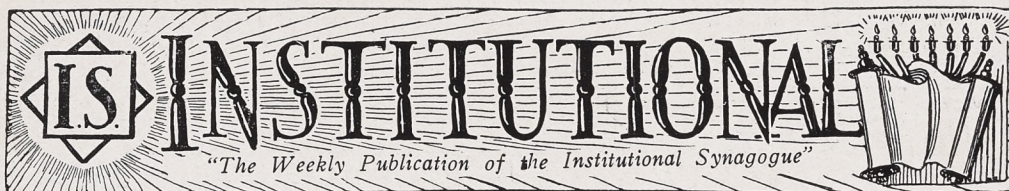


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Passover Service

Eruv Tavshelun must be made on Wednesday before sunset.

Kindling of Sabbath and Yom Tov Lights, 6:25 P. M.

Harlem West Side

Wednesday Evening.....	6:30	6:30
Thursday Morning.....	8:45	9:00
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Friday Morning.....	8:45	9:00
Friday Evening.....	6:30	6:30
Saturday Morning.....	8:30	9:00

Counting of the Omer, Thursday evening.

Memorial Services, Thursday morning, April 28th.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS



HON. ISAAC SIEGEL, President

The Institutional Synagogue constituency joins his many friends throughout the United States in extending its sincerest best wishes and congratulations to our President, the Hon. Isaac Siegel, on the occasion of his birthday, celebrated last Tuesday.

It has been said, "They honor thee best, do they who honor in thee what is best." The affection, admiration, and respect which his fellow-men accord Congressman Siegel evidences their appreciative estimate of him. We wish him many years of happiness and productive activity.

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The above cards must be mailed into the office before Tuesday, April 26th, preferably sooner, so that they may be had for the Memorial Services, Thursday, April 28th.

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP?

There are many needy Jewish families in Harlem who would like to observe Passover suitably but who, unfortunately, cannot do so because of the lack of necessary funds.

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

LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 6:25

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PASSOVER

The "Erub-Tabshilin"

Whenever a holiday is immediately followed by the Sabbath, the preparations for the Sabbath must start on the eve of the holiday. For this reason something baked and something cooked is set aside as articles prepared for the Sabbath, and a special prayer—stating the purpose of these articles—is recited. This is to be done before the holiday is ushered in. On the eve of Passover a piece of matzoh is used instead of bread, for obvious reasons. As to the cooked article, the most commonly used is a piece of cooked fish or meat. The articles thus laid aside must not be eaten until the last meal on the Sabbath.

The "Hessebet"

The "Hessebet" is the term designating the cushions placed on the left side of the chair at the seder table to make it easy to recline on that side. It was an oriental custom for all freemen to recline at their meals, and our doing so, symbolizes the fact that we are no longer slaves. The reclining is enjoined by law, at least, while the required portions of matzoh and "moror" are eaten and the cups of wine are sipped.

The Three Matzoths

As it is well known, we are not permitted all through Passover, to eat any other bread than the cakes baked from unleavened dough, called matzoth. This observance commemorates the fact that the Israelites were forced out of Egypt in such a hurry that they had no time to wait until their dough would ferment. This fact is so important, that the holiday is known as "Hag Hamatzoth," the Festival of Matzoth. Moreover, on the first two nights, we are commanded to eat matzoh, and on the seder-table we place on a plate three matzoth, which symbolize the three classes into which we were divided after the deliverance—namely: Cohanim or Priests, Levites, and Israelites.

The Five Special Dishes

On the matzoh a number of special dishes are placed in the following manner: a shank bone on the right, an egg on the left, some bitter herbs—called "moror" in the center, "harosses"—under the roasted

shank bone, an onion under the egg. Besides that, a plate with salt water is placed on the table. Every member of the family leaning on the left side has to partake of these dishes: the bitter herb (usually horse radish) is dipped in the "harosses" before it is eaten, the onion is dipped into the salt water, and the egg is eaten in any way desired. The amount partaken must not be less than the size of an olive. Mention is also to be made of another portion of the bitter herb which is eaten immediately after the first portion. This second portion is known as "korech," because it is placed between two pieces of matzoh before partaken. All these dishes have symbolic meanings:

- The bitter herbs as well as the onion are symbolic of our bitter life in Egypt.
- "Harosses"—a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine—represents the mortar and clay which the Israelites used in the making of bricks for Pharaoh.
- The salt water is reminiscent of the tears shed by the suffering Israelites.
- The roasted shank bone represents the paschal lamb, which will be explained in connection with the "Afikomen" ceremony.
- The egg is a reminder of the "Hagigah," the special holiday offering which was brought at the time the Temple was in existence, in addition to the paschal lamb.

The Four Cups of Wine

On the night of the seder four cups of wine are sipped. They are symbolic of the four Hebrew terms used in the divine promise to Moses to deliver the Israelites.

The Pouring Out of the Drops of Wine

Between the first cup of wine, on which the "kiddush" is recited and which is partaken at the very start of the seder, and the second—the story of the deliverance from Egyptian bondage is told, in the course of which the plagues with which the Egyptians were smitten are enumerated. When this is done a drop of wine is poured off for each plague, and then for each of the three classes of plagues into which the ten plagues are divided.

PASSOVER COMMENCES WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 20th

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The Department of Center Activities can supply you with capable and experienced male and female stenographers, typists, secretaries, bookkeepers, clerks and general help. This service is extended free to both employers and members. Phone UNiversity 4-6729 (or write) and we will be glad to send you recommended workers.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PLEDGE?

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time. We, therefore, ask you to be sincere enough to cooperate with us and send in your contributions as pledged with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your cooperation, which I know I can expect from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Secretary.

**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. Since we are anxious that every worshiper 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.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS SCHEDULE

- April 23rd—Declamation Contest — Auditorium.
- May 7th—Terminlines Club Dance—at West Side.
- May 8th—Senior One-Act Play Contest—Auditorium.
- May 8th—Mothers' Day.
- May 22nd—Athletic Carnival—I. S. Gym.

We mourn the untimely death of Pearl Aronowitz, Honor Graduate of our Talmud Torah.

**CURRENT EVENTS IN THE
JEWISH WORLD**

An ordinary criminal case in which a Jew is involved is exploited by the entire Nazi press in Germany for the purpose of building up a ritual murder accusation for the coming Passover.

The Nazi press has played up the discovery of the dismembered body of Martha Kaspar, a maid employed in the home of a cattle dealer named Meyer. Meyer and his son were arrested. The press proclaims the occurrence as ritual murder in line with Asiatic blood thirst.

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Suffering among the Jewish population of Eastern and Central European countries is on the increase, according to a report from Dr. Bernard Kahn, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

In Poland, Dr. Kahn says, three million Jews are faced with economic dangers; half of the employable Jews in that land are without work, and one hundred thousand small children are on the verge of starvation; and adds that four hundred thousand of the one million Jews in Roumania are in dire circumstances; and that hundreds of thousands of Jews in other nations are in destitute straits.

The only hope for these people, he points out, is from America, and he makes a strong plea for the continued support of the work of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which is endeavoring to carry on a program of social reconstruction and relief among the Jews of Eastern and Central Europe.

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Federal statistics reveal that there is a total of 1,222,658 persons in the United States who speak the Yiddish language as their mother tongue.

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The Czechoslovakian government deided, recently, that the Nazi organizations and the swastika, international symbol of anti-Semitism, are illegal.

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Tel-Aviv and practically the whole of Palestine has now begun to receive its light power from the Jordan station of the Rutenberg works, states a recent Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

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"The Story of Daganian," by Joseph Baratz, has just been issued in English. It is the first in the series of the "Lanoar," Palestine Hebrew Library, relating to the settlement of Palestine as a Jewish National Home, which will cover its early beginnings to the present day, and including the story of its villages, its historic places, its leaders, and the various movements working for its establishment.

DO NOT FORGET "ERUB-TABSHILLIN"

The Cup of Elijah

The cup of Elijah is filled before the fourth cup of wine is sipped. On such a happy night as the seder we hope for a visit from Elijah the Prophet, whom we expect to bring us through the Messiah, the happy tidings of our final deliverance.

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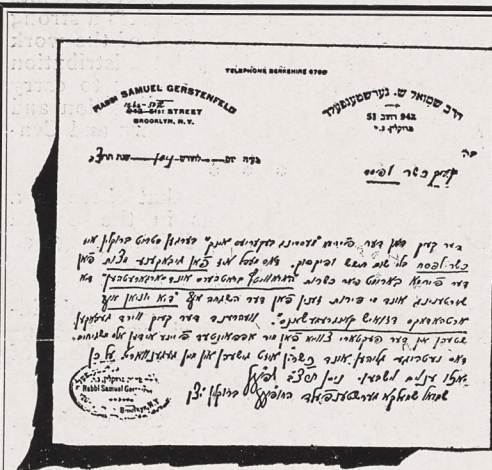
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