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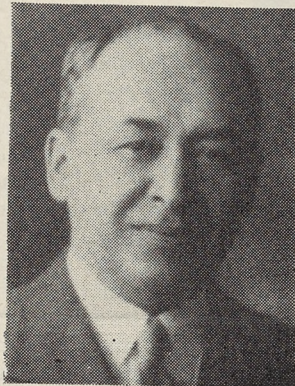
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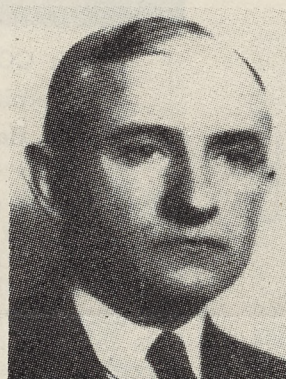
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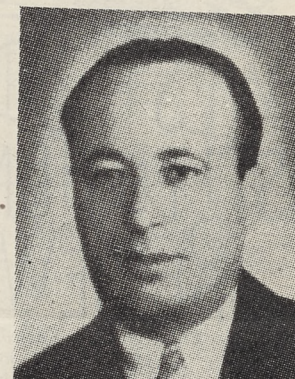
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Passover Sermons

by

Rabbis Goldstein and Reichel

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 "lel 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.

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST J.W.V.

The next meeting of the Buddy Friedman Post 297 will be held Wednesday evening, 8:30 o'clock.

A prominent speaker will discuss, "The Irgun Viewpoint on Palestine."

Members, friends and their wives are welcome. Passover refreshments will be served.

The West Side Institutional Synagogue launched an intensified campaign for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York on Tuesday, April 13th, at a Dinner meeting at the home of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, where 30 men of the Congregation contributed \$157,000.

Those present were: Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Messrs. Joseph Anderson, William Bassar, Julius Bayer, Sol Bellsey, Siegfried Bendheim, Moses Jack Berlin, Henry Blankfort, Joseph Buchsbaum, David Cohen, Abraham M. Davis, Meyer Fishman, Elias Jacoby, Harold Kaplan, Jacob Kaplan, Israel Kestenbaum, Adolph Meirowitz, Max Moskowitz, Joseph Settel, Louis Shlansky, Samuel W. Siegel, Samuel Silver, Jacob H. Silverstein, Abraham Solomon, Lester Udell, David Ullman, Harry Ward, Jess Ward.

The meeting inaugurated and set the pace for a series of United Jewish Appeal reunions, so that the entire membership of the W.S.I.S. will be reached.

Jacob Kaplan is chairman of the synagogue's United Jewish Appeal committee and Lester Udell, Julius Bayer, Joseph Settel and Samuel Silver are associate chairmen.

Mr. Kaplan, in a special statement, declared: "This is only the first step in our synagogue's all-out drive for the United Jewish Appeal. We are confident that the West Side Institutional Synagogue will surpass all past standards of generosity and devotion to this cause, so vital to the welfare and well-being of our people in Europe and Palestine.

This is a time of turmoil and crisis. In Palestine, 700,000 Jewish men, women and children are engaged in a desperate struggle for their lives and their homes; in the Displaced Persons camps, 250,000 still sit and wait for a new life. In the rest of Europe, tens of thousands of Jews starve, deprived of their traditional means of making a living. We must ACT NOW.

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LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES

There will be no sessions of the Laymen's Institute during Chol Ha-moed. Sessions will be resumed the following week in all classes.

COMING EVENT ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE! Saturday Afternoon, May 1st

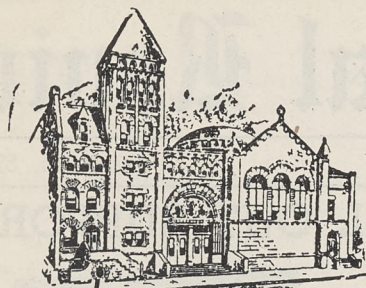
Our Young People's Reunion was so successful that it was suggested that we have an "encore".

The date of our next Reunion will be Saturday afternoon May 1st.

The time: 4 P.M.

The place: W.S.I.S. Synagogue House.

We suggest that young people of our Congregation (young women over 18, young men over 21) reserve the date.



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WHY DON'T "THEY" DO SOMETHING!

It doesn't take much effort to place the blame on anything wrong on "them". After all, there is little that we alone can do about anything because we are only individuals. "They", however, should have known better. So we can deaden our conscience on any vital issue.

World events and personal experience make it evident, however, that our destiny is determined not by "them" as much as by our own efforts and anxieties.

It is our duty to help rebuild the Jewish Homeland as well as to see to it that our neighbors send their children to Religious Schools. It is our responsibility to make propaganda among our intimate friends and family to join us at Sabbath services as well as to try and influence them to participate in Jewish communal and cultural activities.

After we evaluate our own efforts and accomplishments, we can first realize what "they" can do for us.

Perhaps we had better analyze what we think is wrong with "them" and then correct what we think are "their" faults—in ourselves.

O.A.R.



325th COMMANDMENT

Concerning the Succah.

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
III

If one feels uncomfortable in the Succah, as for instance, if it rains, he does not have to eat therein, for it is said, "Ye shall dwell." So much the more if one is sick, he is free from the obligation of being in the Succah. So, also, one who takes care of a sick person is free. The same holds true for all who are busy in performing a good deed. The reason for all this is that one would ordinarily go away from his own table, because of these matters. In addition, those who travel, or those who are watchmen, are free from the obligation of being in the Succah. The Succah of a Gentile, or one belonging to a woman or one belonging to a Cuthite, although these people are free from the com-

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mandment to dwell in the Succah, nevertheless their Succahs may be used. The Succah of shepherds, or one that is used to place things therein to be dried, or a summer-house used on one's own ground for cooking purposes, or a guardhouse, are kosher because they are made for one to be within or under the shadow.

The walls or wood of the Succah may not be used for other purposes during the Succah Holiday. However, they may be touched. So, also, those things that are placed into the Succah for beauty may not be used for any other purpose during the holiday.

These laws prevail at all times and at all places. They refer only to males and not to females because the general law is that any commandment which depends upon time, women are free from observing it. He who does not eat in the Succah, (unless he be sick or weak or uncomfortable in the Succah), trespasses a positive commandment.

On the first two nights of Succos, one should at least eat a piece of bread, as large as an olive, in the Succah. During the whole of the Festival one may take a bite outside the Succah, but he must have his regular meals in the Succah. Pious people do not eat anything outside of the Succah.

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. 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.

CONDOLENCE

Our sincerest sympathy to our member, Mr. Henri Freudmann, upon the loss of his wife,

NORA FREUDMANN

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Our Talmud Torah is accepting new pupils every day. Please come afternoons from 4 to 6 or phone our principal, Rabbi Reichel, TR 7-8281, if you wish any advice regarding your child's religious school problem.

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on the last day of Passover, Saturday, May 1st. 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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I hereby request you to offer the Memorial Prayer for the coming Holiday for my

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... FROM OUR ADOPTED COMMUNITY

As we prepare for our own Passover Sedorim, it does our heart good to read the letter of thanks from the Jewish Community of Grenoble, France, which our Congregation has adopted:

"My dear Rabbi Goldstein:

What a fine feeling to see that you have given us your help in such large measure, by sending us a supply of 2,472 pounds of matzoh and matzoh meal . . . to give to the poor people . . . without any restrictions of tickets.

May Almighty G-d give good health to you, my dear Rabbi, and please be our interpreter for the members of your Board of Directors, to give them our hearty thanks for all they have done and will do for our Congregation. . . .

Sincerely yours,

Ignace Kahan, Rabbi Association Culturelle Israelite de Grenoble".

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PASSOVER PRAYER SCHEDULE

Eat No Chometz after	9:20
Burning of Chometz and its sale	10:30
Light Candles Friday Evening	6:23
Friday Evening Service	6:00
Seder Service	7:00
Saturday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:00

Chazan: Allan Shalita

Mincha Service

Reader of Torah: Samuel Ward

Reader of Service: Judah Gottlieb

The Sabbath Terminates

Seder Services

Sunday Morning Service

Sunday Mincha

Daily Services (Chol Hamoed)

Mornings

Mincha

Followed by the Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Apropos the forthcoming Passover Holiday, we urgently call on parents to discourage their children from attending public school on next Friday.

In keeping with the spirit and the law of our Festivals, our young people should be encouraged to participate in Congregational Services (Junior Congregation, 10 A.M.) and to spend the days in a Yom Tov atmosphere.

ERUV TAVSHILIN NEXT THURSDAY

On a Jewish festival no food may be prepared from one day to the other. When two days of a festival occur on Friday and Saturday, as the last days of this Passover do, then it is necessary to perform the ceremony of "Eruv Tavshilin", (a combination of dishes) which makes it permissible to prepare food on the festival for the Sabbath. On Thursday afternoon April 29th, the master of the house should take a piece of matzoh together with some cooked food, such as meat or fish, and recite the following benediction (see prayer book for Hebrew): "Praised be Thou, O L—d our G-d, King of universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments, and hast commanded us concerning the observance of the Eruv."

By virtue of this Eruv we are permitted to do all the cooking and baking necessary to be done on the festival for the Sabbath.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

This year the Souvenir Album is dedicated in honor of our Second Vice-President Samuel W. Siegel, in recognition of his devoted, loyal and outstanding service to our institution, for the past eleven years.

Our Board of Directors in naming Mr. Siegel the recipient of the Souvenir Album, felt that this well deserved honor will be approved by the general membership and friends of our organization.

I am certain that all of you, our readers, will join in this tribute to Mr. Siegel, by inserting your per-complimentary advertisement, and by persuading your friends and associates to do likewise. In that way you can demonstrate in a practical and effective way your approval of our choice.

By filling this Souvenir Album, you will not only honor Mr. Siegel, you will also aid us in carrying on our work of promoting loyalty to Traditional Judaism, and continuing our educational, cultural, and social activities.

I look forward with confidence to the success of this project. I know that each of you will do his share, and make the Souvenir Album of 1948 the most successful ever issued by this institution.

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Getting Personal

The first social gathering of the W.S.I.S. family, under the chairmanship of our energetic Director Jacob Kaplan, proved to be very successful. Rabbis Goldstein and Reichel greeted the guests, and were followed by performances of renowned artists, and refreshments. We anxiously look forward to the further activities of the Social Committee in getting the good will and the Synagogue's Institutional spirit among our members. Those assisting Mr. Kaplan were: Dr. Isadore Kahn, Messrs. Israel Kestenbaum, Dan Davis, Mesdames Al Braff, Dan Davis, Ben Eisenberg, Herbert S. Goldstein, Maurice Greenstein, Morris Jablow, O. Asher Reichel, and Harry Ward. . . . Congratulations to our Director, David Cohen, upon becoming a great-grandfather—also to the proud grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joffe. . . . We were proud of the talent displayed by our young laymen who participated in the Services last Shabbos.—Have we overlooked any other potential "officials for a day"? If so, will their friends please tell us? . . . The newly re-upholstered pulpit chairs add beauty to the Synagogue. . . . We are happy to welcome as new members to the W.S.I.S. family: Mrs. Celia Abramson, Albert Blumberg, Joseph Ditlea, Howard Kirn, Jesse Solomon, and Nat L. Solomon. . . . Thanks to Mrs. Harry Ward for her generosity in providing the necessities for our Talmud Torah Model Sedorim. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum are spending Pesach in their home in Tannersville, N. Y. . . . Welcome back to Dan Schacter. . . . Additional Donors to the Yeshivos Appeal are Berthold Engel and Samuel Hausman. . . . Happy Birthday to: Mr. Bruno Bayer, Mr. Bernard Bercu, Jeffrey Sanders Blankfort, Marilyn Mirken Cohen, Howard Cohen, Leonard Feinstein, Isadore Lauer, Joan H. Strausberg, Harold Udell, Lenore Druckman. . . . Happy Anniversary Greetings to: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Aronoff, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Bayer. . . . One of our friends called in last week to tell us that he had won a wager for his favorite charity, the U.J.A. He wanted to know whether he could send a check in through us. To him and to all our readers: we are happy to be your "agent" for the U.J.A., the American Religious Palestine Fund, Yeshivos, or any worthy cause.

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