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## HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND OUR DINNER DANCE AT THE HOTEL PIERRE ON APRIL 16th?

**RESERVATIONS FOR  
CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM  
MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE  
BY MARCH 28th**

Our readers surely know by now that our Congregational Sedorim will be held at the Hotel Esplanade, 74th Street and West End Avenue, on Friday night, March 31st and Saturday night, April 1st.

The charge for each seder is \$11.50 which includes gratuities.

Our members and friends who plan to be with us at the Sedorim should have their reservations and payments in our office by Thursday, March 28th.

### PASSOVER PREPARATIONS

**The Synagogue facilities for public kashering of vessels will be available on Thursday, March 30th, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

Every part of the oven or stove which may have been reached by food during the year, must be thoroughly cleaned and scraped. The oven and range must then be heated to a glow. Special tin sheets are placed over the top of the range.

Our Rabbis will be glad to answer questions concerning Passover laws.

### SALE OF CHOMETZ

Rabbi Pekier will be available this week to attend to the sale of Chometz from 6:30 to 9:30 A.M. and from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M., until Friday morning at 9:30 A.M.

For those who cannot come personally to the Synagogue, the attached coupon must reach the Synagogue office by Thursday.



**Alexander Rauchman  
Membership Chairman**

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 27th

A membership meeting of the West Side Institutional Synagogue will be held on Monday, March 27th, at 8:15 P.M.

Lester Udell, President

### HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES

Our parents are welcome at the Hebrew School Model Seder which will be held Sunday morning, March 25th promptly at 10:30 A.M.

Our PTA is providing the refreshments for this children's event.

Mr. Jess E. Gross, Chairman of our Dinner, reminds us that it will mean so much, not only to our guest of honor, Mr. Joseph L. Rosenberg, but also to the success of our Synagogue, to have a record attendance at our forthcoming Congregational Dinner at the Hotel Pierre on Sunday evening, April 16th.

Special effort has gone into planning the menu, decorations and favors for both the ladies and gentlemen present. Our own Joe Klein and his Orchestra will provide the music.

There are many ways to make it possible for you to attend. Our Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Alexander Rauchman, suggests that you enroll five new members in our Congregational family. This will entitle you to two tickets for the Dinner. If you are not a member become one now, and the other \$100 may be covered by soliciting ads from your business associates and friends. \$125 in ads also earn two tickets. Of course, one may purchase a pair of tickets for \$100.

For our young unmarried people tickets are only \$25, or \$35 in ads.

**Our Synagogue is depending on the cooperation of every worshipper, member and friend. This affair must be a success. Only your 100% cooperation can make this possible.**

### MEN'S CLUB

Our Men's Club will have a regular meeting this Monday night, March 27th, at 8:30 o'clock.

We would like to see more of our members and friends attend the monthly cultural and social evenings sponsored by our Men's Club. Obviously, our Men's Club cannot be encouraged to serve more and better cultural fares without greater audience participation.

I, (we) ..... hereby authorize Rabbi Goldstein to dispose of all Chometz in my (our) possession, in accordance with the requirements of the Jewish Law.

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INTERMEDIATE CONGREGATION (11-13) TO MEET 10 A.M.

The older members of the Junior Congregation, as well as all boys and girls over 11 are invited to become charter members of our Intermediate Congregation which will meet this Saturday morning at 10 o'clock on the 4th floor. Roger Linker will lead this group.

The Junior Congregation will meet at 10:50 A.M. on the 4th floor with Stanley Kaplan and Seymour Ukeles.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Samuel J. Goldberg, upon the passing of his sister Ida Rosenthal.

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COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

PASSOVER —

It is not sufficient to ban Chometz from the diet; the Torah says that "it must neither be seen nor found within your premises." For that purpose, the ceremony of "Searching for the Leaven" has been instituted. It consists in an intensive search for stray bits of leaven that may have been overlooked during the process of cleaning. However, it is obligatory, regardless of how well and thorough the cleaning may have been, and it thus constitutes an added reminder of the obligation to eliminate all leaven.

Bedikath Chometz should be performed on the last evening before Passover, by candle light. Before the search is begun, the blessing, "al biur chometz," is recited by the master of the house, who holds a receptacle, usually a wooden spoon, into which he sweeps with a feather whatever crumbs he may find. In order to obviate the possibility of not finding any chometz, the mistress of the house deposits crumbs of bread in advance in various corners. When all of these are accounted for, the search may be assumed to have been thorough. The chometz thus collected is put away in a safe place until the next morning, when it is burned with the recital of "Kol Chamich," the Aramaic formula by which one renounces in his heart all ownership of any chometz which may have been overlooked, declaring it as worthless as dust.

We set aside a special set of dishes and utensils for the festival. However, under certain conditions, some of the utensils used throughout the year may also be used on Passover. Metal pots and pans can be kashered by first thoroughly cleaning them at least a day before, and then putting them in a pot of boiling water. Utensils used directly over the fire, such as frying pans, may be kashered by placing them directly over the fire, allowing them to get red-hot. Glassware should be scoured and then soaked in water for three days, changing the water every twenty-four hours. Earthenware cannot be kashered.

Chometz that remained in the possession of a Jew is forbidden food throughout the year. It is therefore customary to arrange for a formal "Mechirath Chometz" sale of chometz to a non-Jew, of those articles which it is unfeasible to destroy or discard. A Rabbi draws up a bill of sale and negotiates the transfer to a non-Jew. Because of this law, one should be careful after the festival not to buy chometz from a Jew who was in possession of chometz articles without transferring them to a non-Jew.

"Erev Pessach," the eve of Passover, is known as "Taanith Bechorim," the fast of the first-born. Every first-born male is required to fast as an expression of thanksgiving that on that memorable day when the first-born Egyptians were smitten, the first-born Israelites were spared. If, however, one attends a religious feast such as a "Siyum," the feast on completing the study of a Talmudic volume, one is not required to fast.

AN INVITATION TO OUR TEENAGERS

Our Synagogue will be the hosts on Sunday morning to the participants at the Youth Convention being held this weekend on the West Side by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

Our Men's Club will sponsor the breakfast for the delegates this Sunday following the morning services at 8:00 o'clock.

Teenagers of our Congregation who have not been able to register for the entire Convention are invited to attend the Service and Breakfast this Sunday morning.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Chief Justice Earl Warren will be honored at a special Yeshiva University convocation this Sunday morning. On this occasion cornerstone ceremonies will be held for a new building to be erected near the Yeshiva.

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Friday Evening Services .....5:55  
Saturday Morning Service .....8:50  
Weekly Portion: Tzav  
Shabbos Hagadol  
Intermediate Congregation (11-13) 10:00  
Junior Congregation (6-11) .....10:50  
Mincha .....4:45  
Reader of Torah: Levi Pekier  
Reader of Service: Mervyn Frankel  
Followed by Rabbi Reichel's Shabbos  
Hagadol Halachik Discourse  
The Sabbath Terminates .....6:48

**Daily Services**  
Sunday Morning .....7:15, 8:15, 8:45  
Monday and Thursday  
Mornings .....6:45, 7:45, 8:30  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
Mornings .....6:45, 7:45, 8:15  
Mincha .....6:05  
Wednesday Night  
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class .....8:00

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Friday Morning (Erev Pesach) Service  
Followed by Siyum .....6:30, 7:20, 8:00  
Eat NO Chometz Friday after .....9:30  
Burning of Chometz and its Sale...10:30

Light Candles Before .....6:01  
Mincha .....6:00

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The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be our Director Henry L. Kraushar . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to Julius Jay Nirenstein, son of our members, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Nirenstein, who has earned the following honors: New York State Regents Scholarship; State Scholarship in Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry; candidate for the American Chemistry Award. He is also finalist in the National Merit Scholarships and is a semi-finalist for the National Honor Society Scholarship . . . Glad to see back at our Sabbath morning services, Mrs. Ella Sagalowicz, fully recovered after her recent illness . . . Welcome home from points south to Director and Mrs. Jacob Goodman; Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Neustadter, and to Mr. Herbert Tumpowsky . . . Vacationing in Florida are Mr. and Mrs. Murry Cumsky and Director and Mrs. Joseph Shapiro . . . Very glad to hear that Mr. Aaron Gross is out of the hospital. We wish him a "refuah shlayma."

Are you coming to the Annual Dinner on April 16? Kindly see page one for further details.

**Birthday Greetings  
March**

- 24—Frederic S. Goldstein  
Avrum Kaplan  
Mrs. Joseph Shulster  
Director Harry Ward
- 25—Mrs. Harry Appel  
Jay Harold Ball  
Leslie Bellsey  
Aaron W. Gross
- 26—Jonathan Durst  
Elliot Landowne  
Leonard Stecher
- 27—Louis Cohen  
Jack Verschleiser  
David Weisenfeld
- 28—Melvyn Gross  
Herbert L. Ortner
- 29—Mrs. Sol Anstendig  
Mrs. Max Hecht
- 30—Eleanor S. Goldman  
Director David H. Ullman

**Anniversary Greetings**

- 24—Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Lieberman
- 25—Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Oltarsh
- 26—Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Stein
- 28—Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Benjamin
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