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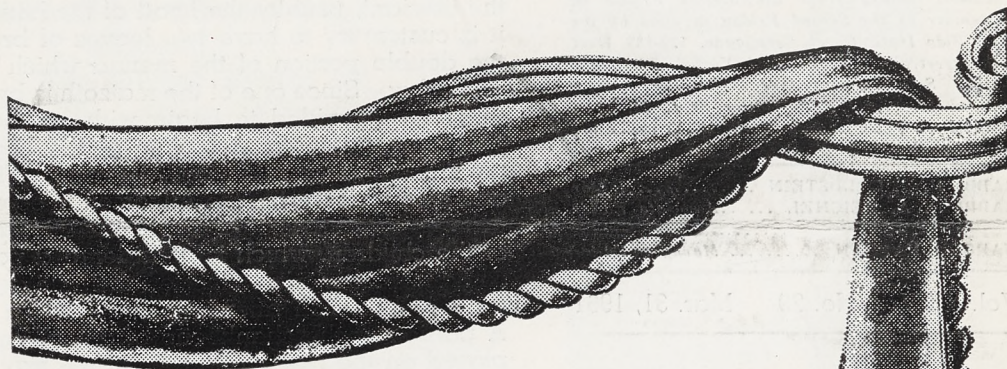
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Israel Kestenbaum

We felicitate our member and "Baal Tokayah", Mr. Israel Kestenbaum, upon his 70th birthday, which he is celebrating today.

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that

The 1961 General Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will seek to meet the increased needs of 600,000 men, women and children throughout the world. Because the cost of this life-building, life-saving program is greater than ever before, increased funds must be raised.

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THE SEDER

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

The Haggadah is a unique anthology of scriptural quotations, homilies from the Midrash, psalms and folk songs, which are recited at the Seder, and which endow the occasion with an atmosphere of religious joy.

The Seder Service, is perhaps the oldest and rarest fascinating of all rituals of this sort current among mankind. Here are some of the highlights of the Seder Service.

Three matzoth wrapped up separately are placed on a tray in front of the officiant, usually the head of the household. On any Sabbath or festival it is customary to have two loaves of bread or two matzoth reminding us of the double portion of the manna which the Israelites in the desert received on Friday. Since one of the matzoth is broken at the beginning of the service, three are provided to begin with, so that at least two whole ones remain. The middle matzoh is broken at the beginning of the feast, and the larger piece is put away for the Afikomon. This word is derived from the Greek and means dessert. The Afikomon is eaten at the end of the meal, so that the taste of matzoh should linger on after the meal. To stimulate the interest of the children, which is considered a paramount objective on this occasion, so rich with historic memories, the little ones are customarily allowed to search for the Afikomon after it is hidden, the finder being entitled to a ransom. A portion of the shankbone of a lamb or the wing of a chicken, roasted, is placed on the right hand side of the tray. This is to recall the Pessach lamb which was sacrificed in the Temple and then eaten in family groups. In Temple days this was the principal feature of the Seder celebration. A baked egg is placed to the left of the shankbone. It is symbolic of the regular festival sacrifice. However, additional explanations have been offered. Among them is the suggestion that it betokens grief for the destruction of the Temple, the egg being the food served to mourners on returning from the cemetery. It is also pointed out that the first day of Passover always falls on the same day of the week as Tisha B'Av and that Abraham died on Passover eve. Hence this note of grief. On the other hand, the egg has often served as a symbol of rebirth of new life, and on Passover night it may well convey to us the wondrous surge of new life in Israel which marked the liberation from bondage.

The Maror or bitter herb on the plate is a reminder of the bitterness of Egyptian slavery. The Charoseth which is a mixture of apples, almonds and cinnamon with wine, chopped very fine and made into a paste, reminds us of the mortar which the Hebrew slaves had to use in the building of the various projects for the Egyptian lords. The bitter herb is dipped into the Charoseth modifying its sharpness, as a reminder of the divine loving kindness which made the hardships bearable.

One of the distinctive features of the Seder is the drinking of four cups of wine. According to our codes, even a pauper supported by charity is in duty bound to observe the Arba Kosoth. The first is used for the Kiddush, which is the customary invocation on every Sabbath and festival; the second is the cup of rejoicing, over which the first half of the Hallel is recited. The third cup is filled for the reciting of the Benshen (grace), and the final cup is used for the completion of the Hallel. The custom of the Four Cups has also been linked to the four different expressions for redemption in Exodus VI. One Talmudic sage found five such expressions; hence he thought that five cups of wine should be used. It is because of this difference of opinion that we have the Kos Shel Eliyahu, the cup of Elijah, popularly so called because all questions that remained in doubt, were left to be resolved by Elijah, when that prophet would return to announce the second redemption. The Cup of Elijah has also stimulated profound explanations, namely that inasmuch as Elijah is destined for the role of herald of the future redemption, and since Passover is considered the most propitious time for the second redemption to begin, we open our doors in the hope that he will again appear and enter.

Only the first two and the last two days of the eight-day festival are considered full holidays, requiring one to abstain from all work. The intermediate days are known as Chol-Hamoed, when necessary work is permitted, except of course on the Sabbath; but the rules concerning chometz and Matzoh must be strictly observed throughout all the eight days.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Program For Balance Of Season

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- April 10 — Open Meeting — Presentation by Carolyn Brenner of the cast of the Broadway hit, "Come Blow Your Horn"
- April 17 — Board Meeting
- April 24 — Open Meeting
- May 1 — Open Meeting — Color Film — "Holidays in Israel"
- May 8 — Board Meeting

Wednesday — May 17 — **SPRING LUNCHEON**

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The Counting of the Omer begins on the second night of Passover, Saturday night, April 1st, and continues each evening until Shevuos.

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

The significance of the counting of the days until Shevuos is that the materialistic gains of the redemption and the new harvest are incomplete until we accept the Torah — our spiritual freedom on Shevuos.

During this period of counting the Omer many tragedies occurred in later times. Therefore some rules of mourning are observed. Wedding celebrations and other joyous occasions involving music are forbidden. A Rabbi should be consulted concerning those days on which exceptions are made.

YIZKOR SERVICES

On the last day of Passover, Saturday, April 8th, Yizkor Memorial Services will be recited in our Synagogue. The following form may be filled out and delivered to the Synagogue office by Thursday noon for those special memorial prayers.

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A meeting of the Board will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gribetz on Wednesday, April 5 at, 8:30 P.M.

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARENTS

Pesach is the most popular holiday of the year for parents and children. The outstanding ceremony of Pesach is, of course, the Seder.

It is very important, therefore, that you give your children an opportunity to take part in making the Charosos, setting up the Pesach dish, as well as participating in the Seder services. Have them chant the Kiddush as well as the Four Questions. Have them sing the Pesach songs they were taught in our Hebrew School.

May we urge you to attend Yom Tov Services with all the members of your household. It has been rightly said: "THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER."

Have Your Children Attend Our Junior Services

Our newly organized **Intermediate Congregation** for 11-13 year olds will meet at 10:00 A.M. Eddie Milstein and Aaron Reichel will be the cantors and Melvyn Moed will be the speaker.

The Junior Congregation elected Ronald Bernard, President, Hillel Reichel, Vice-President, and Rose Pekier, Hostess. The J. C. for 5 to 10 year olds, meets at 10:50 A.M.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to our member, Mr. Samuel Heyman, upon the passing of his wife **Ann Heyman**; to Mrs. Rosalie Krieger upon the passing of her brother **Joseph Marx**; to the family of **Samuel Berman**.

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W. S. I. S. PRAYER SCHEDULE PASSOVER

- Light Candles Friday Evening
- Before6:01
- Friday Evening Service6:00
- Congregational Seder7:20
- Saturday Morning - Passover I8:50
- Intermediate Congregation (11-13) 10:00
- Junior Congregation (6-10)10:50
- Mincha6:10
- Reader of Torah: Johanan Levine
- Reader of Service: Roger Linker
- Light Festival Candles after
- Sabbath Terminates6:55
- Count Omer One
- Congregational Seder7:30
- Sunday Morning - Passover II9:00
- Intermediate Congregation (11-13) 10:00
- Junior Congregation (6-10)10:50
- Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class5:15
- Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class5:15
- Mr. Seymour Ukeles's Mishnah Class for Young People5:15
- Mincha6:15
- Festival Terminates6:56
- Count Omer 2

CHOL HAMOED

- Mon. Tues. Wed. & Thurs.,
- Mornings6:30, 7:30, 8:10
- Daily Mincha6:15
- Thursday Lighting of Festival
- Candles6:08
- Mincha6:15

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GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

Our Men's Club did a fine job in sponsoring the breakfast last Sunday morning for the City-wide convention of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, at which our youth were represented. The young people also conducted their own prayer service in our Synagogue. Particular thanks are due to Chairman H. William Hirsch and Director Leon Herman for their grand cooperation, and to the hostesses, Mmes. Abraham Cohen, Daniel Gribetz, Samuel Gursky, Eugene Ten Brink and Miss Eudice Cohen . . . We likewise salute our Hebrew School staff and our PTA for preparing and conducting a most inspiring model Seder for our children. The helping hands of Mmes. Nicholas Elefant, Gerard Benjamin, and Daniel Gribetz, were appreciated . . . Glad to have back with us at services after their recent illness, Director Jacob Kaplan, Mr. Louis Fischer and Mr. Edward Ukeles. It was also good to have with us Director Henry Blankfort from California, Director and Mrs. Jacob Kaplan from Florida, and Seymour Klein from the Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland . . . Our Congregational citation of merit to Ira Tumpowsky, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tumpowsky, who has been elected to the Student Hall of Fame at the N. Y. U. School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance . . . A pat on the back to Marvin Sussman, grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Aladar Bernath, who read the entire Sedra at our services last Saturday morning.

Birthday Greetings

March

- 31—Samuel Blumberg
Robert Kirsh
Max Zahler

April

- 2—Bobby Livingston
Ellen Manya Mackler
- 3—David Jay Beier
Mrs. William D. Weiss
- 4—Hyman Feld
Mrs. Warren Goldsmith
- 5—Fred Leifer
Mrs. Noah Kobrin
Michele Siegel

Anniversary Greetings

- 1—Vice-Pres. & Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel
- 2—Mr. & Mrs. Maurice L. Barnett

ERUV TAVSHILIN

It is not permissible to cook, bake or prepare food on one day of Yom Tov for the next day or for the Sabbath. The "Eruv Tavshilin" set aside prior to the Festival, enables the housewife to cook on Friday for the Sabbath. Inasmuch as this year the last day of Passover falls on Saturday, the ceremony of Eruv Tavshilin should be performed on Chol Ha-moed Thursday.

A matzoh and some cooked food, such as fish, are placed on a plate. The master of the house lifts the plate and recites the following: "Boruch ataw a-do-n elo-kenu melech ha-olam asher kidsha-nu b'mitzvo-sav v'tzi-va-nu al mitzvahs e-ruv . . . By virtue of this Eruv, be it permitted to us to bake, cook keep food warm, light the candles, and do all that is necessary on the Festival for the Sabbath."

On Saturday afternoon the food thus prepared on Thursday may be eaten.

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