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SEODIM NOTES

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 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 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.

Afikomen:

Literally it means dessert. It is a half of the middle matzah, which is eaten at the conclusion of the Passover feast. After this one may not partake of any other foods that night, similar to the practice in the times of the Temple when nothing was eaten after the Paschal Lamb was consumed.

Cigars and cigarettes will be distributed at the second Congregational Seder with the compliments of the Synagogue, so that no one need carry them on the Sabbath.

1951

SOUVENIR ALBUM GREETINGS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Have you inserted your ad in our 1951 Souvenir Album? If not, why not do it now. The Souvenir Album is being presented this year to Director Edward Jacobs on Tuesday, June 19 at a reception in his honor. For further information and ad blanks please call our office TR. 7-8281.

MR. AND MRS. LEAGUE TO SPONSOR GAME NIGHT

At the next Get-Together of the Mr. and Mrs. League, Sunday night, April 22nd, game night, bingo and Passover refreshments will be featured.

All young married couples are invited to join in the festivities.

PASSOVER RELIEF

If you have not already made your contribution towards Passover Relief for the needy, this year, won't you please make out your check at once to Women's League—W. S. I. S. Passover Relief Fund, and mail to Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Chairman, c/o Women's League, 120 W. 76th Street.

SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION

During the Passover Holiday, we will conduct special Junior Congregation Services. These services will be held this Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22 and next Friday and Saturday, the 27th and 28th at 10:30 o'clock. All parents are urged to have their children attend these services so they may learn the traditional prayers and songs and observe the holiday in the proper spiritual manner.

COMING EVENTS

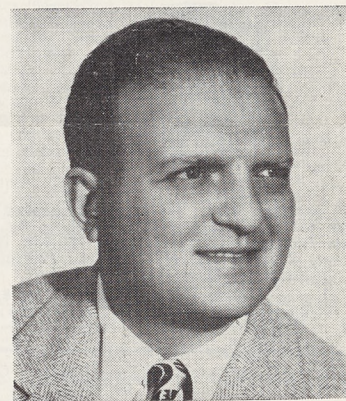
Monday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

STAMP CLUB MEETING

Saturday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.

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Mr. Harry Ward, Chairman of the Men's Club Theatre Party Committee and Mr. Philip Nager, Co-Chairman, take this means of announcing that a limited number of choice seats are still available for the new musical hit, "Make A Wish", being performed at the Winter Garden on May 3rd. Mr. Frank L. Taks, President of the Men's Club is looking forward to seeing all the men of our Synagogue, with their wives, attend this function.

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on the last day of Passover, Saturday, April 28th. 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.

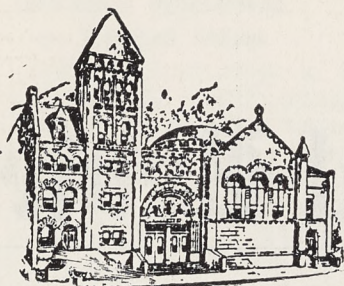
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 West Side Institutional Review
 Dear Sir:

Yes . . . as soon as I read of Rabbi Reichel's plan to read one chapter in the Bible every day, I have followed through ever since.

Early mornings, just before I say my prayers, I relax myself in a comfortable chair and read one chapter of the Bible.

Reading the Bible regularly every day is like inviting into my home the great philosophers, the great thinkers, the great promulgators of truth and wisdom of the past.

Many of the problems discussed by our prophets are very much akin to the questions that we are confronted with today. Young men and young women now going to college and planning a career in the field of writing should certainly read the Bible regularly. Reading the Bible constantly is better than taking a course in the technique of writing.

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Sincerely yours,

Hyman Schwartz



"AS
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425th OF THE 613
 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS
 "To Slay the Seven Nations
 of the Land of Canaan"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We were commanded in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, verse 2, to utterly destroy the seven nations in the conquest of Canaan, as we read: "When the L-rd thy G-d shall deliver them up before thee, thou shalt smite them; then thou shalt utterly destroy them. . ." The seven nations were the Hitite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizite, the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. This commandment is repeated again in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 20, verse 17: "Thou shalt utterly destroy them." First of all, however, there had to be offers made of peace. If these were accepted, no one was to be harmed. All traditional commentaries agree that those offers of peace had to be made to **all** enemy cities, to those of the Canaanites as well. The latter were to abandon idolatry and adhere to the Seven Commandments given to the descendants of Noah (i.e. the establishment of courts of justice, and the prohibition of

blasphemy, idolatry, incest, murder, robbery and unnatural cruelty, — pulling off a limb from a live animal). These seven nations indulged in every form of idolatry and abomination. If we effaced them, we would have also freed the world from idolatry.

This commandment is restricted to actual idolators like the ancient Canaanites. Of course, it does not apply to ordinary heathens who observe the fundamental laws of human society.

Religious Tolerance

"G-d had **suffered** the heathens to worship the sun, moon, and stars as a stepping-stone to a higher stage of religious belief. That worship of the heathen nations thus forms part of G-d's guidance of humanity. But as for the Israelites, G-d had given them first-hand knowledge of Him through the medium of Revelation. It is for this reason that idolatry was **for them** an unpardonable offence.

Hence the amazing tolerance shown by Judaism of all ages towards the followers of other cults, so long as these were not steeped in immorality and crime. Equally striking is the attitude of the Rabbis toward the heathen world. They declared 'The righteous of all nations have a share in the world to come,' and are heirs of immortality, alongside the righteous in Israel. A later Midrash proclaimed: 'I call heaven and earth to witness that, whether it be Jew or heathen, man or woman, freeman or bondman—only according to their acts does the Divine spirit rest upon them.'

COUNTING OF THE OMER

The counting of the Omer begins on the second night of Passover, Saturday night, April 21 (and continues each evening, after the appearance of stars), until Shevuos.

The "Omer" is a measure of barley which was offered at the Temple, after which the Jews were permitted to eat of the new harvest.

The significance of the counting of the days until Shevuos is the fact that materialistic gains, such as the new harvest, and the physical redemption of the Jews, is incomplete until Shevuos—which was the time the Jews accepted the Torah—their spiritual freedom.

If one forgets to count the Omer one entire night, he should count in the daytime without saying the blessing. However, if he forgot the entire day too, then he should count

that night and every night thereafter without the blessing.

Coincidental to the period of the counting of the Omer, many national tragedies befell the Jewish people throughout their history. Therefore, some rules of mourning are observed. Wedding celebrations and other joyous occasions involving music, are forbidden. There are, however, a few specified days such as Rosh Chodesh and Lag B'Omer, during which time weddings may be held.

CHOL HAMOED

The intervening days of the Passover Holiday are known as Chol Hamoed, the weekdays of the festival, when urgent labor is permitted. On each day, a special reading of the Torah dealing with some aspect of Passover is included in the synagogue service.

ERUV TAVSHILIN THIS THURSDAY

On a Jewish festival no food may be prepared from one day to the other. As next Friday is a Festival day, 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 26, 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:—

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם אשר
קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על מצות ערוב
"Praised be Thou, O L—d our G—d,
King of the universe, who hast sanc-
tified us by Thy commandments,
and hast commanded us concern-
ing the observance of the Eruv."

"By virtue of this 'Eruv' be it per-
mitted unto us to bake, boil, and
warm up, kindle lights, and do on
the day of the Festival all that is
needful for the Sabbath, we and all
who dwell in this city."

CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM

Our Congregational Sedorim will
be held at the Esplanade Hotel, Fri-
day and Saturday evenings, April
20 and April 21.

The Sedorim will take place on
Friday at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday at
7:30 p.m.

"Haaretz", one of the most im-
portant organs in Eretz Israel, states
that responsible officers in the Is-
raeli Army informed their reporters
that there is a surplus of women in
the Army, and it would be advisable
to release some of them. It is quite
clear to everyone in Israel that the
statement issued by Ben-Gurion re-
garding the conscription of women,
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is merely a political move against
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Light Candles Friday Evening up to 6:19	
Friday Evening Service	6:00
Seder Service	7:15
Saturday Morning Services	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten	
for Children 4 to 6	10:30
Mincha Service	6:15
Reader of Torah: Aaron Tomares	
Reader of Service: Samuel Ward	
Seder Service	7:30
Sunday Morning Service	9:00
Junior Congregation	10:30
Holiday Kindergarten	
for Children 4 to 6	10:30
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class	5:20
Mincha Service	6:20
Holiday Terminates	7:08
Chol Hamoad	
Morning Services	6:30, 7:30, 8:00
Mincha	6:15

SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

The young folks of our community
are invited to an open meeting of
our Senior League this Sunday nite
at 8:30 P.M.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

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GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

If you have friends or acquaintances who have moved into your neighborhood recently, won't you please inform the Synagogue office so that Rabbis Goldstein or Reichel may personally welcome them into our community and invite them and all the members of the family to participate in the many and varied activities of our Synagogue. . . . The writer of this column is back in town after a cross continent trip in time to meet the printer's deadline for this column and to report that all seems fundamentally sound with our beloved country and that its Good Earth is commencing to bud with its grains and its produce of sustenance for our people and the world. . . . Our prayers for a speedy return to good health to Joseph E. Davidson and Mrs. Gustave E. Roth. . . . Our beloved Rabbi Goldstein participated in the opening ceremonies of the Battery Park underpass. . . and Rabbi Reichel was on the Pat Barnes program on Station WJZ. . . . Mazel Tov to Mrs. Regina Margareten, the great great grandma, Mrs. Yetta Landau, the great grandma, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Segal, the grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Viner, the parents, upon the birth of a boy; and to Mr. and Mrs. David Soklin upon the birth of a son to their children, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Taymor. . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Morris Levine. . . . Glad to see Director Harry Appel around looking as ruddy and smiling as ever. . . .

Happy Birthday to you, Mrs. Daniel Arch, Jeffrey Sanders Blankfort, Marilyn Mirken Cohen, Bambi Gross, Alan Jay Hirsch, Israel Kestenbaum upon his sixtieth, and Leonard Feinstein. . . . Thanks to Director Irving Streit for the delicious Passover goodies contributed to our Talmud Torah Model Seder.

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