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"FREEDOM'S WONDROUS STORY"

Passover Observance



FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd

6:00 P. M.

SABBATH EVE-PASSOVER VESPER SERVICE

Both Rabbis Will Officiate

6:30 P. M.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Alumni Hall

Our Rabbis Will Conduct Seder . . . Singing led by Samuel C. Levine . . .

Aphikomen Prizes for Children . . .

Reservations: Adults, \$3.75; Children, \$3.25



SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 11 A.M.

SABBATH-PASSOVER SERVICE

in the Temple

"Towards a Universal Passover"

Four 5-minute talks by the finalists in the Bondy Speaking Contest:
Simon Cohen, Howard Cort, Ruth Kumin, and Joanne Waxman . . .

Rabbi Brickner will conduct the service. Torah will be read by
Norman Kamen; Torah blessings, by Larry London and Donald Herman.



FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, 10:45 A.M.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

on the

CONCLUDING DAY OF PASSOVER



Assisted with the Torah Last Week: Louis J. Cort and Albert Levin

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**PASSOVER SCHEDULE AND RECESS
FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

All children are expected to attend the religious service this Saturday, April 24th, 11 A. M. Attendance cards will be distributed for Elementary, Confirmation, and High School Departments.

NO CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd, SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, SUNDAY, APRIL 25th, and FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

The concluding day of Passover, FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, is an important holiday. Instead of attending public school that day, children should come to the religious service at 10:45 A. M. Attendance credit will be given.

**JUDGE BERNON TO REPORT ON
HIS TRIP TO EUROPE**

At our Friday night service, APRIL 30th, 8 P. M., Judge Maurice Bernon, who has just returned from an European trip in his capacity as Chairman of the JDC's National Council, will occupy the pulpit and speak on "What I Saw Over There". The address will be Judge Bernon's report to the community and officials and workers in the Welfare Fund Campaign will join our congregation to hear him.

COUPLES' CLUB MEETS APRIL 28th

"How Do We Know There Is a God?" is the theme of the discussion to be led by Rabbi Brickner at the next meeting of the COUPLES' CLUB, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 8:30 p. m., in Alumni Hall. Besides examining the proofs of the existence of God, Rabbi Brickner will deal with the ways that parents can convey the information to their children. Mrs. William Weinberger, program chairman announces that the refreshments to be served at the social hour following the discussion will include Passover delicacies. Members of the club are urged to return promptly the cards sent them.

PASSOVER FACTS

Pesach, usually called Passover, is first in the calendar of Jewish festivals. It is the greatest of Jewish festivals. For over two thousand years it has been more than a holiday; it has been the holiday, the festival of redemption.

In addition, Pesach is the oldest of Jewish festivals. Jews observed it in the most ancient of times, in the days when they were still nomadic shepherds in the wilderness.

Pesach is the Jewish spring festival. It begins on the eve of the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nisan. Originally it was a seven-day festival and is so observed today in Palestine and among Reform Jews, with only the first and seventh days as days of rest. Due, however, to the unsettled state of the Jewish calendar in olden times the festival was extended to last eight days amongst Jews not resident in Palestine...

Holidays are closely bound up with the life of a people and with their spiritual culture. In the course of time when the life of the people changes, then the festivals of that people also change and assume a new character. The ceremonies and rites, to a great extent, remain but they take on new meaning. They are interpreted differently, given symbolic values, and in this way become something almost entirely new.

This has happened with all festivals, ceremonies, and customs, as it happened to Pesach. Jewish culture and Jewish life evolved and changed during the early centuries that the Jews spent in Palestine. Newer and higher conceptions and ideals arose, and, in time, the Jews forgot the meaning and spirit of the old customs and ceremonies of Pesach and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Above all, the idea of observing nature and the harvest festivals ceased to appeal to the Jews. "They had a much greater desire to observe, in the spring of the year, a holiday with a historic background, a festival that would represent symbolically the social and spiritual strivings and ideals of the day. In answer to this desire they began to emphasize Pesach as the festival of the deliverance from Egypt.

This transition came very easily. The memory of the exodus from Egypt burned brightly in the minds of the Jews, and with it the memory that it was in the first spring month of the year that they had left the land of the Pharaohs. The re-living of that great event in the dawn of Jewish history became the chief motive for the celebration of the spring

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ACTIVITIES DAY RALLY TO FEATURE JEWISH HOLIDAY CONTEST

Children of our religious school are currently pondering which of the Jewish holidays is their favorite. In an unusual contest preceding the annual ACTIVITIES DAY LUNCHEON, students are examining an exhibit of 16 pictures displayed in Alumni Hall. Each one of them depicts a Jewish holiday. Contestants are asked to guess the holiday represented and then write 25 words or less on their favorite holiday. One set of prizes is to be awarded to those in grades three to six, and another for those above the sixth grade. Entry blanks are available in the school office. The contest closes on May 2.

The gala Activities Luncheon, the festive climax of the Club and Special Hebrew Departments season, when winners will be announced, is scheduled for SATURDAY, MAY 8th at noon. Those who desire to attend the luncheon are advised to secure their tickets early. They are available in the School Office at 50c each.

OUR THANKS

Floral decorations for the Congregational Seder were provided again this year by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weinberger in memory of Mollie Weinberger and Ida Weiss.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Is extended to the bereaved families of Ray Rogoff and Rabbi Jacob Klein.

PASSOVER HAGGADAHS

Available in the temple Office at 50 cents each.

FUNDS

The following contributions have been received during the past week:

ALTAR FUND: The beautiful flowers at our altar last Friday and Saturday were a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Russel Abram in memory of their mother, Mrs. Ernestine Wiedenthal; Mrs. Charles M. Korach, Mrs. Julius Klein, and Mrs. E. B. Newman in memory of Ella Cohn.

BETTY JANE FINKLE FUND: Sarah and Esther Cohen in memory of Bertha Cohen; Mrs. J. H. Shulman and Mrs. Harry Portugal in memory of their mother, Mary Schulman.

BRAILLE FUND: Clarence I. Goldsmith in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwarz and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Weil; Miss Esther Seidman in memory of Jennie Goldhamer, Julia Sampliner, Anna Freedlander, Adeline Freedlander and Jane Freedlander Newman.

PRAYERBOOK FUND: Mrs. I. W. Kohn and Charles S. Miller in memory of Marks and Esther Miller; Miss Della Bloch, Mrs. Rena Jaffa and Mrs. J. Elias in memory of Mrs. L. Rogoff.

SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Mrs. J. Kohn in memory of Ida Norberg; Mrs. D. W. Sampliner in memory of her husband.

YAHREZEIT FUND: Sarah Korach, Harriet Kohn and Gertrude Goldman in memory of Harry Korach.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Wanted: Men and women to serve God. Discouraged people need not apply. God cannot use them.

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The trouble with most futurists, in art as well as in religion, is that they are really primitives.

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Specialization is not confined to the arts and sciences.

There is specialization also in the domain of the spiritual. An outstanding example was the late Rabbi Israel of Radun. He specialized in the theory and the practice of the duty of refraining from gossip.

To make sure that he would not be guilty of spreading even unwittingly some false rumor about anybody, he made it a rule never to talk about anyone who was not present.

A zealous disciple of his made the strict observance of the prohibition of gossip the main subject of his sermons.

Once he complained to Rabbi Israel that though his listeners seemed to enjoy his sermons they were none the better for them.

Rabbi Israel tries to console him.

"How long does each sermon last?"

"Two hours."

"For every minute that a person refrains from speaking gossip he will be permitted to bask at least one year in the glory of the Shekinah. Now calculate how many years of bliss you are laying up for those who listen to you and have to keep quiet during those two hours."

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festival. Spring, the time of liberation for nature, and the idea of human freedom seemed to fit very well together; in this way Pesach became the festival of the freedom of the Jewish people, its deliverance from slavery, and its awakening to a new life.

From "The Jewish Festivals" by Schauss.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Korach on the birth of a grandson, Kent Harris Novell, in Columbus, Ohio on April 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Max Bachman on the marriage of their son, Arthur, to Irene Jaffe.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koslen on the birth of a son, Richard Alan.

EUROPEAN JEWS "DESPERATELY EAGER TO BE NORMAL PEOPLE AGAIN," SAYS JUDGE BERNON IN A LETTER FROM FRANCE

Paris, France.

"Dear Rabbi,

"I am writing to you from the Grand Conference Room in the famous Hotel Crillon, where the Joint Distribution Committee is holding a conference that will have far-reaching effects on Europe's 1,500,000 Jewish survivors. JDC directors from nineteen countries of Europe, as well as the Middle East, Cyprus and North Africa, are gathered here to make plans on how the Joint Distribution Committee can best help these Jewish people who still are far short of the goal of recovery. I came to Europe especially for this conference, together with Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, National Chairman of the JDC's National Council, because I felt that in my capacity as chairman of the JDC's National Council, I wanted to have a first-hand understanding of the situation that exists today among our Jewish brethren here. When I return, I will give you a full report on the things I have learned from these able men and women who represent the Joint Distribution Committee in all areas where Jewish people are in need. But what I have learned thus far is so urgent that I feel I cannot lose any time in sharing it with you immediately.

"The situation can be summed up by stating that the Jewish men, women and children who managed to survive the Nazi holocaust are desperately eager to be normal people once again, such as you are, and they are doing everything possible to help themselves achieve that end. But their needs are so tremendous, so staggering, that despite all gains that have been made—and there have been many—they are still not in a position to stand on their own feet without support from the U. S.

"The Joint Distribution Committee has already helped more than 203,000 of them on the road to self-support through its loan and producer co-operatives. That in itself is a fantastic achievement. But this is not enough on a continent where JDC must still give some form of aid to one out of every two Jewish survivors.

"The most discouraging reports that I have heard have come from the Joint Distribution Committee directors in Germany, Austria, Italy and Cyprus, where today, three years after V-E

Day, more than one quarter of a million of our Jewish people are living in the vacuum of the DP camps. The joy that they all experienced when it was thought that Palestine immigration finally was to begin has now changed into deep gloom and confusion. Morale in the camps, according to the JDC directors, has never been lower. They say these people are fervently praying that, no matter what the changes may take place in the United Nations' plans for Palestine, their long-awaited departure for the Holy Land will not be delayed any longer. If it is, one cannot tell what may happen in the camps. The JDC directors told me that the situation is so serious that you people in the U. S. must now do more than ever before to send every possible type of assistance. That is the only way of keeping the already terribly low morale from sinking to a dangerous level.

"There is so much more that I want to tell you in this letter—about the 80,000 people now on the JDC lists waiting for emigration to other countries besides Palestine: about the 170,000 boys and girls of the same age as our children who need our help, so that they can have a decent future; about the people with tuberculosis whose only hope of recovery is to be sent to JDC sanatoria; about the underfed Jewish people in all the countries whose only knowledge of a decent meal comes from the JDC canteens; about the hundreds of workshops and co-operatives where 45,000 Jewish men and women are getting the opportunity to learn the trades that will eventually make them independent. But I will tell you all about this when I see you once again.

"I have been writing this letter during a recess in the conference, and it is about time to begin again. The Joint Distribution Committee men and women are drifting back into this room, where President Wilson sat at the end of the first World War to draw up a charter for the League of Nations. In a few minutes we will once again be discussing the basic problems which must be solved before the American Jewish community can consider its job to be finished. The Cleveland Jewish community, I know for certain, will remain on this job until the very last of these problems is solved.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ MAURICE BERNON,