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PASSOVER BRINGS NEW HOPE FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL

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The many setbacks that our people have experienced in the last few months in reference to the settlement of the Palestine problem is apt to bring a feeling of despair and discouragement in the hearts of the weak. It is gratifying to note that the Yishuv has taken all in good stride and is determined to go on—to bring in more Jewish immigrants, legally or illegally.

The Midrashic literature on the Passover holiday is very rich and has a very interesting point of analogy. The Midrash declares that in Egypt Jewish mothers about to give birth went out into the fields and gave birth under the Ethrog trees. These few brief words are pregnant with profound significance. The Ethrog tree, according to the Talmud, is different from all other trees in so far that it bears the fruit even before the leaves begin to grow. Other trees have the leaves grow first and then the fruit follows. The leaves, we know, serve as a natural protection for the fruit from a burning sun, a harsh wind, or a sudden down-pour. Theologically, the fruit waits for its protector. When the protector has come, then the fruit buds forth. The Ethrog, however, does not wait for its leaves. It begins to grow in full trust and confidence, as it were, that the leaves will follow.

Under Egyptian bondage, many Jewish men and women asked themselves whether it was worthwhile to bring new children into the world, to add more slaves for Pharaoh. The true Jewish mothers however, had faith in their forthcoming liberation. They did not doubt for a moment the divine promise for deliverance. Very picturesquely therefore does the Midrash say that the Jewish mothers gave birth under the Ethrog trees. The Jewish mothers showed a natural inclination for full faith and trust even as the Ethrog tree.

The Passover Holiday brings new hope and courage to our sorely-tried Jewish people. No matter what obstacles are on the way, final redemp-

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Guest of Honor —
George L. Livingston



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Lester Udell, our President, proudly announces the appointment of Max E. Sanders as Chairman in charge of our 10th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, to be held at the Waldorf Astoria on June 10th. At that time there will be presented to our Guest of Honor, George L. Livingston a Souvenir Album filled with highlights of the history of this Institution and complimentary ads from friends of the Synagogue and the Guest of Honor.

Plans include a memorable evening. It is hoped that each and every friend of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will be present to help us mark the progress that has been made in the past ten years.

DONORS TO THE YESHIVA APPEAL

Contributions are still being received as a result of our appeal in the Synagogue. The following have contributed since last week.

Mortimer H. Epstein, Eve Low, Mrs. J. Light, Mrs. F. H. Marcus and George J. Weinstock.

tion will come. G-d's word will be made good. Eretz Israel will be, in spite of the British machinations, the land of Israel.

PASSOVER FESTIVAL USHERED IN TONIGHT

The Festival of Passover, which marks the redemption of Israel from the land of Egypt over 3,200 years ago, will be ushered in, at sundown tonight, by Jews all over the world.

In Ex. 12:42 the evening before the first day of Passover is called *leil shimmurim* ("a watch night"), because G-d's love had, for a long time been directed to this particular night, as the time for the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt.

However, this festival should be regarded as more than just, "History." It represents a real, contemporary problem. The names and incidents of the Haggadah find their counterparts in current Jewish life, and the Seder Services in the Jewish homes of Haifa, Tel-Aviv and the cities of Europe will not only be reminiscent of the past but will also be expressive of the present, and prophetic, we hope and pray, of the future.

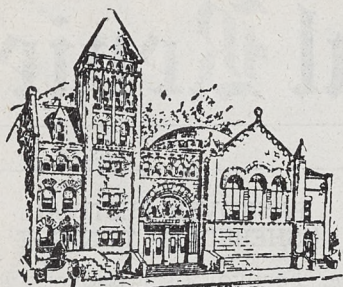
JUNIOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Recently our Junior Women's League had its elections. The officers were installed on Tuesday, March 18th at the home of Mrs. Hank Epstein.

Mrs. Hank (June) Epstein was elected President; Vice-Presidents elected were Mrs. Howard (Blossom) Grayson, Mrs. Edward (Shirley) Schraub, and Mrs. Edward (Nanette) Weinstein; Corresponding Secretaries are Mrs. Louis (Ruth) Leonard and Mrs. Leon (Shirley) Roth; Mrs. Jerome (Gladys) Messinger and Mrs. Max (Rita) Spiegelman were elected Recording Secretaries; and Mrs. Arnold (Helen) Oshrin was elected Treasurer.

Also elected were Mrs. Bernard (Natalie) Udell, Membership Chairman; Mrs. George (Marjorie) Kaplan and Mrs. Sanford (Bernice) Levy as Program chairmen; while Mrs. Rhoda Berwald, Mrs. Janet Bonamo, Mrs. Elyne Friedman and Mrs. Lynn Kleinman were elected as additional Board Members.

Good Luck to the New Officers!



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GREAT BRITAIN AND PASSOVER

We are deeply indebted to Great Britain. It will be remembered that the civil liberties bill urged by Macaulay was made part of the law of England, giving to the Jews the rights of citizenship and full liberty. We are indebted to Great Britain for having promulgated the Balfour Declaration promising Palestine to the Jewish people, as a Homeland. We deeply regret, however, that she has failed ignominiously to carry out the Declaration. In 1939 she issued the infamous White Paper closing the doors of Palestine to the Jewish people. Then Great Britain began to fall. She was visited with an awful bloody war. Her homes were bombed. She had a chance to retrieve her backward step, by accepting the unanimous findings of the Anglo-American Commission, but she refused. Now England has been visited with the worst winter in her history, with a terrible flood and with an economic crisis.

We ask, in the spirit of Passover, does she need more plaguing to bring her to a sense of justice and fair-play, toward the Jewish people?



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281st COMMANDMENT The Tenant of a Priest Nor His Hired Servant Shall Eat Terumah By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Leviticus, Chapter 22 verse 10, "A tenant of a priest nor his hired servant shall not eat of the holy food." They are regarded as non-priests; they are of the laity. Whilst on the other hand the Cananite slaves who were purchased by a Priest were regarded as part of the family and were allowed to eat of the sacrificial food. (See Verse 11.)

A "tenant" refers to one who dwelt with the priest or who was his guest and as the Rabbis point out in the Talmud, Yevamos, 7, that this is a reference to all Israelites who were in the service of a priest as hired men either for a short or long period of time; or the Hebrew slave who refused his freedom in the 7th year and remained in his service.

A "hired servant" was distinct from a non-Jewish slave. The non-

Jewish slave was considered as a member of the household. He was part of his family and therefore was allowed to share in the sacrificial portion. The Torah does not mention that the priest's wife may eat of the portion, because husband and wife were deemed as one person. (See also Chapter 21, Verse 2.)

282nd COMMANDMENT An Uncircumcized Man May Not Eat Terumah

A priest who was uncircumcized, whether it was premeditated or because of the fact that his brothers died because of circumcision or because of any other reason, since he is uncircumcized he is forbidden to eat of the Terumah.

This law also pertains to all other holy foods, as for instance, to the sacrificial offerings. This law IS derived from the Bible by comparisons of texts, in regard to Terumah.

The purpose of this commandment is to show that an uncircumcized priest is regarded as a layman. The covenant of circumcision is one of the fundamental distinctions of the Jews. The purpose of keeping the laity away from the Terumah, as well as the unclean from holy things is similar, namely to add respect for holiness.

If one violated this Commandment premeditatedly and was warned, he received stripes.

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on the last day of Passover, Saturday, April 12th. Those who would like to mark this occasion by memorializing their dear departed ones may use the attached form, and send it to our office.

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MAURICE B. RIPIN

COUNTING OF THE OMER

The counting of the Omer begins on the second night of Passover, and continues each evening, immediately after the appearance of the stars, until Shevuos. If one had forgotten to count the Omer the entire night, he should count in the daytime, without saying the benediction, and continue to count thereafter, with the benediction. However, if he should forget to count during the entire day, he should count every night thereafter without the benediction.

Before pronouncing the benediction, one should know the number of days to be counted.

Many sad occurrences happened during the days of the Omer. Therefore some of the rules of mourning are observed—wedding ceremonies and all happy celebrations involving music are forbidden except for a few specified days during this period.

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Seder Service	7:00
Sunday Morning Service	9:00
Sunday Mincha	6:10
Daily Services: (Chol Hamoed)	
Mornings	6:30, 7:45, 8:15
Mincha	6:10

SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Our Senior Basketball Team which plays regularly, Wednesday nights at P.S. 87, 77th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, at 7:30 P.M., will not meet Wednesday night, April 9th. All other meetings will be held as scheduled.

All those who would like to play should contact Ned Kirsh, 125 West 76th Street.

TALMUD TORAH NEWS

Congrats to Our Champions.

We congratulate the members of our Basketball Team upon taking top honors at the basketball tournament sponsored by the Committee for Orthodox Education of the West Side; proof that our pupils are not only good students but also fine athletes.

We are now forming a Baseball Team. All those who are interested should contact Mr. Konovitch.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Gross upon the birth of a son, their first, as well as grandma Mrs. Annie Gross, and to our Director and Mrs. Irving Streit (their first grandchild) . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Munev upon the engagement of their daughter Betty to Mr. Herbert M. Eisenberg. . . . We welcome back home this week, Director and Mrs. Joseph Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Hirsch. We welcome into our fold the following who have just become members of our Congregation: Benjamin Axel, Morris E. Biederman, Isador Freedman, Sam Goldsand, Morris Pauker, Solomon Rosenfield and Louis Shlansky. We hope that they will be with us for many years to come. . . . Happy to note that Ira Holly is with us. We look forward to seeing him as a regular attendant at our Sabbath Services. . . . This week our Birthday Greetings go to Michele Siegel, daughter of Director and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel, Josephine H. Goldstein, daughter of our beloved Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Jack Levine, Director Moses Langer and Manny Yavneh, son of our Cantor and Mrs. Yavneh. We welcome to the Congregation Mr. and Mrs. Goldenheimer and Mr. and Mrs. Saul Linzer. . . . Out-of-town guests seen at Services last Saturday: From California, Mrs. Annette (Moskowitz) Pitofsky, daughter of our Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz; from Sunnyside, L. I., Bruce Miller, grandson of our Director and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum. Incidentally, Bruce kept his uncle David very busy. . . . Congratulations to Tillie Lewton who was elected vice-President of Hillel at Hunter College. Tillie's leadership ability dates back to the days when she was President of our Talmud Torah Keren Ami. . . . A speedy and complete recovery to Samuel Cohen. . . . Mrs. Bernard Udell was the very gracious hostess at a well-attended meeting of our Junior Women's League at her home last week.

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