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FROM OUR ORTHODOX JEWISH CHAPLAINS

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

At present, I do not have the time to sit down and write an article for your worthy journal. However, I will give you a few brief notes and you can edit them as you see fit.

I have noted that both the interest and patience of the men are inversely proportional to the distance from combat.

When I was in the states, I found it necessary to run two services; an Orthodox service and immediately after that a general service. In England, where I was dealing with smaller concentrations of men, I had to lengthen my general service and include more Hebrew in it. But when we arrived in France I found it imperative to run a complete Orthodox service.

While I was in England a group of refugees presented me with a Torah that they had managed with great difficulty, to salvage from Germany, with express wishes that I return it there. Each new advance brought forth greater and more widespread interest in the Odyssey of the Torah. It was a real delight to see the joy and happiness of the men at the first reading of the Torah on German soil. The Torah is now back in Germany — to stay.

The other day I went down to hold services for a group of men who had just come off the line. As we were sitting there, German planes roared over bombing and strafing us. I turned to the men and urged everyone who felt the slightest apprehension to take better cover. Whereupon, one of them said, "Rabbi, if my number is up, I would rather get it here sitting with this book in front of the Torah than any other place on earth." All agreed that he was right and the services were continued without mishap.

All men turn to religion in these days as a refuge, a means of escape. I feel that it is my duty to make them realize that religion is a way of life and that if it is used in such a manner there will be no need for escapes

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PUBLIC KASHERING OF VESSELS SALE OF CHOMETZ

The public Kashering of utensils for Passover will take place at our Synagogue, Tuesday March 27th, from 10 A.M. to 12 noon.

Rabbi Hurwitz will be available at the Synagogue for sale of Chometz every day next week from 6 to 10 A.M. and from 6 to 9 P.M.; on Wednesday morning from 6 to 11 A.M. We urge our readers to attend to this matter early in the week.

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR HARRY APPEL RECEPTION

We are delighted with the enthusiastic interest and response thus far displayed on the part of our friends to aid the growth of our Souvenir Album which will be tendered to our beloved Director, Harry Appel, at the Synagogue Reception Sunday evening, May 27, 1945.

Our "hard-working Harry" will be mighty pleased with the many messages of affection and esteem which our sincerely interested friends will submit in our Album for the benefit of the W.S.I.S. So, don't delay! Send in your advertisements now.

United Jewish Appeal Needs Your Wholehearted Support

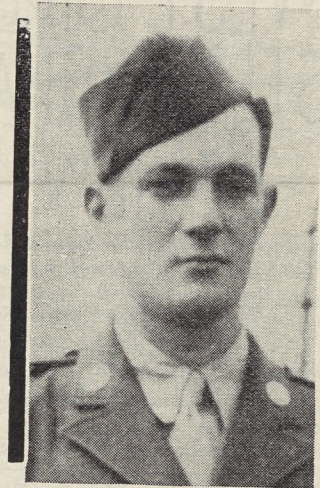
This year more than ever before, comes the urgent necessity for relieving our sorely pressed and stricken brethren abroad. We are duty-bound to help lift their burden of hardship, distress and suffering. We can do so by contributing handsomely to the United Jewish Appeal which will be made in our Synagogue on the last day of Passover. We should be very thankful that we are the ones who are giving instead of receiving.

OUR PASSOVER SEDORIM

Mr. Samuel Silver, Chairman of the Seder Committee, takes pleasure in announcing that our Passover Sedorim will be held at the Grand Ball Room of the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street on March 28th and 29th with a capacity attendance. The Seder Service will begin at 7:40 P.M. Please be prompt.

BLESSING OF THE COLORS, BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

Public Installation of Officers
This Sunday Evening



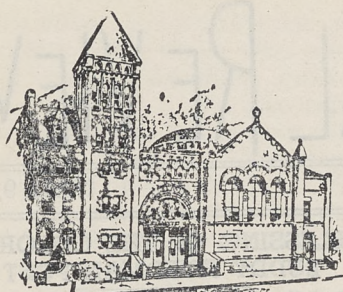
Sgt. Melvin H. (Buddy) Friedman

One of those fine souls to spring to defense of his country, soon after Pearl Harbor was our own Melvin (Buddy) Friedman, a man young in years, a good brother, a supporter of all activities in the interest of his people, a loyal supporter of this Synagogue, and last but not least, a true Torah Jew.

When our forces invaded France, this stalwart Jew was among the first to land and unfortunately one of the first to make the supreme sacrifice for his country.

We, his friends and co-workers, who cannot forget his heroic deeds, decided that a fitting monument should be erected in his honor in recognition of his outstanding valor and to perpetuate his name for posterity. To this end a group of war veterans of World War I and World II have received a Charter authorizing the formation of Buddy Friedman Post 297 Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. We ask our readers to help us, by calling to the attention of honorably discharged war veterans of World War I and II of the Jewish faith, of the formation of this Post, and by asking them to become members.

The Officers and Trustees of this Post will be publicly installed by
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BERNARD DRACHMAN

Bernard Drachman was born in the City of New York in 1861. He received his Bachelor's Degree at Columbia University and was a classmate of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler with whom he was on the friendliest of terms. Dr. Drachman translated the 19 letters of Ben Uziel which were written in German by Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch. He organized the Sabbath Alliance of America and was President of the UOJCA for nine years. He was a constant contributor to the funds of the Keren Hayishuv, the religious Palestine fund of the Agudath Israel. Of Dr. Drachman we may apply the verse of the Prophet, Jeremiah "I shall remember the affection of thy youth and the love of thy espousals, thou wentest after me in the desert in a land that was not sown." When the United States was a desert as far as religious educational institutions are concerned; when there were few if any Yeshivas and Talmud Torahs and orthodox institutions in this country, Dr. Drachman was a voice calling in the wilderness bringing his brethren together for the weal of religious Jewry.

May his memory be a blessing.



215th COMMANDMENT Not To Eat That Which Remains Of The Sacrifice

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 19 Verse '6, "It shall be eaten on the same day ye offer it and on the morrow; and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt with fire." Whenever holy things become unfit then we have the negative commandment not to eat therefrom. This includes all holy things that become unfit by "remaining נותר beyond the proper time" for eating. Then it is odorous, rancid and unfit for sacrificial meat. This also includes פגול which means that one had a wrong (inappropriate mental disposal) or improper intention connected with

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the bringing of the offering, as for instance, one who brought the sacrifice thought that he was eating it in the proper place but he was eating it in the improper place or he thought he was eating it at the proper time and he was eating it at the improper time. This is abhorrent because we may not slaughter an animal unless it be for a worthy purpose.

This negative commandment not to eat of the remains of the sacrifice after a certain time is mentioned here to show that both נותר and פגול are two separate negative commandments because their punishment is indicated in two different verses in the Bible. The word "flesh" does not include the embryo or the crop, or the sinews or the hoofs, or the feathers in regard to while it is included in the נותר term פגול

These laws are further explained in many places in the Talmud. Their prohibition pertained only during Temple times and referred to male and female. And one who transgressed them and ate a piece of food as large as the size of an olive of נותר with intent was guilty of excision and if he ate it unwittingly he was to bring the set sin offering.

FROM OUR CHAPLAINS

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from life to places of refuge. May we see the day when this truth takes a firm grip upon the hearts and heads of mankind and thereby ushers in that glorious era of peace and happiness that was forseen by our Prophet Isaiah.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,
Manuel M. Poliakoff
Chaplain

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

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National Commander Archie Greenberg and Past Commander Leo Mintz will preside at the ceremonies to be held in the Synagogue Sunday evening, March 25, 1945, at 8:30 sharp. The National Commander, our own Bill Herlands and our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will make appropriate addresses. Mr. and Mrs. Sig Bendheim, uncle and aunt of our "Buddy" will present to the Post its colors. Refreshments will follow. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Harold Levine,
Adjutant

Max E. Sanders,
Commander

UNRRA CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

The president has appointed Henry J. Kaiser Chairman of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration which begins its drive for the month of April to accumulate 150,000,000 pounds of clothing.

This is a marvelous opportunity for our women during this month of Passover cleaning to send whatever they can with the exception of evening wear. Mrs. Saul Greenman has been designated by our Women's League as Chairman for our Synagogue. Please send clothing carefully packed to Synagogue office.

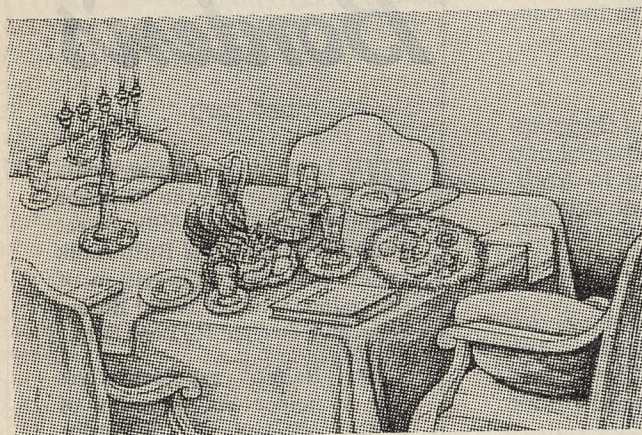
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regrets to inform its customers that, due to its inability to obtain suitable merchandise, it will not be open for the Passover Holiday.

Clark and Brody extends holiday greetings to all its many friends, and will continue to serve them throughout the year.

THE LAWS AND SYMBOLISM OF PASSOVER



Rabbi Goldstein gives us the following explanation of the laws and customs of Passover:

Chometz:

We are to search for the chometz (leaven) on the night preceding the Seder (Tuesday night) and burn it the following morning. We are not only forbidden to eat chometz, but we are also admonished against having it in our possession.

Symbolically, leaven represents all that is mean and sordid in life and Matzoh, the pure, the lofty and the sublime. The prayer spoken while the leaven is being burned reveals that just as the Jew removes all leaven from his possessions so we pray that all impure thoughts may be removed from the earth.

Abstinece from Leaven:

The abstinence from leaven for the eight days is intended to recall to our minds, each year, Israel's redemption from bondage. The Israelites were in such a great hurry to leave Egypt that they did not take the time to let their dough leaven.

The Fast of the First-Born:

On the Eve of Passover, which is the anniversary of the plague of the first-born visited upon the Egyptians, our first-born, because they were spared, are required to fast. How-

ever, if the first-born is present at a "Seeyum," the completion of the study of a tract of the Talmud, he may eat thereafter of the meal, which is called "Seuda Mitzvah," a religious repast.

The Last Chometz Meal:

On the day preceding Passover, we are permitted to eat chometz only until the passing of the first third of the day. This means until about 10:15 Wednesday morning.

Matzohs:

The Matzohs are intended to remind us of the bread prepared in haste when the Israelites fled from Egypt. Since they did not have time to let the dough rise, it remained flat, and they baked it in the hot desert sun.

The Seder:

This means "Order of Service," and is the name given to the service held in the home on the first two nights of Passover. The Seder is symbolic of a royal banquet: the father, dressed in white kittel, is the king;

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the mother is the queen; and the children, the princes and princesses.

The Hessebet:

These are the cushions placed on the left side to lean upon. They represent the oriental custom that all freemen recline at their banquets.

The Three Matzohs:

Three Matzohs are set upon the table, representing the three classes in Jewry—Cohen, Levi and Israel.

The Four Kosos:

These are four cups of wine, representing the four words in Hebrew meaning "to set free."

The Ten Drops of Wine:

The pouring of ten drops of wine recalls the ten plaques. Our cup is not full when others, even though they be our enemies, suffer.

The Five Dishes:

1. The Bitter Herbs are symbolic of our bitter life in Egypt.

2. Charoses, a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine, represents the mortar and clay with which the Israelites had to build when they were slaves in Egypt.

3. The Salt Water represents the tears shed by the Israelites in their misery.

4. The Roasted Bone represents the Paschal lamb sacrificed by our people before they left Egypt and also when the Holy Temple was in existence in Jerusalem.

5. The Egg is symbolic of the spe-

cial holiday offering (Hagiga) that had to be brought for sacrifice (in Temple times) in addition to the customary Paschal offering.

The Cup of Elijah:

Passover is the Festival of Redemption. Therefore, we set a special cup for Elijah, who, according to tradition, will announce our final redemption.

The 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.

The Afikomen:

This 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 formerly was eaten last.

The "Hagada":

The outstanding feature of the Seder is the reading of the "Hagada," which relates the history of Exodus from Egypt. The Bible commands us to relate the story of Passover and to explain it to our children.

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Mrs. Annie R. Morris is chairman and Mrs. Annie Eisenberg is co-chairman of the Women's League Passover Relief Fund.

Let us enjoy our Passover Sedorim knowing that our destitute Jewish neighbors are doing the same. Send your contributions to the Synagogue office immediately.

PASSOVER MEALS

(from N. Y. Times, March 15, 1945)

As an aid in planning Passover meals under rationing, the New York State Emergency Food Commission once again offers a booklet of suggested menus and recipes. This year's pamphlet, entitled "Passover Meals Within Your Present Ration," lays down a basic pattern for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and enlarges on these with recommended foods for each repast.

A discussion of the purchasing and preparation of fish is included along with thirteen recipes for vegetables, eggs, desserts and salad dressings requiring no oil. The booklet may be obtained free of charge on request to the commission's office, 247 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

FUND FOR YESHIVOS GROWS

The Fund to aid Yeshivos all over the world was increased this past week by additional contributions from the following:

Julius Bayer, William Etra, Bernat Mayerowitz, Harry Mirken, J. B. Pizer and Gustave R. Rubenstein.

Junior Club Notes

Junior Club Council of our Synagogue will present a Hebrew "Neshet" this Saturday, March 24th at 8:30 P. M. The program will consist of a playlet called, "Hebrew Reborn" to be followed by Hebrew songs and dances. Admission 20c.

PRAYER SCHEDULE

SHABBOS HAGODOL

Light candles Friday evening 6:52

Weekly Portion: TSAV

Friday Evening Service 6:30

Saturday Morning 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Pilpul 6:15

Mincha Service 7:00

Reader of Torah—Harvey Shapiro

Reader of Service—Gideon Goldman

Speaker—Phineas Kadushin

The Sabbath Terminates 7:42

Sunday morning Service 6:45, 8:45

Daily Services

Mornings 6:45, 8:00, 8:30

Mincha 6:50

PASSOVER SCHEDULE

B'dikas Chometz — Tuesday night

Wednesday morning, March 28th

Siyum for the First Born

First Minyan 6:30 A.M.

Siyum Bechorim 6:50 A.M.

Second Minyan 7:30 A.M.

Siyum Bechorim 7:50 A.M.

Eat no Chometz after 10:30

Biyur Chometz and Selling Chometz until
..... 11:00 A.M.

Light Candles Wednesday evening .. 6:58

Wednesday evening (Yom Tov Service)

..... 6:30

IN THE RABBI'S MAILBAG

Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I am happy to hear that the attendance of the Synagogue is excellent. I have always regarded the "West Side Institutional Synagogue" as an inspiration of the Young People of our City.

I am now in the Philippines Islands. The condition of the Filipinos is very bad. The Japs have taken all their possessions. Their women have been attacked and then executed. Most of the women find it necessary to hide in the hills for protection. The children go around naked, as there is no clothing.

We are looking forward to the day when the young men can return to their homes and to the Synagogue week after week, in a better world in which to live.

Cordially yours,

SGT. HARRY MARGARETEN

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

by Morris Jablow

I feel certain that you, our readers, are in accord with the aim of the WSIS to attract to this institution young people as well as old.

Our building is continuously used as a House of Prayer, by residents of this community, every day of the year. In addition, we conduct a Social Department, led by Mr. Simon Konovitch, head teacher in our Hebrew School, who is popular with the young people. He devotes his time and effort to organize groups of young men and women into clubs, and to supervise the work and the activities of the organizations meeting in this building.

Through this department the younger generation are brought into closer touch with the Synagogue and it is our earnest hope that in time they may become more interested in many of its activities.

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Getting Personal

A hearty welcome to Marjorie Mirken who is with us on a visit from the West coast . . . Also returning from the west, are our Director and Mrs. Julius Bayer, who are firmly convinced that Arizona is the world's number one beauty spot . . . Its a darling baby girl for Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Lipstadt. Mazel Tov . . . We are very happy to see ASP Louis Landowne back at services nicely recovered from his recent illness . . . We are proud of our own Rabbi Goldstein who was appointed by national chairman Henry J. Kaiser as a member of the national executive committee of nine for the United National Clothing Collection, of which Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie is to be the chairman . . . Our Birthday Greetings are extended this week to Seymour Bernstein, Mrs. David Messing, Mrs. Rothblatt who lights 73 candles, Pvt. Sidney Harris, Leona Kessler, Director Moe Langer, Elmer H. Settel, Max Stavish, Director Harry Ward and son, Samuel Maurice, and to Kent Lewis, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ullman . . . Among our servicemen in Shule, we were happy to greet Lieut. (Navy) Joshua Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jacobs, grandson of John Gell, and also glad to see Pvt. Louis Weinstein. . . . Rabbi Zahavy spoke on "Currents in Judaism" for the Darech Amuno Educational Group last week . . . Our 1st Lt. Josh Levine, writes Rabbi Goldstein "I visited Buddy's (Friedman) grave again and there recited Kaddish." The new Buddy Friedman Post of the Jewish War Veterans is one of our permanent tributes to his fine soul.

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