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PASSOVER

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

Chometz:

We are not only forbidden to eat chometz during the week, but we are also admonished against having it in our possession.

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.

Those who forgot to make the search for chometz on Thursday night this year should do so on Friday. On the day preceding Passover (Saturday morning) we are permitted to eat chometz only until the passing of the first third of the day, which is about 9:20 A.M. Afterwards all chometz must be disposed of and then the statement Kol Chomiro (see Haggadah) is recited.

Food during the day on Saturday, may consist of fish, fruit, meat, fowl and vegetables, but **not** matzoh as we are not allowed to eat matzoh on Erev Pesach.

Seder preparations should be made Friday or after dark, Saturday night.

Abstinence 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 Bible declares that the punishment for trespassing this Commandment is Excision.

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.

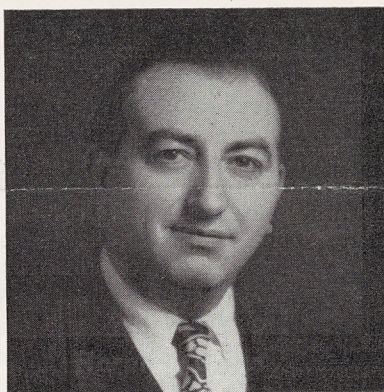
The Hessebet:

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

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THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL NEEDS \$272,000,000 Have You Given Thought to This Staggering Sum? How Much Do You Intend to Give?

THE MAN WE WILL HONOR



Harold Kaplan

We are very happy to announce that the Board of Directors unanimously selected Harold Kaplan, our Assistant Treasurer, the man to whom our Souvenir Album of 1950 will be presented at a Reception in our building on Tuesday, June 20, 1950.

This is our Bar Mitzvah year—we were organized in 1937 — and Harold Kaplan, who has devoted himself during these thirteen years unselfishly and indefatigably to our interests, deserves that honor.

We hope that all our friends will celebrate this Bar Mitzvah year by helping to make this 1950 Souvenir Album the most successful we ever had. Let us begin at once by sending in our complimentary ads and greetings.

PLEASE NOTE

This Saturday Morning (Erev Pesach), Services will begin 6:45 A.M., in order to be home for breakfast before 9:20 A.M.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM SATURDAY and SUNDAY NIGHTS

Our Congregational Sedorim will take place Saturday and Sunday nights, April 1 and 2, at the Hotel Esplanade, 305 West End Avenue. The Sedorim will begin promptly at 7:20 P.M. on both evenings. Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Reichel will officiate with Cantor Yavneh leading in the traditional singing.

Our Congregation has pledged itself to help the United Jewish Appeal. We expect everyone of our congregation, members and worshippers to give in proportion to what he is **able** to give.

Thousands of Jews today are living in Israel in tents because of the shortage of housing; due to **lack** of money. And more Jews, poor, hungry, sick, men, women and children, 20,000 a month from all over Europe, the East and North Africa are still coming in to their Homeland—the State of Israel.

HOW MUCH WILL YOU HELP? HOW MUCH WILL YOU GIVE THIS YEAR? Too many of us merely talk.

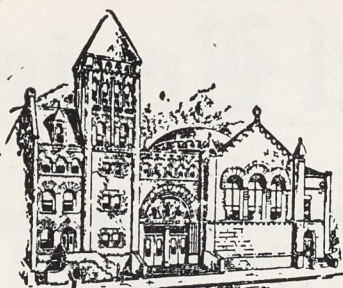
We feel sorry. But when it comes to giving, something happens.

Every third person in Israel today is a new immigrant, and has been the responsibility of the Jewish Agency for a shorter or longer period within the past 20 months.

By December 1949, over 263,000 immigrants out of a total of over 345,000 had been absorbed into the economy of the country. By the end of 1949 there were in Israel 546 rural places inhabited by Jews. The total number of Jewish farmers, exclusive of their dependents, amounts to 55,000. Of these a total of close to 32,000 were new immigrants who have arrived in Israel during the past 1½ years. It all costs money. Millions of dollars. How much will you give this year? Huge amounts of money are needed. How much will you help?

On Tuesday evening, April 18th at 6:30 P.M., a dinner will be given in honor of our Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, in order to raise money for the United Jewish Appeal. No one will be forced to give more than he can afford to give. It will take place at the Esplanade Hotel. You will receive an invitation to be present. We hope and expect to have you attend. Please remember, we are counting on you. Write in now to our Rabbi. Tell him he can count on you to give, and to join our Synagogue U.J.A. Committee.

Jacob Kaplan, Chairman



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In the similar spirit, Rabbi Reichel in his sermon last Saturday, proposed a "perek Yomi", a chapter a day of the Bible.

All the readers of our Congregation are hereby invited to join, without leaving their homes, in the reading of one chapter of the Bible each day.

We are to start on Saturday, April 1st with the Book of Joshua. Each week the Review will have a chart for your personal use.

Schedule of Daily Readings

Sat. April 1st,	Joshua, Chapter 1	☐
Sun. April 2nd,	" " 2	☐
Mon. April 3rd,	" " 3	☐
Tues. April 4th,	" " 4	☐
Wed. April 5th,	" " 5	☐
Thurs. April 6th,	" " 6	☐
Fri. April 7th,	" " 7	☐



**"AS
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387th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS **"Not To Go Astray After the Thoughts of the Heart and the Sight of the Eyes."**

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
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We are not to go astray after the thoughts of the heart or the sight of the eyes, as it is said in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 14, verse 39, "That ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you used to go astray." The Rabbis say that the Torah mentions the heart and eyes, because these act as the prime agents for sin. The eye sees, the heart desires, then the other members of the body are led into transgression. When one is able to train the eyes and heart in the service of G-d, then he does not have to worry about the rest of his body, morally speaking. Which of the two is more important, the heart or the eyes? The Rabbis give precedence to the heart. The Wisdom

LAWS OF PASSOVER

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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 plagues. 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 we Israelites had to build when we were slaves in Egypt.

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

4. The Roasted Bone represents

Preacher, King Solomon, said: "My son, give me thine heart and thine eyes will observe my ways." Proverbs, Chapter 23, verse 26. The wish, as "the father of the thought," leads to the denial of G-d and of His Providence. The desire to be free from restraint causes one's reasoning to make for himself a system which denies to anyone the authority to curb human desires.

In verse 41, we read, "I am the Lord your G-d." The Hebrew original, ה' "the L-rd" is the ineffable Name which implies that He is merciful and rewards. The Hebrew original אלקים "Your G-d" indicates that He is strong and that He metes out retribution. Hence the use of both names implies that He rewards those who are obedient and punishes those who go astray. The verse goes on to say: "Which brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your G-d," etc. The Israelites were taken out of Egypt with the distinct understanding that they would be guided in their conduct by the Torah. The verse concludes as follows, "I am the L-rd your G-d." This sentence is repeated again to point out an additional truth. The Israelites are to heed G-d's commandments not only because of the desire for reward, or out of fear for punishment, but because they are pledged to abide by the Torah. As Jews they have a responsibility which it is impossible for them to escape.

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 special 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.

MEN'S CLUB

A regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Monday, April 3 at 8:30 P.M. sharp in the Club Room. All members are urged to attend.

COUNTING OF OMER
BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT

The traditional counting of the Omer begins Sunday night and continues for 7 weeks until the holiday of Shevuoth. This is based on the Biblical commandment in the Book of Leviticus.

Due to the great calamity that befell many of our people during this season, in Talmudic times, it has become a period of semi-mourning. No weddings take place, and all merrymaking is forbidden during these days—excepting Rosh Chodesh and Lag B'Omer.

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Friday Evening Service	6:00
Saturday Morning Services	6:45
Saturday Mincha Service	6:00
Rabbi Hurwitz's Pilpul	5:15

Reader of Torah: Eddie Diamond

Reader of Service: Ralph Kestenbaum

The Sabbath Terminates	6:46
Seder Service	7:20
Sunday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Holiday Kindergarten	10:30
Sunday Mincha	6:00
Seder Service	7:20
Monday Morning	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Holiday Kindergarten	10:30
Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class	5:00
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class	5:00
Mincha Service	6:00
Holiday Terminates	6:48
Morning Shema to be recited by	8:52
Chol Hamoed Morning	
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Mincha	6:10

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GETTING PERSONAL

We are happy to welcome into our Congregational family Joseph B. Ducat, Dr. Maurice D. Goodgold, and Dr. Samuel D. Greenfield. . . . We felicitate Mr. William B. Herlands, who has been appointed by Governor Dewey to the New York State Mediation Board. . . . Rabbi Reichel was the guest speaker at the closing Seudah Sh'lshit at the neighboring Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue last Saturday. . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Mopper upon the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Malvin Lindner. . . . **Congratulations** to Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Turtz upon the engagement of their daughter, Muriel Lila, to Dr. Alan Robert Small. . . . The Daniel Weiss' have another son. Mazel Tov to them and to the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Weiss, and to the great grandma, Mrs. Regina Margareten. . . . **Welcome home** from the sunny south to Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herring. . . . And a pleasant stay down south to Mr. and Mrs. Jules Cohen and Ronnie. . . . **Happy Birthday** to Jay Harold Ball, David J. Beier, Samuel Blumberg, Hyman Feld, Robert Kirsh, Mrs. Noah Kobrin, Moses Langer, Robert Livingston, Renee Merkin, and Michele Siegel. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Barnett, Director and Mrs. A. M. Druckman, and our 2nd Vice-President and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel. . . . Won't you join our Intellectual Biblical Communion by reading one chapter of the Bible daily?

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