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## SEDORIM NOTES

### 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 Temples 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 matzoh, 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.

## REMEMBER U J A

Mr. Jacob Kaplan asked us to remind all our members and readers to participate in our UJA dinner tendered in honor of our President Lester Udell on May 1st. Please reserve the date.

The women of our Congregation are asked to please cooperate with Mrs. Ben K. Eisenberg, Chairman of the Women's League U.J.A. Committee.



## OF INTEREST TO YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

The Big Spring Affair of the W.S.I.S. League, this year will be in the form of a Strawberry Festival and Social night, on Saturday, April 19, at 9:00 P.M. The committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Louis Wexler, is arranging a program of community singing, frolics, delicious refreshments, with emphasis on a good time for all who will attend.

The only charge will be a contribution of \$3.00 per couple — the proceeds going for a summer camp fund for needy children of our own school. Reservations for yourselves and your friends may be made by sending your checks to Mrs. Louis Wexler, Chairman, c/o W.S.I.S. League, 122 West 76 St. Let us all have a good time and at the same time help the kiddies.

Dr. Gustave Oremland  
President, W.S.I.S. League



## LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES

Dr. Hoenig's Class will meet Chol Hamoed on Monday evening, April 14th at 8 o'clock.



## TALMUD TORAH NOTES

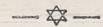
During Chol Hamoed Talmud Torah classes will meet on Sunday and Monday mornings. Parents are urged to see to it that our pupils do not miss any classes.

Regular classes will be resumed beginning with Saturday afternoon, April 19.

Our librarian, Mrs. Isadore Golub, reports that our Talmud Torah library is doing very nicely. We can use more popular books on Jewish subjects.

## CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

Our Congregational Sedorim will be held tonight and tomorrow evening, April 9th and 10th, at the Hotel Esplanade, 305 West End Ave. The Sedorim will begin promptly at 7:15 tonight and 7:30 tomorrow night. Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Reichel will officiate with Cantor Yavneh leading in the traditional singing.



## SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION

During the Passover Holiday, we will conduct special Junior Congregation Services. These services will be held this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 10th, 11th, and 12th and next Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th, 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.



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## YIZKOR SERVICES

Yizkor Services will be held on the last day of Passover, Thursday, April 17th. 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.

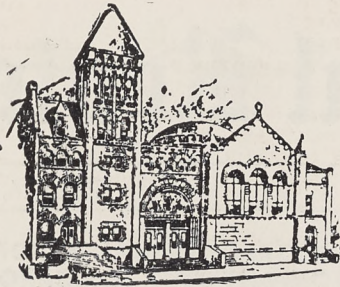
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PASSOVER MESSAGE —

DR. SAMUEL BELKIN

President, Yeshiva University

Passover symbolizes the struggle of man to gain freedom. This conflict is raging again in our midst as millions of people in Europe and Asia are fighting for their release from a new form of bondage. Just as the Israelites in Egypt relied upon their staunch faith to see them through, so must this faith in democratic ideals and moral concepts become the guiding light for the oppressed peoples of the world.

We must recognize the fact that neither the Atom or Hydrogen Bomb will, in themselves, put an end to the overwhelming problem of creating a society living in harmony with itself. We need a unifying principle, a "United Nations of the Spirit," a belief in the moral laws as stressed in the Torah; a consecration to the eternal concept of universal justice of the Prophets, and a dedication to Divine knowledge, to elevate us to a higher spiritual stratum.

Our educational system must seek to develop better men and not better technicians. Only through such a program can we hope to develop a civilization where men of all faiths can live, dedicated to a brotherhood of man and fatherhood of G-d.



488th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Rejoice On The Pilgrimage Festivals"

(Passover, Pentecost, Succoth)

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We are to rejoice on the Festivals as it written in Deuteronomy, Chapter 16, verse 14, "And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levites, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates."

We were cautioned to include the weak and the poor and the stranger in making the holiday a joyous one for them, as we read in our commandment, "and thy man-servant and thy maid-servant and the Levites and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow that are within thy gates." When a person rejoices in that spirit, he will have a good time but not an immoral one. He will remember to share with his fellowman and not forget them in his own enjoyment.

This commandment is to be observed as far as joy is concerned, at every place and at all times and includes male and female. He who

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Rabbi Reichel & Members of the W.S.I.S.:

March 25, 1952

I wish to take time to thank you for sending me the Synagogue paper and mentioning my name in the column. It makes me feel proud and honored to attend the synagogue and to know that you think of the service men that attend services and belong to the W.S.I.S. I also want to wish the Congregation a Very Happy Passover. I hope to be able to attend services at the W.S.I.S. and join in the spirit of Passover. I would like to write more, but the Navy has a few things for me to do. Thanking you again, I remain

MICHAEL ENDE

Seaman Apprentice U.S.N.

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trespasses this commandment and does not rejoice himself and fails to cause his household and the poor to rejoice in honor of the Festival, according to his means, has annulled this positive commandment.

489th COMMANDMENT

"Every Male Is To Appear In Jerusalem Three Time A Year"

We are commanded that every male is to appear in Jerusalem in the Temple three set times in the year, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 16, verse 16, "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the L-rd thy G-d in the place which He shall choose, — on the Feast of unleavened bread, on the Feast of Weeks, and on the Feast of Tabernacles, and they shall not appear before the L-rd empty."

Every male who had the strength to make the pilgrimage to the Temple Mount, was obliged to do so, and to bring an offering. This was called, 'עולת ראוי' "Offering of Appearance." There was no stipulated amount of the offering. It could be a large animal or a small pigeon. Three commandments were incumbent upon the Israelites on the pilgrimage festival: (1) to bring the holiday offering — "Chagigah", (2) to appear before the L-rd in the Temple, and (3) to rejoice on the holiday.

The purpose of this commandment was that all able bodied Israelites were to appear in the Temple and to be inspired to keep G-d's statutes and to fulfill His commandments. During the Sabbatical year, the women and the children and the strangers were also to assemble in Jerusalem on Succos.

GAME ROOM SCHEDULE FOR PASSOVER WEEK

Sunday, April 13 — 8:00 P.M.

Monday, April 14 — 7:30 P.M.

Pesach outing for Macabees

Monday, April 14

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member

DAVID MOSS



**COUNTING OF THE OMER**

The counting of the Omer begins on the second night of Passover, April 10th 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 blessing. However, if he should forget to count during the entire day, he should count every night thereafter without the blessing.

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

Many tragedies occurred 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.

**CHOL HAMOED**

In Eretz Israel, the first and seventh days of Pesach are sanctified by abstaining from all labor except that required for the preparation of meals. In the Diaspora, the first and second, and the seventh and eighth are observed as holy days. The intervening days 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. On the first day in Palestine, or the first two days outside of the Holy Land, after the morning prayers, we recite all the chapters of the Psalms included in the Hallel. The rest of the week we omit parts of two of the chapters of Hallel (Half Hallel). Our rejoicing is not complete, say our sages, since the Egyptians who are also creatures of G-d were drowned in the Red Sea.

**ERUV TAVSHILIN  
THIS WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday afternoon April 9, 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' אלוקינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על מצות ערוב

Praised be Thou, O L—d our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments, and hast commanded us concerning the observance of the Eruv."

**PASSOVER PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Eat no Chometz Wednesday morning after .....	9:41
Sell, Remove, and Burn all Chometz by .....	10:41
Wednesday Eruv Tavshilin .....	
Light Candles Wednesday Evening .....	6:09
Wednesday Mincha Service .....	6:10
Seder Service .....	7:15
Thursday Morning Service .....	9:00
Junior Congregation .....	10:30
Yom Tov Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6 .....	10:30
Thursday Mincha .....	6:10
Seder Service .....	7:30
Friday Morning Service .....	9:00
Junior Congregation .....	10:30
Yom Tov Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6 .....	10:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....	5:10
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class .....	5:10
Light Candles Friday Evening .....	6:10
Mincha Service .....	6:10
Saturday Morning Service .....	8:45
Junior Congregation .....	10:30
Sabbath Kindergarten for Children 4 to 6 .....	10:30
Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class .....	4:30
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....	4:30
Mincha (followed by Seudah Shlishith) .....	5:30
Reader of Torah: Joseph Neustadter	
Reader of Service: Murray Yavneh	
The Sabbath Terminates .....	6:58
Daily Services: (Chol Hamoed)	
Mornings — Sunday .....	6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Monday & Tuesday .....	6:30, 7:30, 8:15
Mincha .....	6:20
Light Candles Tuesday Evening .....	6:15
Tuesday Evening Services .....	6:15
Wednesday Morning (7th Day of Passover) Service .....	9:00
Junior Congregation .....	10:30
Yom Tov Kindergarten Children from 4 to 6 .....	10:30
Light Candles Wednesday Evening .....	6:15
Wednesday Mincha Service .....	6:15
Thursday Morning Service (YIZKOR) .....	8:30
Junior Congregation .....	10:30
Yom Tov Kindergarten, Children from 4 to 6 .....	10:30
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By Sanford Solarz

The growth of our congregation must be measured not only by its quality but also by its quantity. For the constant improvement of quantity we are forever striving, while always seeking to spread our doctrines among ever increasing numbers. So it is that we are happy to see our membership list grow with the addition of the following new members: Joseph D. Benson, Arthur H. Bienenstock, Archie Borrok, Isaac Forman, Aaron S. Freudman, Nathan Heilbronner, Howard Kaplan, Irwin Polk, Samuel Richenberg, M. Saunders, A. Solomon, and Raymond Woloch. Our heartiest congregational welcome to each and all of them . . . Our Parents-Teachers Organization served as hosts to our Talmud Torah Model Pre-Passover Seder which was held on Tuesday afternoon at our Synagogue House. At the conclusion of the Service, prizes in the form of delicious Barton's Passover candy, were awarded to Howard Denis, Bernice Goldberg and Herbert Goldberg, who were adjudged the winners of the Essay Contest sponsored by the renowned orthodox Jewish confectioners, Barton's . . . Not even Japan in the distant orient is too remote for representation by the W.S.I.S. All good wishes to Mrs. Frank Fink and her husband, a medical officer in the United States Army, who recently flew to that distant country to join her husband who is stationed there . . . A happy Passover Holiday to Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston who are now in Florida . . . On reaching another happy milestone in each of their **wedded lives**, our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Brandes, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dabek, Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Rafsky, Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Reich, Director and Mrs. Jess Ward. And many happy returns of their **birthdays** to Daniel Arch, Mrs. Philip Gertner, Stanley R. Kaplan, Sam Lieberman, Director George L. Livingston, Norman Ostrove, Director Frank L. Taks and Emanuel Yavneh . . . Welcome Home to Mrs. Harry Mirken from her stay in Europe.

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