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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 abstinence 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 Matzohs 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 Jews 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 Matzohs 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.

Hon. Sol Bloom Honored as I. S. Celebrates Thirteenth Anniversary of Purposeful Existence

Services

	Harlem	West Side
Friday evening	6:00 p. m.	6:10 p. m.
Saturday morning	6:15 a. m.	6:30 a. m.
Mincha & Maarev	6:10 p. m.	6:10 p. m.

PASSOVER SERVICES

Sunday morning	8:30 a. m.	8:45 a. m.
Sunday afternoon	6:20 p. m.	6:20 p. m.
Monday morning	8:30 a. m.	8:45 a. m.
Monday afternoon	6:20 p. m.	6:20 p. m.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will occupy the pulpit at the main building this Saturday morning, April 12th, and on Monday morning, April 14th. He will be at the West Side Branch on Sunday, April 13th, and on Sunday, April 20th. Saturday, April 19th, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will preach at the main branch.

DR. ZADOK KAPNER

will deliver his annual Pilpul this Saturday afternoon, April 12th, at 4:45 P. M.

- The five special dishes:
 - The bitter herbs are symbolic of our bitter life in Egypt.
 - 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 festi-

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Continuance of Harlem's Lighthouse More Urgent Now Than Ever Before

Before a large and enthusiastic audience, the Institutional Synagogue celebrated its Thirteenth Anniversary by a Testimonial Dinner tendered in honor of one of its outstanding directors, Congressman Sol Bloom. The affair which was held at the Hotel Astor last Sunday evening was certainly a brilliant one and will long live in the memory of those who attended.

Our president, the Honorable Isaac Siegel, greeted the diners, and after paying tribute to the guest-of-honor, spoke glowingly of the achievements of the Institutional Synagogue during the past thirteen years of its existence. He disclosed the marvelous record that no one who has ever been a member of the Building has ever had to appear in any of the criminal courts.

The next speaker, Hon. Julius Miller, Boro President of Manhattan, recounted some very interesting anecdotes concerning Congressman Bloom and expressed his wish that the I. S. work be allowed to continue unhampered for lack of funds.

Hon. John Q. Tillson, Republican leader of the House, continued by showering praise on the guest-of-honor, Congressman Sol Bloom. He was followed by the Hon. Florence Kahn, Congresswoman from California, a life-long friend of Congressman Bloom, and whose remarks were indeed very well received. The Hon. William W. Cohen was next in order and he kept the audience in constant gales of laughter with his anecdotes.

Rabbi Goldstein then took the floor and in a fervent and eloquent address presented the purposes for which this function was given. He recounted how Congressman Bloom became associated with the I. S. The Rabbi also impressed the audience with the need for continued material assistance for the I. S. "We are indeed at a critical period of our existence and we appeal to you to help us continue fostering the ideals of Judaism."

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CLUBBERY

After a reorganization of the *Aces*, a Junior club, the following officers were elected: Isidore Roth, president; Morris Cohen, vice-president; Isidore Samuel, secretary and treasurer; Max Resnick, athletic manager. They are now making a drive for new members.

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The dance tendered by the *Amiga* Club this April 5th turned out to be one of the best social events of the year. Many of the H. H. I. and the 92nd Street "Y" attended, as well as, of course mostly members of the I. S.

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The *Jeshurun*s had elections last week and it resulted in the election of Harry Kazen as president; Murray Kat, vice-president. Samuel B. Heifetz, one of their members, won the Handball Championship of the I. S. without losing a game throughout the Tournament.

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The *Vagabond Social* Club, composed of senior boys, intend running a masquerade or colored-light ball in the near future. They promise a big surprise for everyone. Their officers are William K. Shanies, president; Arty S. Koraty, vice-president; Sidney, L. Schragin, secretary; Eddie S. Feilich, treasurer.

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With characteristic munificence, the *Delta Iota Rho* donated to the Intermediate Council twelve candle sticks and one-half dozen ash trays. We are certain that these will be appreciated greatly by the patrons of the Social Room.

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The *Tranquility* Club held a Theatre Party last Sunday evening at the National Theatre. Bertha Kalisch was the star of the evening and according to the broad smiles that the boys wore, we know that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

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A monster Package Party was held by the *Kosac* girls last Sunday afternoon. An excellent orchestra furnished the music and the dancing was enjoyed by all. We look forward to another affair run by the *Kosacs*. Al Herbin, president of the *Kosac* boys, was in charge of the arrangements.

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The *Argoes* have organized their baseball team and accept all challenges. They are proud to say that they have won all games so far.

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A BREATH BEFORE THE FINAL LAP

The year to which so many newly elected officers of the numerous I. S. clubs looked forward to will soon draw to a close. A few more fleeting weeks of meetings, plans and get-togethers and the summer months will find new interests out of doors. It would be well for these officers who enthusiastically took the responsibility and the honor of leadership of their respective groups to call a rest at this time before the final lap of their administrations. Will the year find your club with a new record of achievement? Did your plans materialize? Is there yet something your club could do which will add to the activities and worth-while interests of the I. S. members?

There is yet time to make the coming final months of meetings fruitful in realization of election promises and programs worthy of your club purposes. Failure can yet be made a Success—Start the final lap with "a definite goal in mind."

THE MATTER of I. S. MEMBERSHIP

When you pay your three or five dollars to the registrar at the desk, and receive a little yellow or red card in return, you are told that this card entitles you to I. S. membership. That is, you are given an excellent and ample opportunity to partake in the cultural, social and athletic activities that the I. S. offers. If, during the course of your membership, you are heard complaining that you are not deriving as much benefit from your I. S. membership as you would like to, despite the fact that the facilities for your development in the I. S. still exist, there must be something wrong, somewhere. It may be personal.

It is agreed that the matter of I. S. membership is nothing more than a simple formula of Give and Take. What you give in your interest, your time, and attention to the host of activities in the I. S. Forums, Debates, Dances, Basketball Games, etc. What you gain is not merely the momentary rewards of pleasure and satisfaction, but such permanent and valuable things as a Jewish consciousness, improved health and facility of expression. Surely, when these advantages are the result of a membership enrollment, it is well worth your while to do your part in this Give and Take.

—Bronx "Y" Bulletin.

Do thy simple duty well and know that great men can do their greatest work no better.—Goethe.

I. S. Senior Debating Team Starts Season With a Victory Over Yonkers Jewish Center

Messrs. Samuel Cass and Charles Vogel
Represent Local Forensic Group

Meeting the team representing the Yonkers Jewish Community Center for the first time, the I. S. Senior Debating Team fought its way to a victory last Thursday evening. The subject debated was "Resolved: That the Yeshiva College Type of Parochial School be Extended to Elementary and High School Education of the Jewish Youth in the United States", the I. S. maintaining the affirmative.

It was evident from the very beginning that a close battle would be witnessed, for both teams were well prepared and the well-delivered presentations on so difficult a subject evoked the admiration of the audience. The I. S. Team consisted of Messrs. Samuel Cass, of the Talmud Torah Staff, and Charles Vogel, practising attorney.

Setting out to prove that the establishment of more parochial schools is of great importance at the present time due to the fact that our Jewish youth is not receiving a religious education, Mr. Vogel, the first speaker of the affirmative, by citing authoritative figures easily proved his point. He then proved the desirability of the extension of these schools to our youth, since it could be they that would need the education most in order to keep them within the fold.

Mr. Irving Machtay, first Yonkers speaker, presented the fact that the cost of building new schools to educate the Jewish youth would be over \$14,000,000, which really was prohibitive. He cited the fact that many of our present schools are closed because of lack of funds.

Mr. Cass, the second I. S. speaker, in a fiery presentation first proved that Jews are realizing the value of coherence and unity and showed that the Jewish Education Association, one of the most important agencies in promoting Jewish religious education, was composed of all elements of Jewry. Furthermore, Jews owed a moral duty to the rest of the world to continue Jewish learning in America. Mr. Klein, the last speaker from Yonkers pointed out that the Jewry was torn and divided and that no parochial schools were essential, because that would create further anti-Semitism and lead to the segregation of the Jewish people from the rest of the public.

The rebuttal proved unusually interesting, the same speakers being utilized. Mr.

BUILDING CLOSED FOR NEXT TWO WEEK - ENDS FOR PASSOVER OBSERVANCE

Passover holidays will start at sunset, Saturday, April 12 (Nisan 14) and end at sunset, Sunday, April 20 (Nisan 22). The I. S. will be closed from sundown, Friday, April 11, to sunset Monday, April 14, and from sunset, Friday, April 18, to sunset Sunday, April 20.

All clubs missing meetings on these dates should make arrangements with Mr. Shapiro or Mr. Cohen to meet during the week.

TO THE PARENTS OF TALMUD TORAH STUDENTS

Dear Parents:

One of our greatest holidays is to be ushered in tomorrow. This holiday is rich in many beautiful ceremonies which makes it pleasant, lovely, and fascinating to the children.

It is a beautiful custom to have the children participate as much as possible. They should not be passive. They should be active to the utmost degree.

You will find that we have done our very best to equip your child with all the knowledge required for the celebration of this holiday. He can chant the Kiddush, ask the "Four Questions," read with you the "Hagada" and possesses a fine knowledge of the history and of all the laws and customs of Passover.

We hope that you will make your child happy and yourself proud of him by giving him a fair chance to participate. We hope that you will also award him with all the usual holiday spoils that go to the child, such as nuts to play and a prize for succeeding to hide the "Afikomen," etc.

May we also ask you to inform us how active your child was and how he impressed you.

Wishing you a very pleasant, enjoyable and Kosher holiday, I am

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH DATT,

Principal.

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,
Rabbi.

I. S. DINNER SUCCESSFUL

Hon. Sol Bloom indeed was visibly moved. He spoke softly, attempting to prevail over the surge of his emotions. He thanked his many friends for the honors and lavish praises that were bestowed upon him and hoped to make himself worthy of all that had been said. "I am here to make the world happier for my being here. I want to be of service. It is my only wish that I can help poor unfortunates that come to me for aid."

The last speaker of the evening was Mr. Jonah J. Goldstein, considered as one of the greatest public Schnorers of the day. He who made the direct appeal for funds. His whole-hearted enthusiasm and his long to be remembered "akshonos" story brought a fine response. As has been our time-honored custom, our genial Mr. Morris Jablow was again the official toastmaster during the ceremonies. Between courses, Cantor Joseph Rosenblatt won his way to the hearts of the diners, with the incomparable rendition of several folk songs.

Miss Jeanette Plotz, Georgie Price, Eddie Nelson, and Cantor Zalman Yavneh were among the others who entertained. Exceedingly popular was Miss Leonora Cori, sister-in-law of our Executive Director, Mr. Abraham Bernstein. Her extraordinary voice thrilled the audience. Miss Cori was formerly with the American Opera Co., San Carlo Opera Co., and with the Paramount. She has just returned from a triumphant tour. Other artists who were present but were unable to appear because of lack of time were Harry Hershfield, Elena Kazinova and the Russian Imperial Balalaika Orchestra under the leadership of Constatin Poliansky.

Other prominent guests on the dais were Hon. Max Solomon, Capt. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Morris Koenig, Hon. Otto A. Rosalsky, Mr. Lester Udell and Mr. Harry Hershfield.

The whole-hearted thanks of the I. S. are extended to Mr. Mayer Plotz, chairman of the Entertainment; Mr. Lester Udell, and his Dinner Committee, and Mr. Abraham Bernstein, whose Herculean efforts made the affair so successful.

Cass, manifested his superiority by a fiery denunciation of the deprecatory remarks made regarding the Yeshiva College student or the graduate of a Jewish parochial school. He also spiked many of the arguments of the negative.

The chairman of the evening was Dr. Bunim. The judges were Mr. Abrams, a Yonkers attorney; Mr. Sherman, Boston social service worker; and Judge Rosenwasser of Yonkers. They rendered a 2-1 decision in favor of the affirmative.

"Look up and not down," says Edward E. Hale



The first match in the Handball Tournament was lost to the Temple Ansche Chesed by a 4-1 score. Philip Svigals was the only I. S. member who won his match by a score of 31-30. Hy Epstein, Sol Meyers played the other single matches and in the doubles, Edelman and Goldbloom represented the I. S.

Against the Schiff Center, the I. S. also found a superior opponent and lost by a 3-2 score. The same team represented the I. S., Edelman winning against Golomb.

Last Wednesday night in a return match against Temple Ansche Chesed the I. S. emerged with its first victory in the Handball Tournament. Edelman won his single match by a 31-12 score and Saul Meyers defeated his opponent handily 31-23. Phil Svigals also won his singles match. However, the I. S. lost in the doubles. The match being held at the I. S. drew a large crowd, and according to their acclamation, the games were well played and worthwhile watching. Ansche Chesed, whose team was defeated, incidentally is leading the Northern Division and has been undefeated heretofore.

In the House Interclub Tournament, as was previously announced, the Jeshuruns have won the championship of the clubs. Mr. Silbert also advises all runner, and sprint stars to start in training for the outdoor track and field day sponsored by the Metropolitan League. This will be held some time in May, further details to appear in a subsequent issue.

val 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.

k. 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 of our enemies.

l. The Afikomen is a piece of the middle one of the three Metzohs 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.

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 beans, 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.

THE SEDER DISH

Bring us in the Seder dish,
Long before the meat and fish
Come, Cheroeth, moror, too,
Let us taste of both of you
Little bone that means a lamb
Egg that just like Isaac's ram
Take the place of sacrifice,
Come and make our Seder nice
Isn't Pesach simply fine,
With the matzoth and the wine?
Here's a set for you and me
All sit down in company.

—Shulamith Ish-Kishor.

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The Committee in charge is headed by Al Ross, vice-president. Assisting him are Chester Chaiken, Al Herbin, Sy Jacobs, Beatrice Swedlon, and Miriam Kabatznick.

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