

## Passover

Its Symbolism, Significance, Laws and Regulations

(Continued from last issue)

### "Chag Hamatzoth"

Since the only kind of bread we are permitted to eat on Passover is what is known as "matzoth," the holiday is called "Chag Hamatzoth", or the Feast of Matzoth. The prohibition to eat leavened bread on Passover is due to an important incident that accompanied the deliverance of the Israelites from the land of bondage. Overwhelmed by the death of the first born, the Egyptians were so urgent in driving the Israelites out of their land, that the latter had no time to wait until their dough became leavened and had to bake it as matzoth. The latter thus remind us of the haste with which we were freed from Egypt.

### "Chag Hapesach"

The name Passover, "Pesach" or "Chag Hapesach" is a derivation from the Hebrew word "paw-sach" meaning skip. Before the Israelites of old were freed from Egypt, they were ordered to bring an animal sacrifice in the form of a lamb. The lamb was worshipped by the Egyptians, and the act of sacrificing it to heaven was a great step in the direction of weaning the Israelites from idol worship. At the risk of their lives, the Israelites slaughtered the lamb in the sight of the Egyptians; then sprinkled its blood on their doorposts, and roasted it. The blood on the doorposts of the Israelites made the angel of death skip their homes; hence the name paschal lamb, Passover, etc.

### The "Seder"

The eating of the paschal lamb with its accompanying ceremonies has been developed after the destruction of the Temple into what is now known as the "Seder", which means order. As applied to Passover it means the order or series of very impressive ceremonies, which are the distinguishing feature of the evening meals on the first and second nights of Passover. The law makes it obligatory to tell the story of the delivery from bondage on these two evenings; and the ceremonies of the "seder", which are also required by law, greatly vivify the story. The story as well as the ceremonies are found in a specially prepared pamphlet known as the Haggadah. For a clear understanding of the "seder", described in the Haggadah, a few words will be said about the following important ceremonies: the "Hessebet", the three matzoth, the five special dishes, the four cups of wine, the pouring of the drops, the "afikomen", the cup of Elijah, and the opening of the door.

(To be continued)

## RABBI GOLDSTEIN ADDRESSES LEADERS' CONFERENCE ON

### "Religion and the Club Program"

The Leaders' Conference is fulfilling the fondest hopes of Mr. Cohen, its innovator. At its last meeting, Rabbi Goldstein addressed this Institutional organization of the select on the subject of Religion and its place in the Social and Educational Department of the Institutional Synagogue. Our Rabbi pointed out that it was the office of the various Settlement Houses to effect social service work, of the athletic organizations to foster physical culture, of the "Y's" to do social work, but that it was the aim of the Institutional Synagogue to inculcate in the hearts of the Jewish Youth a desire to practice ceremonial Judaism and yet incorporate these objectives.

After the presentation of his views upon the subject, Rabbi Goldstein led the group in the discussion of ways and means of effecting the ideal of the Institutional Synagogue. The club leaders promised to attempt to carry out some of the suggestions made. It was decided to hold another meeting, so that a report on the results of this attempt may be made.

Mr. Cohen introduced Miss Diana Goldstein and Mr. Jerome Isaacs, new members of the Leaders' Conference. Miss Goldstein is the director of the Outdoor Girls and Mr. Isaacs leads the Boy Scouts.

It is the custom of the Leaders' Conference to select a different chairman for each meeting. Dr. William Garfield, leader of the Arista, was in charge of the proceedings. Next month's chairman will be Mr. A. T. Pushkoff, Journalist and Stage Director.

## "OLD TIMERS" GATHER AT FRANKFURTER ROAST

Greetings, handshakes, dances and entertainment were punctuated with "hot dogs" (the canines were of a distinctly Kosher variety, to be sure) at the Frankfurter Roast and Dance conducted by the West Side Men's Club at the Main Building Gym Sunday night, March 15th.

Rabbi Goldstein welcomed the "old timers" and urged them to participate more actively in the Institution's activities and to interest themselves in the Institution's problems and development. Cy Hauer, President of the W. S. M. C., greeted everyone in his characteristically congenial fashion and invited the men and women present to join the W. S. M. C. or the I. S. Daughters.

The West Side Men's Club meets every Monday night at the West Side Branch. The I. S. Daughters meets alternate Wednesday nights at the Main Building.

## Festive Spirit Evident as Institutional Synagogue Prepares for Fourteenth Annual Dinner

Lester Udell Heads Committee, with Messrs. Wartels, Sanders and Gluck as Associates

Sunday evening, April 12th, will be the biggest night in the history of the I. S., when its membership will celebrate the fourteenth year of its existence by an Anniversary Dinner at the West Side Branch.

With the indomitable Lester Udell as Chairman, assisted by Vice-Chairman, Mr. Aaron Wartels; Treasurer, Mr. Max E. Sanders, and Mr. David Gluck as Secretary of the Dinner Committee, every criterion of a successful affair is in evidence.

It is expected that the attendance this year will far surpass that of previous years. Prominent speakers and personages of note will grace the occasion.

The I. S. Annual Dinner always excites an interest such as no other event does during the year. The members of the Dinner Committee and their associates on the Board of Directors and the Executive Officers are exerting themselves to the fullest in seeing that no stone is left unturned towards insuring a dinner success far surpassing any Annual Dinner heretofore held.

### Send In for Table Reservations Now!

It is a long time since the I. S. held its Dinner at the building itself. Tickets for the Dinner will cost five dollars per person and table reservations may be had. Reservations can be made through any member of the committee, or through our Executive Director, Mr. Abraham Bernstein.

It is urged that reservations be made promptly.

He taught us

To hold  
 In loving reverence,  
 Poor men and their work  
 Great men and their work  
 God and his work.

—John Ruskin.

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They who give have all there is; they who withhold have nothing.



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He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.

—Proverbs, XIX. 17.

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Giving to the poor increaseth a man's store.

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Not as it pleases us but as it is right for us, so let us live.

It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the death of Mr. Henry Herzog, father of our active worker and former Medical Examiner, Dr. Aaron Herzog. To the family of the deceased we extend our sincere condolence. May they know no more sorrow.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Philip Bernstein, father of our esteemed friend and seatholder, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, Secretary of the Grand Street Boys' Association. We pray that God in His mercy will comfort the family of the deceased.

## ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST UNDER WAY

The "Institutional" is happy to announce the commencement of the One-Act Play Contest. Mr. Kirschenbaum, who will be in charge of this popular activity, has set the following few rules to govern the competition:

- 1—Any club in good standing may enter the contest.
- 2—Each member of every cast must be a member in good standing in his club and in the department.
- 3—The play to be produced must be selected and approved by March 31st.
- 4—A club which selects a play which calls for a cast of at least three characters may include in its cast a member of the opposite sex. However, the person chosen must be a member of the building.
- 5—Arrangements for rehearsals must be made with the office.
- 6—A preliminary contest will be held on April 19, 1931, and the poor productions will be eliminated.
- 7—The final contest will take place on May 2nd, or May 3rd, 1931.
- 8—A prize will be awarded to the club presenting the best production and one prize will be awarded to the best individual performance.

The following clubs have signified their intention of entering the contest: So-Caths, Pledged Eternal Pals, Arista, Gigolo, Jesters, Pawnees and Emanons.

All clubs entering the One-Act Play Contest are urged to select their plays at once and have them approved.

## I. S. JUNIORS VISIT "DAILY NEWS"

A large group of enthusiastic Junior club members were astounded and most amazed as they watched the rapid production of a Metropolitan Newspaper last night at the "Daily News" plant.

They were guests of the "Junior Tattler" Staff. The visit was arranged by Mr. Cohen, who, with most of his associates, accompanied the members. This visit was planned to encourage the embryo journalists of our Junior clubs to plan and work harder than ever at their respective club papers.

Ben Dobrow, Editor-in-chief of the "Junior Tattler," invites Juniors to write for the "Tattler." There are still some positions open for enterprising reporters.

The "Institutional" thanks the "Daily News" for the cordial hospitality extended our members.

## ORDERS FOR WINE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED BY OFFICE

In order to get wine for sacramental purposes and properly within the law, application must be made through the Synagogue. This must be done long enough in advance of the Passover to enable the office to have the necessary papers signed and delivered to the government authorities.

The Institutional Synagogue is doing this solely for the convenience of their members and seatholders. Requests made later than March 30th will not be complied with. Since we are anxious that every worshipper in our institution have for Passover wine that is Kosher ritually and in accordance with the Constitution of our country, we urge immediate action. Kindly inform Mr. Bernstein of your requirements. Phone University 4-6729. The following wines may be secured: Richon-Le-Zion "Carmel" wines, which are made, bottled, and packed in sealed cases in Palestine. These wines are shipped direct to you in original cases from the United States Customs Bonded Warehouse. Each case contains twelve bottles, or a minimum of 2.4 gallons.

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The Institutional Synagogue has never failed to do its bit in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews. Not only Matzhohs, but clothing as well, are desired for those people who anticipate relief from this institution. We must not fail them. Kindly send your contributions to the I. S. Sisterhood, care of Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116th Street, New York City.

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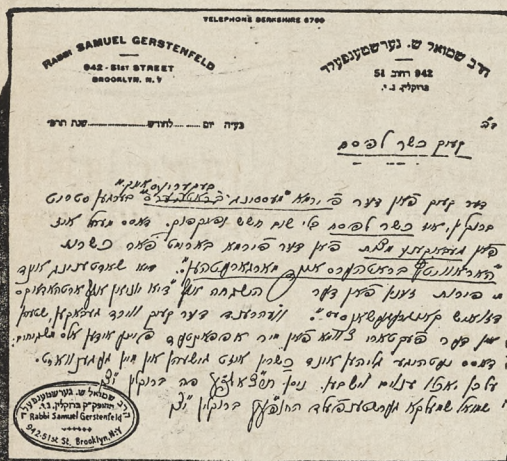
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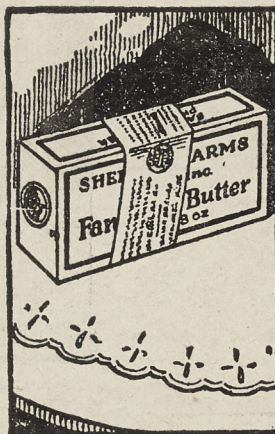
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