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Passover

Passover is the most important Jewish holiday of the spring. Passover is known by three different names: "Z'man Cherusenu", "Chag Hamatzoth", and "Chag Hapesach". Each one of these names is characteristic of the holiday, and an interpretation of these appellations will elucidate it; but for the sake of convenience some of the preparatory steps belong: the "koshering" of the utensils, the removal of the "chometz", known as "biur chometz", and the preparation for the last "chometz" meal.

The "Koshering" of the Utensils

Since on Passover we are not allowed to have in our food any trace of leavened bread the dishes and utensils used on Passover must be such that were either not used at all during the year, or, at least, cleansed from any absorption of "chometz" in the manner prescribed by the law, the cleansing is performed in the following manner: The metal utensils are first scrubbed and washed, then kept without being used for twenty-four hours, and finally either boiled in hot water or burned in an oven depending upon the way they were used during the year. As to crockery, it can not be cleansed for Passover after it has once been used with "chometz".

Bedikas Chometz and "Biur Chometz"

"Biur chometz" means the removal of all leavened bread. This is started by the pious Jewish women many days before Passover (Chometz that can not be destroyed before Passover is sold by the rabbi to a non-Jew, and every head of a family has to delegate that task to him several days in advance). But the official search for leavened bread will take place this year on the evening following the sunset of Sunday, April 9. Before the head of the family—equipped with a lit candle, wooden spoon, feather, piece of cloth, and thread—chants an appropriate benediction and starts the search, crumbs of bread are placed on the window sills, to prevent the possibility of not finding any "chometz", and thus pronouncing a benediction in vain.

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, 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.

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**NOTED PEACE SPEAKER TO ADDRESS
WEST SIDE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Following Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein's Bible Class at the West Side Women's League meeting, Monday afternoon, April 3, Mrs. Theresa Mayer Durlach, president of the World Peace Ways, will speak on "The Attainment and Retainment of World Peace." Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz will be hostess. Readers of the Institutional are extended a cordial invitation to attend this meeting.

The Institutional Synagogue extends sincere congratulations and best wishes to David Moskowitz, son of our Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz, upon his Bar Mitzvah this Saturday, April 1. The Bar Mitzvah ceremony will be held at our West Side Branch.

**SECOND OF SERIES OF ONE-ACT
PLAY CONTESTS WON BY AMICI
GIRLS' PRODUCTION**

**Sylvia Dobrow of Amici Cast Wins Best
Individual Performance Award**

The second of a series of three one-act play contests was held last Sunday evening at the Main Building auditorium. A large and responsive audience showed its appreciation of the club productions and the acting by enthusiastic applause. Melo-drama, drama and a comedy were this week's contribution by the Thespians of the I. S.

The judges awarded first place to the Amici Production, "Young America". The members of the cast were Estelle Nussdorf, Thelma Wartman, Anita Feller, Sylvia Dobrow and Helen Kalish.

The award for the best individual performance was won by Miss Sylvia Dobrow of the Amici Club. In the difficult role of Nutty Beemer in "Young America", Miss Dobrow interpreted it with fine spirit and excellent interpretation. Honorable mention was awarded to Anita Feller, Frances Schulman, and Ruth Buchbinder.

The Utopian Club presented "The Burton Mystery". They wrote the play. The members of the cast were Shirley Rosenthal, Vivian Taitz, Eleanor Ullman, Roslyn Schneider, Dorothy Glasberg, Zelda Mizrahi, Florence Gasman, and Ruth Buchbinder.

The Pickwick Girls presented "Little Heroes". The members of the cast were Frances Schulman, Florence Rosen, Susan Panken, Claire Brody, Sylvia Rosen, and Gertrude Reichman.

This Saturday night, the Bengals, Termini Girls and the Seacs will present their respective productions. Readers and their guests are invited to attend the performance.

On Sunday night, April 9, the finals of the One-Act Play Contest will be presented. Participating in the finals will be the Acme Club, winner of the first series, and

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LIGHT CANDLES FRIDAY EVENING, 6:05

SEDRAH FOR WEEK, "VAYIKRAH"

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Forum

"EXPEDIENCY"

The greatest enemy of the higher life is expediency. Expediency is as an umbrella, a temporary shelter, but not as a roof, a permanent protection. The greatest problem in our varied interests in life is so to live as not to sell our principle for expediency. Expedients are for the hour, but principles last for the ages. Our sages tell us that the average man neglects the things which make for immortality and busies himself with the life of the moment. The dread of making enemies, the desire to please both sides, the cringing to the powerful, are the greatest stumbling-blocks to the soul's progress.

What we need today is more men and women who are not for sale, who will not sell principle for principal, and who will not be shackled in their judgment and decision by the shekel.

Expediency expresses itself through conduct which is only passive and negative. People will take the path of least resistance and thus dodge issues and positive action. Our conception of life should be two-fold; first to abstain or refrain from wrong, and second to undertake and do things which are right, or, as the Psalmist put it, "withdraw from evil and do good."

The Bible is made up of six hundred and thirteen commandments—three hundred and sixty-five of which are negative, and the other two hundred and forty-eight are positive.

Physically, too, we are similarly constructed. The body is composed of 365 ligaments corresponding to the 365 negative commandments, and 248 limbs corresponding to the 248 positive commandments. According to our teachers, just as we carry out the negative and positive duties in life as prescribed by Scripture, so do we strengthen both body and soul. This posi-

tive and negative motif is stressed throughout the Bible.

It is this two-fold outlook on life which emanates from Holy Writ; namely, we are to train our characters to be as the late Theodore Roosevelt put it, "active in the performance of virtue no less, than firm, in the refusal to do aught that is vicious or degraded."

Few of those to whom this address is delivered are guilty of sins of commission. Many, however, transgress in the direction of omission because they are guided by expediency. We omit, or fail to do things. That is our shortcoming. In these times, particularly when we are listless and worn by anxiety, we salve our consciences by persuading ourselves to leave well enough alone. But we will unconsciously be helping ourselves to forget our own difficulties if we will immerse ourselves in noble endeavors and render service to the community. At this time, we should not only share work, but also share in the amelioration of humanity's woes. Here, too, in the realm of service, expediency, enters and misleads us into the area of selfishness.

There are all too few religious and moral champions because expediency has seized us and taken us into the slough of complacency. We do not rise to our opportunities. We have become morally flabby and indifferent. We prefer the path of silence. Let me say that silence, as one of our old ethical teachers admonishes us, is good for the body but not for the soul.

Let us be on our guard every time expediency enters into our minds when we are about to make a decision and test its correctness with the question: Is this the way of God? I will conclude in the words of the sage, who said: "Do God's Will as if it were thy will and nullify thy will before His Will."

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

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the Amici Girls, winner of the second series; also that club which will win the third series this Saturday night. These productions were coached by Mr. Samuel H. Wallach, Mr. Julius Cohen, Mr. Peter Stein, and Misses Rieger, Landesberg, and Taitz.

This contest was keenly participated in with fine spirit and enthusiasm in spite of the frequency of the rehearsals and the incidental laborious details.

SINGERS URGED TO JOIN I. S. CHORAL GROUP

Men and women, boys and girls, who can sing and who are desirous of securing excellent training in voice are urged to join the Institutional Choral Group, which rehearses Tuesday nights at the Main Building.

The Choral Group is under the supervision of Mr. Max Schwarzmans, well liked and exceedingly capable director of the Institution's musical activities.

COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK

Because of the inability of some of the clubs to vote during the numerous rehearsals of the One-Act Play contest, these clubs will be given the opportunity to vote all of this week. Necessarily, the results of the elections must be postponed and will be announced in the next issue of the Institutional.

A Council meeting will be held Thursday April 6. All delegates are urged to attend the Council meeting.

FIRST AID GROUP TO MEET ON WEDNESDAYS

Last Wednesday evening, March 29, at 7:30 P.M., The First Aid Group, under the direction of Mr. Jay I. Boxer representative of the American Red Cross met to learn the whys and wherefores of setting broken bones and reviving fainting ladies. It is still not too late to register. If you are interested, come and join the group.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S RADIO QUESTION BOX ATTRACTS MANY LISTENERS

On Sundays from 12:15 to 12:30 over Station WPCB Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein conducts one of the most interesting radio feature broadcasts. His "Question Box" is a radio feature which includes in its scope a timely sermonette and responses to questions submitted by his listeners on domestic, social, religious and ethical problems. With characteristic clarity and warmth of expression, Rabbi Goldstein discusses the questions submitted. You are invited to "listen-in".

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 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. Wines, which are made, bottled and packed in sealed cases in Palestine may be secured. 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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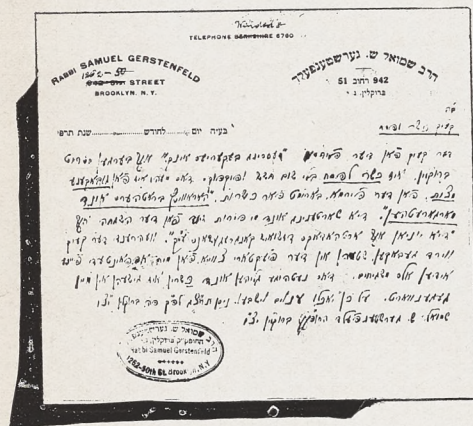
That sleek, oily 1933 edition of the late Rudolf Valentino is George Raft, just another Jewish New York boy who made good—in the squawkies-that-talk-like-legitimate-drama.

The Lithuanians speak a different Yiddish dialect from that of the Russian Jews.

Publisher Paul Block and Author Joseph Heigesheimer are both Jewish.

Some of America's most famous columnists are Jewish. For example, Walter Winchell, Sidney Skolsky, Louis Sobol, Walter Lippman, and F.P.A. (Franklin P. Adams).

Governor Floyd Olsen of Minnesota, who is of Swedish descent, speaks Yiddish fluently. The mysterious reason is that he was once a "shabbos goy" in an orthodox synagogue in Minneapolis.



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