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IS OUR COUNTRY FIT FOR WORLD LEADERSHIP ?

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Is our country fit for world leadership....in a real sense America has not solicited this role of world leadership. Leadership may be looked upon by many as a crown -- but it is really a crown of thorns. Leadership on the part of a great country does not make the citizens of it (individual citizens of that country) any happier - any more secure or more prosperous.

Some years ago -- in looking through a volume of history I chanced upon a very interesting cartoon which was made in Great Britain at the time of the Jubilee celebration of Queen Victoria. The cartoon, in its way, represented all the pomp and majesty of the far-flung British Empire, upon which, in those days, the sun never set; and it showed the dignitaries, the chieftans and the rulers of the many countries which belonged to the British Empire -- the leaders of their armies marching down in one great procession on the city of London in celebration of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. And on the curb, watching this majestic procession, was a shabbily dressed, discharged soldier, leaning on a crutch and saying to a poor woman, shabbily dressed with her equally poorly dressed children clinging to her skirt as it were, saying these words, "What has all this done for us?".

Leadership, even when it does not take the form of great empire building, exacts a very high price of such a leading people in terms first, of maintaining a very costly military establishment (our world being what it is) exacting a high price in terms of waging wars to maintain what it regards as the world order of which it approves. And it exacts a high price in terms of supporting the economy of many nations whose solvency

is vital to the strategy of leadership of this leading nation. Smaller nations, who are not burdened with the responsibilities of world leadership - of directing and supervising world affairs - smaller nations actually may be happier nations - its citizens may lead quieter, more relaxed lives -- that is, if these smaller nations are not menaced by more powerful, hostile neighbors.

But leadership, among nations, is not always a matter of choice. It is often thrust upon a nation by events over which that nation has no control. Its great wealth, for example; its vast world trade and commerce; its geographic location or perhaps a sudden new international constellation or a vacuum which is created in the world by the collapse of another great power which had held world leadership for a period of time -- one ~~and~~ all of these factors may thrust world leadership upon a people which may be either reluctant or unprepared to accept it.

Now our own beloved country has had that leadership thrust upon it in this twentieth century, ~~or~~ particularly in the last few decades. Up to the beginning of the twentieth century our country led a fairly isolated political existence and it more or less prided itself upon its isolation, in that it avoided, by and large, what our people chose to call ^{"foreign"} ~~moral~~ entanglements." We looked, if not with indifference, certainly with considerable amount of superiority, if not with disdain, upon the endless imperial rivalries of the old world - upon their military alliances - upon their numerous wars --- we ourselves somehow felt to be above all that. We lived in a new world - in a different world.

Then came the first world war and reluctantly and unwillingly we were drawn into it -- drawn into it we were made to believe to save the world for Democracy! We were interested in democracy - we were the great democratic nation in the world and we helped win that war. But you may recall from personal reminiscences, or from the reading of history - if you belong to the younger generation - you may recall that we quickly recoiled after the war from assuming any international obligations or any international commitments. We refused to join the League of Nations, which our own President Wilson formulated -- proposed to the world. The isolationist

sentiment was very powerful among our people. That sentiment reduced our role in this international organization which was created to preserve - maintain peace in the world. That isolationist sentiment reduced our role in that international organization to that of an observer, pure and simple, assuming no responsibilities. In the long run, this position of ours, this unwillingness to join other nations in assuming direct responsibility for world order, contributed to the disintegration, and ultimately to the collapse, of the League of Nations.

But there were many responsible voices even at that time, raised to admonish our people that the day of our isolation was at an end and that however distasteful and regrettable the fact may be, destiny had pushed us into a key position in what was becoming irrevocably 'one world' and that therefore we must reorient our thinking -- we must raise our sights -- we must prepare ourselves for new world tasks -- for new world responsibilities -- for a new era that is upon us. In those days one of the most eloquent voices, calling upon America to prepare itself for the new day -- ^{W.D.}that of Mr. Wendell Wilkie, you may recall -- and he said in those days -- it was at the end of the first world war -- :

Not a single plane had flown across the Atlantic. Today the ocean is a mere ribbon with airplanes making regular scheduled flights. The Pacific is only a slightly wider ribbon in the ocean of the air, and Europe and Asia are at our doorstep.

America must choose one of three courses after this war: narrow nationalism, which inevitably means the ultimate loss of our own liberty; international imperialism, which means the sacrifice of some other nation's liberty; or the creation of a world in which there shall be an equality of opportunity for every race and every nation. I am convinced the American people will choose, by overwhelming majority, the last of these courses. To make this choice effective, we must win not only the war, but also the peace, and we must start winning it now.

To win this peace three things seem to me necessary - first, we must plan now for peace on a world basis; second, the world must be free politically and economically, for nations and for men that peace may exist in it; third, America must play an active, constructive part in freeing it and keeping its peace.

When I say that peace must be planned on a world basis (wrote Mr. Wilkie), I mean quite literally that it must embrace the earth. Continents and oceans are plainly only parts of a whole, seen, as I have been them, from the air. England and America are parts, Russia and China, Egypt, Syria and Turkey, Iraq and Iran are also parts. And it is inescapable that there can be no peace for any part of the world unless the foundations of peace are made secure throughout all parts of the world.

These are of course, prophetic words, spoken quite a number of years ago.

Now between the first and the second world wars, the sentiments of the American people, reflected in the actions of their government, were strongly isolationist. And then came the second world war. And we were again drawn into it -- this time to save the world from Naziism and Fascism and to establish for all time the principal of ^{national} self-determination. And we helped win that war too. But this time we did not withdraw from any post-war international involvements. In fact, we took the lead; and the organization of the United Nations at San Francisco in 1945. And we are today the most active and the most powerful member of this international body for peace. Through the Marshall Plan we took upon ourselves many heavy financial burdens in an effort to restore the shattered economies of the post-war world and we are continuing to this day, on the basis of our Point Four Plan, aid - assistance of all kinds -- financial and technological -- for many of the backward countries of the world. We set about organizing international, regional defense pacts against Communist aggression. We proclaimed the Truman Doctrine in relation to Greece and Turkey you may remember, and more recently the Eisenhower Doctrine in relation to the Middle East against Communist aggression. We went to war in Korea to thwart Communist military aggression in that part of the world. We have signed numerous military defense alliances with nations great and small - all around the globe -- and we have established numerous military bases and air-fields and depots and far-away strategic places.

Most assuredly we are today ~~not~~ isolated, but enmeshed, in the affairs of the whole world, and inextricably enmeshed in them. This twentieth century is undoubtedly the American Century, in the same sense that the nineteenth century was the century of Great Britain, with this significant difference:-- Great Britain, throughout the nineteenth century, at the height of its power and glory, was never confronted, even in the case later on of the powerful empire of the Kaiser -- was never confronted with an enemy as powerful, as resourceful and with an ideology as revolutionary as the United is challenged today, by the Soviet Communist Empire and its allies and its satellites.

So here, midway in the twentieth century we find ourselves with ~~a~~ the crown and sceptre, the privileges, the responsibilities, the worries, the dangers, of world leadership! And the question which arises in our mind, naturally, is, are we fit for this historic role of world leadership? or to be more exact, for the leadership of the free world? Then how are we to lead that world? Are we to lead it alone -- solely on our own ~~initiat~~ initiative, or in full consultation and loyal cooperation with our allies? Is this really a job for one great country? Or are we to lead the world through such alliances with other free nations or through the United Nations? Is the United Nations the instrumentality which will enable us to lead the world to peace and order.

Can we lead the world without winning and holding the confidence of the free world? Can we lead it without a clear program and a clear policy? These are very disturbing questions. And the answers are not at all simple. At the moment we must regretfully recognize the fact that we do not have or hold the confidence of the free world. Our strong allies are resentful of us and distrustful of us. They are smarting under grievances. They suspect, rightly or wrongly, they suspect that our government is not ^{quite} as idealistic and unselfish in its foreign policies as it would like the world to believe. And that our government may be seeking to replace them and their influence in those ~~coun~~tries or regions of the earth from which they are being forced to retire, sometimes with the open or covered help and intervention of our own government. They suspect, some of them, some nations among our allies, that the United States is eager for the cooperation of other nations in order to increase its own security and its own defenses and its own interests, rather than the security and the interests of all the free nations of the world. They are particularly baffled and resentful of the frequent fluctuations in our policies on international activities -- the sudden reversals -- the improvisations -- the bold pronouncements and proclamations and their timid follow-up. All this, they maintain, inhibits them and inhibits their own initiative and action and frustrates them. It causes them to lose prestige and face, as it were, in the world and the peoples of the free world, as distinct from

their governments, are likewise confused about us in our leadership. We are supposed to be the champions of Democracy. We speak of it often. Human rights - the determined enemy of Communism - dictatorship - political reaction - the hope of the free men. How, they ask themselves can all this be reconciled with our wooing of the Francos and the Titos, the dictators of the world, signing treaties of friendship with them, providing them with arms, financing them, warmly welcoming rules of slave-holding States, and arming nations, which in clear violation of their obligations under the United Nations Charter, are preparing by their own profession, to use these arms to destroy a free and peace-loving State, also a member of the United Nations.

How does the United States Government intend to destroy dictatorship by making alliances with dictators and strengthening them in so many parts of the world? The free people of the earth cannot follow the ambiguity -- the double talk -- which frequently emanate from spokesman of our State Department -- the promises which are made and then are whittled down by legalistic subtelties -- the lack of forthright and positive direction given to the world.

An instance has occurred in the last few days which may serve to illustrate the point which I am making. You may recall that last Saturday an oil tanker, the Kern Hills, flying the American Flag, sailed through the Straits of Tierhan and docked at the Port of Elath, carrying oil to the State of Israel. Everybody (everybody belonging to the free world) hailed this as the fulfillment of a promise which was made to the State of Israel at the time when it was being urged and coerced to withdraw its troops from that part of the world, near the Straits of Tierhan, from Gaza. Here was an act which heartened the free world and increased the confidence of the free world in the word of our government - our State Department. But evidently that was not to be the case at all, for shortly thereafter, within a day or so, the State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, stressed (today) that the voyage of the United States oil tanker to Elath was not an official U.S. Government-sponsored deliberate test of the Arab blockade. Mr. White said the visit of the freighter should be regarded instead as a logical application of U.S. policy to regard the

Gulf as an international waterway. He said the State Department did not get word about the ship until last Friday when the Israel Embassy advised the State Department. The Embassy was said to have then informed the United States that the ship would dock on the following day. According to Mr. White, it should be recalled that the ship was under Charter of the Israel Government. The State Department spokesman quoted Secretary of State Dulles as saying that no ship would be instructed to call at Elath, but that a U.S. ship might go there in the course of normal commerce. He conceded that the United States could have stopped the Kern Hills (this tanker) if the voyage was felt unwise.

Now if you make any sense out of it you are pretty good! I failed -- I read this thing four or five times -- this is the kind of double-talk that confuses and confounds and disturbs -- not only people who are not citizens of the United States, but loyal and patriotic citizens who expect that their government would speak with a full mouth -- clearly! That it would live up to its promises fully! And yesterday we read a dispatch from Cairo which said that the United States is to defer shipping in Aqaba during Suez talk.

"The United States was reported today to have assured Egypt that no more United States vessels would go to the Israeli port of Elath while the two countries were negotiating on the Suez Canal.

Spokesmen at the United States Embassy said they had strict orders not to comment in any way on the subject of American shipping through the Gulf of Aqaba, which leads to Elath.

According to Egyptian and foreign diplomatic sources, the pledge was made by Raymond A. Hare, United States Ambassador, after Egyptian Foreign ministry had "called his attention" to Arab displeasure at the passage last Sunday of the American tanker Kern Hill through the Gulf to Elath. The vessel was carrying the first shipment of oil from Iran to the Israeli gulf port to be pumped through the new eight-inch pipeline to Beersheba."

Now recently the Israeli had been urged not to press for their right of free passage through the Suez Canal until the talks were over. And now, seemingly, they are to be content with no ships passing through Aqaba until the Suez negotiations are completed. And the likelihood is, of course, that if agreements are reached by the United States with Egypt about the Suez, the right of free passage for Israel

shipping will definitely not be included. A preview ~~was~~ already ~~been~~ given a few weeks ago by the State Department, that the Israeli did not press for free passage through the Suez Canal when they discussed their assumptions, you may recall, with the State Department.

So the Israeli were cajoled or coerced to withdraw their forces on the promise that their ships would pass freely through the Gulf of Aqaba and that the United States would undertake to establish the principal, at the earliest moment, of free and innocent passage through that Strait and now they are being subjected to the well-known double-cross.

Members of the State Department do not seem to be so much concerned with the rights of Israel - a small democracy - or for that matter with the rights of American Jewish citizens. I spoke of that the other day, at a meeting here in the city. We have just signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia for an American air base in that country, ^{and} ~~we~~ undertook, to pay for that right, to provide Saudi Arabia with arms - arms which are still denied to the State of Israel - and to train its personnel of army and navy and air forces with American officers, provided no Jews would be included among these American officers. And our government actually put the seal of the United States on that obnoxious and infamous discrimination against free American citizens.

And I recall the time, not so very very long ago when a President of the United States abrogated a Treaty with a powerful Czarist Empire, because it discriminated against American Jewish citizens in the matter of honoring American passports. We've gone a long way from that day, in our desire to play a world rule and to manipulate the destinies of peoples without reference to basic principles of right and wrong - without reference to the glorious traditions of America.

I am afraid,
We are fast coming to be suspected by many in the free world, as a government who does not know its own mind and does not keep its own word. Now you might be inclined to think that all this tacking and shifting and shuffling and equivocation are part of some profound diplomatic campaign which in the end will yield the desired

triumphs for the free world. There are such Americans who actually believe that. There is nothing of the sort! All these tactics, which have been going on for some years now, have yielded so far only disastrous defeats and set-backs for the free-world. The results of our diplomatic artfulness have been, in the first place, to open the Middle East -- wide open -- for Russian penetration -- a political goal of theirs for centuries, which was never realized until we adopted our own formula for leading the world -- our diplomatic artfulness has resulted in building up Arab intransigence and insolence -- to strengthen Nasser as the Dictator of Egypt and to encourage his dreams of further future conquests -- to discredit our allies and cause them to lose prestige and to endanger the one peace-loving and democratic country in that part of the world.

This is not leadership! In these dangerous and dangerously confused times, this is only to make confusion worse confounded.

The free world needs, today, a clear and clean and forth-right type of leadership. A leadership which upholds human rights and democratic principles, like a torch in the night. This small-time diplomatic horse-trading - this ruthless oil-diplomacy camouflaged as defense of the United Nations and its Charter - these clever formulas devised to cover-up policies which cannot otherwise be morally justified -- this cutting fine legal pirouettes when basic issues are at stake -- these are clearly inadequate for the grave emergencies of the hour.

What is called for in our leadership of mankind is not only skill -- and skill is necessary -- and diplomatic dexterity - and that is necessary -- but great moral earnestness -- massive moral earnestness - on the part of those who formulate and execute our foreign policies. Faithful, unswerving adherence to basic principles, not in words, - we speak the right words - on all occasions and they're ringing words -- not in words but in action! and the day by day execution of foreign policy.

This is a war for the mind of the world! Its going to be a long drawn out war. Are we - is the free world - to win? Is the slave world to win? This is a war for the minds of the nations as yet uncommitted - of nations who are still coming into the

light of a new day. This is a war for the mind of the world, and to win that war we need the imagination - the enkindling imagination of freedom and liberty and justice and what is right! to guide us. We have noble traditions as a people - as a nation. Our life is grounded in a Declaration of Independence and in a Bill of Rights. And through the years we have time and again given allegiance by act and a point of great sacrifice to these basic principles of ~~basic~~ human freedom and human dignity and international justice -- and of generosity. We are, in a real sense, qualified for that world leadership -- if the men, who are charged with carrying out, day by day, with the task of translating these ideals in concrete actions and attitudes, remain loyal to them. We are fit - but people will make us unfit! And if the world loses confidence in us -- if the world comes to think that our leadership is no different than the leadership of other empires of the past who served their own interests exclusively, regardless, then I am afraid the world will have no other great nation to turn to for that leadership, and the one other powerful block, which knows its own mind, is ruthless in its actions, will continue to enslave more and more people by its beguilements and by pointing to our failures and our mistakes and our weaknesses.

We are qualified for world leadership I believe. A nation of Washington and Jefferson and Franklin and Lincoln -- we are qualified for that leadership but we must keep ourselves fit by constant self-disciplining by constant checking and re-checking upon what we are doing -- we must keep ourselves fit for this great work which God has assigned to this great people.

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U. S. EXPORT-IMPORT MISSION TO STUDY \$75, 000, 000 LOAN TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 9. (JTA) -- A special Export-Import Bank mission to Israel, cancelled when the Israeli Sinai campaign started, will probably leave next month for an on-the-spot study of Israel's request for a \$75, 000, 000 loan, it was learned today. The decision to send the mission followed discussions between Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban and Samuel C. Waugh, Export-Import Bank president, initiated by Mr Eban last week.

Resumption of loan negotiations followed the lifting last week of the American ban on travel to Israel in the restoration of normal diplomatic and economic relations by the Eisenhower Administration with Israel.

Israel wants the \$75, 000, 000 credit for developing irrigation projects on the coastal plain. The mission is expected to leave with instructions to determine whether Israel has enough ground water to support the irrigation project and whether there is any question about Israel's ability to repay. Repayment obligations on loans of \$135, 000, 000 from the bank in 1954 have been met on schedule.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT VOTES 930, 000, 000 POUND BUDGET FOR 1957-58

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament passed today the first reading of the 1957-58 budget which calls for an expenditure of 930, 000, 000 pounds. The second and third readings of the budget bill are expected later this week before the House recesses for Passover.

Premier David Ben Gurion started today a vacation which will extend until the end of the Passover holidays. The place where Mr. Ben Gurion is vacationing is kept secret.

ISRAEL CHARGES CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH FRAMING LEGATION OFFICIAL

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak authorities deliberately framed

It is of one world that the Voice of America has always spoken, except in moments where it lost the vision, in moments of temporary aberration.

I should like to quote a sentence or two from that great American who brilliantly re-stated for our people the American doctrine of the one world, Wendell Wilkie. At the end of the last war he wrote, referring to the first World War:

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America must choose one of three courses after this war: narrow nationalism, which inevitably means the ultimate loss of our own liberty; international imperialism, which means the sacrifice of some other nation's liberty; or the creation of a world in which there shall be an equality of opportunity for every race and every nation. I am convinced the American people will choose, by overwhelming majority, the last of these courses. To make this choice effective, we must win not only the war but also the peace, and we must start winning it now.

To win this peace three things seem to me necessary - first, we must plan now for peace on a world basis; second, the world must be free politically and economically, for nations and for men that peace may exist in it; third, America must play an active, constructive part in freeing it and keeping its peace.

When I say that peace must be planned on a world basis (wrote Mr. Wendell Wilkie), I mean quite literally that it must embrace the earth. Continents and oceans are plainly only parts of a whole, seen, as I have been them, from the air. England and America are parts, Russia and China, Egypt, Syria and Turkey, Iraq and Iran are also parts. And it is inescapable that there can be no peace for any part of the world unless the foundations of peace are made secure throughout all parts of the world.

This reads like a truism. We are inclined to give immediate assent to it, but it is one of those dynamic truisms which, when applied, have a way of disrupting our conventional thinking, our conventional habits of reaction to world situations. It's a truism which makes necessary a revolution in our thinking and in our relations to the rest of the world. For this is the Voice of America and this is the voice to which the world will listen.

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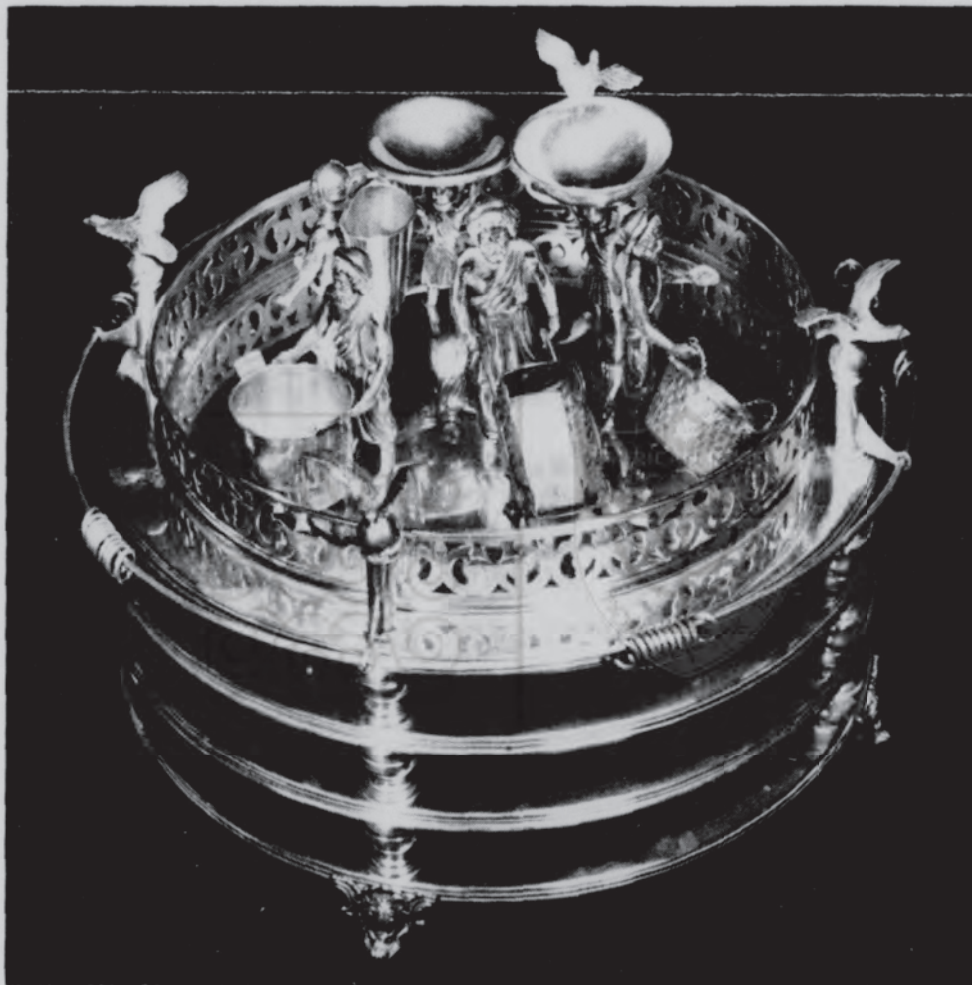


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Passover



Greetings

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Services -
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- ② Meet the Pass-
- ③ Ch. Welfare Fund
- ④ "The Day & Days!"
Joseph G. Gold -

Sunday Morning Service
10:30 o'clock

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

will speak on

Is Our Country Fit For World Leadership?

PASSOVER SERVICE

Tuesday, April 16th 10:30 A. M.

Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver Will Preach

The Temple Seder will be held in Mahler Hall, Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p. m.

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MUSIC FOR SUNDAY

Organ	
Fiat Lux	Dubois
Fifth Sonata, II - Andante	Guilmant
Aria	Buxtehude
Opening Psalm 15 -	
Mi yogur beoholecho	Alman
Bor'chu (Congregational)	Sulzer
Sh'ma - Boruch (Congregational)	Traditional
Michomocho (Congregational)	Sulzer
Kedusha	Spicker II
Silent Devotion - May the Words	Thatcher
Mr. Hakola and Choir	
Before the Address	
I waited for the Lord	Mendelssohn
Miss Wischmeyer, Mrs. Strasser	
and the Choir	
Olenu - Vaanachnu	Goldstein

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The flowers which will grace the altar on Sunday morning, April 14, are contributed in memory of husband and father, Milton P. Altschul, by Mrs. Milton P. Altschul, Mrs. Alan Englander, Mrs. Charles Aaron and Mrs. Charles Nevins.

THE TEMPLE in "NEWSWEEK"

Under the caption "Great Churches" an attractive picture of The Temple and a complementary write-up appeared in the April 8th issue of "Newsweek".

THE TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th — 8:30 P. M. — MAHLER HALL

THE PANEL



RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER
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QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION

REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL HOUR

Meeting open to Men's Club members and their ladies

TEMPLE WOMEN'S ADVISOR

TEMPLE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

At its Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday, April 10th, the following officers were elected for The Temple Women's Association for a term of one year:

MRS. HARRY A. COHN, President
MRS. ALBERT GOODMAN, 1st Vice-President
MRS. GEORGE ROSE, 2nd Vice-President
MRS. RICHARD ADLER, Recording Secretary
MRS. MAX EISNER, Corresponding Secretary
MRS. GEORGE GOLDMAN, Financial Secretary
MRS. GERALD KERNER, Assistant Financial Secretary
MRS. EDWIN I. BERGMAN, Treasurer
MRS. I. SILBER, Assistant Treasurer
MRS. EDWIN I. COBEN, Auditor

The following are the newly elected Board Members for a term of three years:

MRS. LEE AUGUST, Jr.
MRS. JOEL BENNETT
MRS. LOUIS BROOKS
MRS. ERIC BRUCH
MRS. H. SHAN CARRAN
MRS. SIMON L. DANCYGER
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MRS. ABE NEBEL
MRS. LEON NEWMAN
MRS. AL ROSEN
MRS. LUCILLE SHAW
MRS. KARL TOBIAS
MRS. ROY UNGER

Elected to fill an unexpired term for one year:

MRS. SAM STECKER

Elected as representatives to the Temple Board:

MRS. HARRY A. COHN
MRS. SYDNEY GALVIN
MRS. ALBERT GOODMAN

MRS. SAMUEL A. HORVITZ
MRS. DAVID WEITZ
MRS. VICTOR WISE

Mrs. Merrill Sands, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate.

The Amendments to the By-Laws, which each member of The Temple Women's Association received by mail, were also approved.

To the following women, who have diligently served as Board members for the past three years, and whose term now expires, we extend grateful thanks: Mrs. Richard Adler; Mrs. Harry Bassichis; Mrs. Will Englander; Mrs. George Goulder; Mrs. Lloyd Koenig; Mrs. Robert Morris; Mrs. S. S. Reich; Mrs. Gerald Kerner; Mrs. Joseph Bloomfield; Mrs. B. I. Fried; Mrs. Herman Jacobson; Mrs. Milton Meyers; Mrs. Sanford Noll; Mrs. William Shipley; Mrs. Sidney Weisman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Howard Gans; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Roy Unger; Assistant Financial Secretary, Mrs. Lee August, Jr.; and Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Eric Bruch.

T. W. A. SENDS SIX DELEGATES TO BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The Temple Women's Association is entitled to six representatives at the National Federation of Sisterhoods Convention which is being held concurrently with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Convention in Toronto from April 28th to May 3rd.

The following sisterhood members were appointed as delegates:

MRS. ALFRED A. BENESCH
MRS. EDWIN I. COBEN
MRS. HARRY A. COHN
MRS. MAX EISNER
MRS. ALBERT GOODMAN
MRS. MILTON MEYERS

GIFT AND GADGET SHOP

Mrs. Merrill D. Sands advises that all items in the Gift and Gadget Department are to be sold by the end of the season as they do not like to carry any merchandise over the summer.

There are many attractive items available which can be purchased at great savings.

Plan to join the Sewing group on Tuesday and make your selection.

TUESDAY SEWING GROUPS

The regular Tuesday Sewing groups will not meet on Tuesday, April 16th because of the Pass-over holiday.

MR. AND MRS. CLUB TALENT SHOW

"Tomorrow Night", the Mr. and Mrs. Club 1957 Talent Show, is in its last two weeks of rehearsal. Those who attended last year's Talent Show will recall the exceptional ability and talent displayed by the group.

This year's show is, as usual, written, directed, produced and acted by members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club and will take the form of a variety show which will be presented in Mahler Hall on Wednesday evening, April 24th at 8:30 P. M.

Chairmen for the evening are Allyne and Isabel Gottlieb. Assisting them are Vice-chairmen Irving and Gloria Fine and Marshall and Sue Nurenberg. Producer of the show is Bernard Wyner; in charge of Lighting, Louis Sternberg; Audio, Lawrence Kline; Scenery, Edward Art and Musical Direction, Jerry Levy.

Comprising the cast are Hinda Apple, Michael Art, Albert Borowitz, Marilyn and Lawrence Caplane, Robert Deutsch, Dr. Marvin Dorfman, Lionel Greenbaum, Ruth Hahn, Stanley Morgenstern, Arnold Palmer, Beverly Rabnick, Ken and Sue Schlessel, Gladys Schoen and Marleen Siegel.

HIGH SCHOOL—CONFIRMATION BRUNCH

On Sunday morning, April 14th, the Confirmation Class will attend classes with the High School Department. Classes begin at 10 o'clock. An assembly will be held from 11:30 to 12:00, at which time the Temple Debating team will be challenged by a group from Temple Oheb Sholom of Harrisburg. Following the assembly, a luncheon will be held in Mahler Hall.

The Confirmation class will not meet

on Saturday, April 13th. Attendance will be recorded on Sunday morning.

Program for the day was planned by Harvey Irlen, Marilyn Rosenberg, Paul Schultz and their High School Social Committee. The luncheon was planned and will be served by Mrs. Arthur M. Reich and Mrs. Agnes Fries, Co-chairmen of the Hospitality Committee and their Committee of parents.

CLEVELAND WELFARE FUND

The 1957 Welfare Fund Campaign of the Cleveland Jewish Community is on.

The goal this year, due to the emergencies which have arisen in Jewish life overseas will be the largest in the history of our community—\$5,662,337.00.

We hope that every member of The Temple will make a maximum contribution to this great cause which combines local, national and international needs of great importance.

The Campaign opened last Thursday evening, April 11th, at the Statler Hotel when The Right Honorable Robert Briscoe, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver addressed an overflow gathering.

BOOKS ABOUT PASSOVER

FOR ADULTS

Festivals of the Jewish Year
Passover
Jewish Feasts and Fasts
Ceremonies of Judaism
Jewish Festivals
A Treasury of Jewish Holidays

T. H. Gaster
T. H. Gaster
J. H. Greenstone
A. Z. Idelsohn
Hayyim Schauss
H. E. Goldin

There is a very interesting and lovely collection of Haggadahs in The Temple Library

FOR CHILDREN

Jewish Holidays and Festivals
With the Jewish Child in Home and Synagogue
Story of Passover
Passover Party
Passover Story
Pesach is Coming
Pesach is Here
My Holiday Story Book
Hillel's Happy Holidays
The First Book of Jewish Holidays
Happy Holiday
When it's Passover
Gan-gani
Happy Matzo Family
Book of Passover

B. M. Edidin
E. E. Levinger
H. E. Goldin
Jane Bearman
M. D. Bial
H. and A. Chanover
H. and A. Chanover
Morris Epstein
M. G. Ganoran
Robert Garvey
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Kipnis and Tchernovitz
S. L. Ross
E. and S. Scharfstein

TEMPLE DEBATING TEAM

On March 31st The Temple debating team traveled to Detroit to oppose Temple Beth El of Detroit in a debate on the subject, Resolved, That the Songs, History and Ceremonies of Chanukah should be Introduced into the Public Schools on a Parity with Christmas.

Our team, Peter Bergman, Harvey Irlen, David Polatsek and Loren Roth, upheld the negative. They were unanimously awarded the decision by a group of judges headed by the Assistant Attorney General of Michigan.

On Sunday morning, April 14th, the debating team of Temple Oheb Sholom of Harrisburg will meet with our team for a debate on the subject, Resolved, That American Jewry Disapproves the Israeli Invasion of Egypt. Members of our team, Peter Bergman, David Polatsek and Alan Samuels, will maintain the affirmative arguments.

This debate will take place in Gries Memorial Chapel as part of the assembly program arranged by the High School Department.

TEMPLE CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Monday, April 15, 1957 — 6:30 P. M.

Mahler Hall

**Seder Conducted By The Rabbis
With The Temple Choir Participating**

\$4.50—per plate

\$4.00—children under 12

PASSOVER SERVICES

TUESDAY, APRIL 16th - 10:30 A. M. - THE TEMPLE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd - 10:30 A. M. - THE TEMPLE

Services for the first day of Passover will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 10:30 A. M. in The Temple. Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver will preach.

Members of the Temple are urged to attend this beautiful Service of prayer and song with their families.

Services for the concluding day of Passover will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:30 A. M. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will preach. This Service will include the traditional "Yiskor" or Memorial Service.

Nursery care will be available for children of pre-school age on both of these holidays during the Services.

MODEL SEDER IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

On Saturday morning, April 13th at 9:30 A. M. and on Sunday morning, April 14th at 10:00 A. M. in Mahler Hall, children of the Religious School will participate in conducting a lovely model Seder. The Seder table will be set in the traditional Passover manner with all of the ritual objects and ceremonial foods, and the Seder service will be conducted by the children.

Participating in this program are, Ruth Amster, Sherrie Angart, Stephanie Chaplin, Diane Gladstone, Ronald Heller, Ben James Randall, Susan Schwartz, Mark Stern and Barbara Victor.

Members of the Elementary Department Choir, under the direction of Mr. Saul Henkin and accompanied by Mrs. Jessie Weiskopf, will sing the traditional Passover songs on this occasion.

Mrs. Lillian Barben, Supervisor of the Hebrew Department has arranged this Seder program.

MODEL SEDER TABLE

The Temple Museum will again have on display a model Seder table and members of The Temple and their families and friends are invited to view it.

The Seder table will have some of the very beautiful Passover ritual silver which are in the possession of the Museum as well as a rare illuminated Haggadah.

Mrs. H. Shan Carran will decorate the Seder table this year. It will be on display beginning Saturday morning, April 13th and throughout the Passover holiday.

MAKE UP SERVICE JUNIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

Students of the Junior High Department of The Temple Religious School may make up absences by attending either or both of the Passover Services. Those attending are asked to sign in after the Services with the Religious School Office.

SEDER PLATE

The Seder Plate pictured on the front page of the Bulletin is of unusual design. It depicts in silver, the slaves in Egypt holding the receptacles for the traditional Seder food. The three tiers below hold the three pieces of matzoh used in the Seder ceremony. The rings hold a small curtain which covers the matzoh.

The Seder Plate is part of the permanent collection of The Temple Museum, and was the gift of Arthur Friedman and the late Leo Friedman, in memory of their brother, Emanuel Friedman.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAMS

On Saturday and Sunday, March 30th and 31st, the students of the Religious School and High School Departments dedicated two very beautiful and inspirational services in honor of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

The Saturday morning Service was written and directed by Mr. Jonas Deutsch who was assisted by Mrs. Beatrice Deutsch. Mr. Willard and the Choir participated in this Service. Ilona Strasser, of The Temple Choir, sang "Set Me as a Seal Upon Thy Heart" from the "Song of Songs". The theme of this Service compared Dr. Silver's life to the Five Books of Moses—each book representing another chapter of his life. The students who performed in this service caught the warmth, the sincerity and spiritual quality of Mr. Deutsch's script and gave us an hour we will long cherish.

We thank the following members of the High School for this program: Jacqueline Bloch, Robert Fries, Judi Henkin, Linda Kahn, Toni Neumark, Judy Reich, Arnold Roth, Judy Schaul, Lawrence Simon and Judy Stark.

On Sunday morning, the elementary students, under the direction of Mrs. Joan Sugarman, gave their tribute to Rabbi Silver. This too was a service thanking God for blessing this congregation with our wonderful leader and teacher.

The children in this Service were chosen from the kindergarden through the fourth grade. Mr. Saul Henkin, Mrs. Jessie Weiskopf, Mr. Max Gladstone and the Junior Choir assisted in this program. Our thanks goes to the young people who gave us this service: Beverly Brown, Susan Faulb, Ellen Fink, Herbert Gottlieb, Robert Heiber, John Kandel, Steve Kane, Toni Kane, Naomi Kaufman, Fay Kreinberg, Deborah Levey, Gary Lipp, Linda Oppenheim, Ronnie Prentke, Jeffrey Proper, Suzanne Schaffner, William Schur, Margaret Seidman, Scott Siegler, Cathy Spitz, Deborah Squires, Betty Jean Stern, Stanley Volk, Marla Weisenberg, Barbara Wieder.

Our thanks also to Mrs. Fruma Fredericks who was responsible for all of the art work for both programs.

In Memoriam

The Temple notes with deep sorrow the passing of

DR. FRED M. FALKMAN

and extends heartfelt sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.

The Temple Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Contributions

TO THE ABBA HILLEL SILVER CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND:

In memory of S. S. Weber, by Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Unger.

TO THE TOMMY DIENER MEMORIAL FUND:

In memory of Blanche Mayer, by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Diener; in memory of Mrs. Joseph E. Mayer, by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Solomon.

TO THE SOPHIE AUERBACH SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

In honor of the 80th birthday of William J. Schoenberger, by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Benesch; in memory of Mrs. Sophie Solomon, by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Benesch; in memory of Mrs. Sophie Solomon, by Mr. and Mrs. G. Federman.

TO THE LIBRARY FUND:

In memory of mother, Mrs. Frances Englander Heimlich, by Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Heimlich; in memory of husband, Charles Kalech, by Mrs. Bessie Kalech; in memory of Katie and David J. Cohen, by Mrs. L. L. Berger.

TO THE WALTER L. KROHNGOLD MEMORIAL FUND:

In memory of father, Louis Neuman, and in memory of Mrs. Bertha Selman, by Mrs. J. H. Altman.

TO THE PRAYER BOOK FUND:

In memory of father, Joseph Miller, by Mr. Arthur J. Miller.

Temple Memorial Book

The name of
LEON SPERLING

has been lovingly inscribed by his wife, Anna, and his children, Bernard J. Sperling, Richard S. Sperling and Mrs. Leon Shon.

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Embargo Pledge Reported Hou
Given Cairo After Protest St
on Tanker's Passage

By OSGOOD CARUTHERS

Special to The New York Times.

CAIRO, April 12—The United States was reported today to have assured Egypt that no more United States vessels would go to the Israeli port of Elath while the two countries were negotiating on the Suez Canal.

Spokesmen at the United States Embassy said they had strict orders not to comment in any way on the subject of American shipping through the Gulf of Aqaba, which leads to Elath.

According to Egyptian and foreign diplomatic sources, the pledge was made by Raymond A. Hare, United States Ambassador, after Egyptian Foreign ministry had "called his attention" to Arab displeasure at the passage last Sunday of the American tanker Kern Hill through the Gulf to Elath. The vessel was carrying the first shipment of oil from Iran to the Israeli gulf port to be pumped through the new eight-inch pipeline to Beersheba.

Test by U. S. Uncertain

The Washington Administration