should be thoroughly cleansed from rust and the like. Articles which are indented so that it is impossible to thoroughly cleanse the dents and cracks, may not be Kashered for Passover. It is therefore necessary to carefully observe whether purging will avail knives, spoons and forks with fancy handles for Passover use.
- f. Vessels made of iron and other such metals require glowing, i. e., they should be burned red hot before being plunged into hot water.
- g. After Kashering it is customary to wash the vessels with cold water.

Various General Laws concerning Passover

- a. During Passover even the slightest particle of leaven makes food prohibited for use.
- b. All kinds of legumes (such as bean, peas, etc.), likewise, all kinds of dried fruits are forbidden unless it is known that they are dried in a manner that is permissible and are under supervision.
- c. Neither cloves nor saffron may be used.

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As the Outdoor Season approaches, the Institutional Synagogue is starting a campaign to secure the proper men for their Spring Weather Teams. Our Institution desired informing teams to represent the Synagogue in the Annual Metropolitan League Tournaments.

Our first appeal is for candidates for the Tennis Team. The Metropolitan League is running the tournament for both singles and doubles events in the racquet game.

At present, any Sunday morning, you may see some of our cross-country men running down beside Central Park. They are led by the three old reliables, Ralph Levy, Ed. Gross and Brickman. These men are experienced in their branch of sport. They are eager to help and instruct the inexperienced man if he will just show his willingness to become a cross-country runner.

Every year the Metropolitan League holds a Gala Field Day for all the institutions connected with that organization. Track and field events are held. Individual and institutional prizes are awarded.

May we urge every person who is a member of our Institution and who has the least desire to participate in the above events to see either Mr. Silbert or Mr. Silverstein personally, in the very near future.

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AND ENTERTAINMENT?
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SIR PARKER FINDS SINCERE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT PREVAILING AMONG PALESTINIAN JEWS

Sir Gilbert Parker's recent statements concerning his views of the impressions he received while traveling through Palestine last Fall, is news both interesting and refreshing. For the past ten years this famous British author sought to write the story of King David of Israel. To correctly portray the atmosphere and local color required for the book, Sir Gilbert was obliged to make a trip to the Holy Land.

From the point of view of scenery he pictures Palestine as a land unsurpassed in beauty. With undisguised admiration, he talks of the many scenic places, such as the matchless lights in the Palestinian skies, the picturesque sea of Galilee on a sunshiny day, and the view of Mt. Carmel, looking to the sea.

He speaks of the cast city of Tel-Aviv as a thriving modern seaport from which

one could feel the economic pulse of a country that is making vast strides in its development as a Jewish National Homeland.

He points out that the numerous plantations of oranges, lemons and dates will furnish tremendous possibilities for the future, and this, coupled with the pursuit of general agriculture, will eventually make out of Palestine a self-supporting land.

To exemplify the rich and sincere religious spirit prevailing among the Jewish inhabitants, he says the following:

"One particular incident touched me as I stopped at the tomb of Rachael. An old Jewish woman sat there sobbing and crying. Her prayer, as my guide translated it, was, 'Oh, dear Mother Rachael, save my sick son for me.' Just think," said Sir Gilbert, with feeling, "that woman was pouring out her heart to Rachael, who lived 3,000 years ago. That showed me how near Rachael was to that Jewish woman—to all Jewish women."

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