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PASSOVER 5741

EREV PESSACH SATURDAY APRIL 18 MORNING SERVICES EARLY AT 6:45

What is Chometz?

Wheat, rye, barley, spelt and oats in contact with water become *chometz* unless prepared according to Jewish law. All vegetables and fruits may be used except rice, millet, peas and beans. If in doubt ask the Rabbi.

A guide to Passover foods published by the O-U is available free of charge in our Synagogue office.

Kashering

Metal pots and pans can be *kashered* by first thoroughly cleaning them at least a day before purging them in a vessel of boiling water. Utensils used directly over the fire may be *kashered* directly over the fire, allowing them to get red hot. Earthenware cannot be *kashered*. The Synagogue facilities for *kashering* will be available on Thursday April 16th, from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.

Every part of the stove must be cleaned and heated to a glow. Special tin sheets are placed over the top of the range.

Fast of the First-Born April 16

Every first born should fast on Erev Pessach, in thankfulness to G-d for having spared the first born of the Israelites when He smote those of the Egyptians. Inasmuch as this year Erev Pessach is on Saturday, the fast is on the Thursday before. One may forego the fast if he participates in the "Siyum Bechorim," celebrating the completion of study of a Talmudic Tractate, which takes place after each of our morning services on that day at 6:35 and 7:40.

Bedikas Chometz

The ritual searching for *chometz* with the aid of a candle light, is ordinarily performed the night before the Seder. This year it will be observed on Thursday evening with the recitation of the blessing "...al bi'ur chometz" and the first Kol Chamira (found in many introductions in the Haggadas). The crumbs collected should be burned on Friday morning by 10:30 without reciting Kol Chamira.

The chometz sale will be arranged on Friday morning.

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ANNUAL UJA-FEDERATION BREAKFAST SUNDAY MAY 10 at 10 A.M.

Every member and friend has the grand opportunity to share in Israel's life-saving programs. Please advise our office (877-7652) that you will attend the U.J.A. Breakfast in our Ballroom. There will be no charge. Herman H. Cohen, Chairman

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Week of April 5
Sun. Morn-Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class9:00
Daily Mornings
Minchah followed by Exposition
of Halachos by Rabbi Reichel6:15
Fri., April 10 — Candles by
Minchah6:20
Sat., April 11 — Sedrah: Mezorah
Rabbi Reichel's Sedrah Class8:30
Service
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Pesachim
Class (in English)
Class (in English)
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Baba Basra
Class (in Yiddish)5:05
Minchah6:05
Seudah Shlishis
Sabbath Ends
Week of April 12
Sunday Morning8:30
Mon. to Wed. Mornings 6:45, 7:50
Minchah
Thursday Morning
Followed by Siyum Bechorim
Minchah
Bedikas Chometz at Night
Fri., April 17 — Morning6:45, 7:50
Burning of Chometz by 10:30
Kindle Candles by6:19
Minchah6:25
Sat., April 18 - Sedrah: Acharei
Shabbos Hagadol
Morning Service
Eat Chometz No Later Than9:17
(Other Authorities by
<i>Kol Chamira</i> by10:30
Minchah6:20
Sabbath Ends — Followed by Yom Tov
Candles and Seder Preparations
Sun., April 19 – Passover I
Minchah
Kindle Yom Tov Candles and Seder
Preparations After
Count Omer 1 At Night
Count Onici I At Hight

Mon., April 20 – Passover II9:00
Minchah6:20 / Festival Ends7:19
Week of April 21 - Chol Hamoed
Mornings
Minchah
Fri., April 24 — Candles by6:26
Minchah6:35
Count Omer 6 At Night
Sat., April 25 – Passover VII
Book of Sheer Hasheerim
Talmud Classes 5:25 / Minchah 6:25
Kindle Yom Tov Candles After
Sabbath Ends
Savings Time Begins
Sun., April 26 – Passover VIII9:00
Yizkor
Talmud Classes6:35
Minchah7:35 / Festival Ends8:26
Week of April 27 — Minchah
Fri., May 1 (Nisan 27) – YOM HASHOAH
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Candles by7:38 / Minchah6:30
Count Omer 13 and Recite Kree'as
Shma at Night
Sat., May 2 – Sedrah: Kedoshim
Sedrah Class 8:30 / Services 9:00
Blessing of New Chodesh
Talmud Classes
Minchah (Perek I)
Sabbath Ends
Week of May 3 – Minchah
Mon. & Tues. — Rosh Chodesh
Iyar Morns
Fri., May 8 — Candles by
Minchah
Count Omer 20 and Recite Kree'as
Shma at Night Sat., May 9 — Sedrah: Emor
YOM HA'ATZMAUT-5 IYAR
Talmud Classes6:40
Minchah (Perek II)
Sabbath Ends
Sauvaul Ellus

Attend the daily morning and Minchah services in order to assure our Minyanim.

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BIRCHAS HACHAMAH "Blessing of the Sun" WED. MORN APRIL 8

This year, the *Machzor Hagadol*, the "Great Cycle," will be completed. This is a 28-year cycle of the sun, bringing the sun back to the same position it was in the heavens at the same time that it was created by G-d. Just as we recite a special blessing when the "Little Cycle," the New Moon repeats itself every lunar month, so too have the Sages ordained a blessing for this "Great Cycle." It always occurs on Wednesday, the day that the sun, moon and stars were created.

The time for the blessing is from sunrise until the third hour of the day (8:46 - ifneed be, by 11:58). Since it is praiseworthy to glorify the mitzvah, all males should participate in the Synagogue services that morning at 6:45 or 7:50.

First recite Psalms 148 and 150. Then a brief glance in the direction of the sun.

The blessing: Baruch Ata Ado... Elo... Melech Ha'olam oseh maasei Vreishis. "Blessed art Thou, L-d our G-d, King of the Universe, Who performs the work of Creation."

Followed by Psalms 121 and 19, the hymn *Keil Adon* and *Aleinu Leshabei'ach*. Additional prayers are found in various publications.

A Hebrew text is available in our office.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDORIM

Joint Congregational Sedorim on Saturday and Sunday nights, April 18th and 19th, will be held at Lincoln Square Synagogue, 69th St. and Amsterdam Ave. Rabbi Reichel will officiate at the first Seder and Rabbi Riskin at the second. Reservations must be made before April 9th by contacting our office.



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MEN'S CLUB NOTES

BREAKFAST MEETING SUNDAY APRIL 5

Members and prospective members of the Men's Club are invited to the monthly Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, April 5th, at 10:00.

PASSOVER NOTES continued

Shabbos Hagadol April 17

The Saturday before Passover is called "Shabbos Hagadol" or the Great Sabbath. This year the Sabbath morning service will be held at 6:45 (see section below relating to the Sabbath morning meal). At the Minchah service we read a part of the Passover Hagadah. Rabbi Reichel will deliver a discourse on laws relating to the Festival on the preceding Saturday morning.

Sabbath Meals Erev Passover

Since it is not permissible to make preparations on the Sabbath for the following day even if it be for a Yom Tov, this year the house has to be made *Pessachdig* on Friday. All foods prepared on Friday should be *Pessachdig* in *Pessachdig* utensils.

On Friday evening and Saturday morning one may use *Pessachdig* egg matzah in place of challah, followed by the regular grace after meals. (On the Sabbath matzah should not be eaten until the Seder.) For those who wish to use challah instead of egg matzah for *Hamotzi*, smaller ones kept clear from the *Pessachdig* areas should suffice. Our Saturday morning services will begin at 6:45 and be completed by 8:15 so that the *Hamotzi* for the Sabbath meal, if it be chometz, and other cold chometz foods, should be consumed by 9:35 (and according to other authorities by 9:17).

On Saturday morning any remaining *chometz* should be flushed down and chometz dishes be cleaned and put aside before the second *Kol Chamira* is recited by 10:30.

The third meal *(Seudah Shlishis)* in the early afternoon should consist of fruit, vegetables or fish, without any matzah. Thus we may look forward with anticipation to eating the matzah at the Seder.

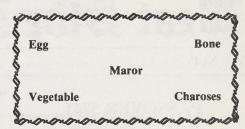
Seder preparations, e.g., roasted bone and egg and *charoses*, should be completed before the Sabbath and the Seder table may not be set before the termination of the Sabbath. Please note that egg matzah, recommended for Friday night and Saturday morning, cannot be used for the *mitzvah* of matzah nor is it generally eaten on Passover.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 AT 8:20 P.M.

The annual memorial evening for those whose names appear on the plaques in the Synagogue will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 8:20 P.M. The service will be conducted by Rabbi Reichel and Cantor Silverman.

Relatives and friends will participate in the service by lighting the plaques.

The families of the departed ar notified of the Yahrzeits. These names are read at our Yizkor services.



The Seder Plate

The roast shankbone and egg symbolize the Paschal lamb and festive offering in Temple times. The parsley (Karpas) dipped in salt water, the bitter herbs (maror), and mixture of apples, nuts and wine (charoses), recall the servitude and toil of our ancestors in Egypt. Please note that romaine lettuce may be used for maror.

Counting of the Omer

The Counting of the Omer begins on the second night of Passover, and continues each evening until Shavuos. The *Omer* was a measure of barley which was offered at the Temple on the second day of Passover after which it was permitted to eat from the new harvest.

During the period of counting the Omer, many tragedies occurred. Thus weddings, and other celebrations involving music are avoided. There are special days exempt from the prohibition.

Shir HaShirim

On Saturday morning, the seventh day of Passover, the Biblical book "Song of Songs" is chanted preceding the reading of the Torrah. This series of songs by King Solomon is a poetic illustration of the love of G-d for His people, Israel.

Chometz After Passover

Chometz products in the possession of a Jew during Passover are considered "chometz she'aver alav ha-Pesach" — prohibited products held during Passover. We are not permitted to derive any benefit from them.

Shabbos Shekolim Appeal

Our annual appeal is made on behalf of over thirty institutions of Torah in the Holy Land and in the United States. We urge all our readers to participate in this vital effort for the worthy and needy Yeshivos.

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OPEN MEETING MONDAY MAY 4

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend an Open Meeting on Monday, May 4th at 12:30 P.M. Mrs. Rose Gold will give a slide presentation of Turkey, Switzerland and Greece. Coffee and cake will be served.

Our ANNUAL CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON will be held on Monday, JUNE 15th, in the SYNAGOGUE GRAND BALLROOM. Mark the date on your calendar and alert your friends to hold that date to attend this most important event. Now more than ever the children in our Village in Israel need our financial help.

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Our thanks to Pauline Krampf, Chairman of our (Ma'os Chittim) Passover Fund, for a job well done. Additional contributions, however, are still needed.

MR. & MRS. LEAGUE NEWS

The hosts at the Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8th, will be Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Benjamin. One half hour before the meeting, at 8:00 P.M., Rabbi Reichel will lead in a discussion on gems in the current Sidrah.

CONDOLENCES

We sorrowfully record the passing of the following of our Congregational Family and extend our sympathy to their dear ones:

Willy Bilgrey - our benefactor.

Malvina (Malva) Glucker - our Women's League member, wife of our Advisory Board member Emil Glucker.

Jean Gross - mother of our congregant Jay Gross

Seymour Gross - brother of our member Harold, and of Nathan and Herman.

Sadie Joseph - our past member.

SALE OF CHOMETZ

Since we may not possess chometz on Passover it is necessary to transfer owner-ship of chometz before Passover out of our bounds. Rabbi Pekier will be available for the sale of chometz during the hours of daily services until Friday morning, April 17th, at 9:00. For those who cannot come to the Synagogue the coupon may be delivered to the Synagogue office.

I (we) hereby authorize Rabbi O. Asher Reichel to dispose of all Chometz in my (our) possession before Passover 5741 in accordance with Jewish Law.

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Annual Dinner of Orthodox Union at the New York Hilton on Sunday, May 3rd. For reservations call 725-3400.

Annual Dinner of Torah Schools for Israel (Chinuch Atzmai) at the New York Hilton on Sunday, May 17th. For reservations call 889-0606.

World gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel June 15th-18th. Sponsored by survivors associations throughout the world and leading Israeli and international Jewish agencies. For details and reservations call 679-0600.

EXHIBIT

Carol Searles, granddaughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Max Redisch, will have a month-long one-woman art exhibit at the Greater New York Savings Bank on 79th Street corner Broadway, during the month of April.

Our Rebbetzen Josephine Reichel spoke at a recent Shabbaton for Collegiates at the New England Chassidic Center in Boston.

Our thanks to Trustee & Mrs. Bernhard Spira who hosted a Kiddush and to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hofbauer who hosted a Seudah Shlishis.

Our Trustee Martin Romerovski was a guest of honor at the Yeshiva University Heritage Dinner.

Happy Birthday to:

(April 1-16)

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(April 17-30)

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