

# HAR HACARMEL

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## ABOUT PASSOVER

The holiday of Passover (Pesach) is the family holiday par excellence. It begins with the Seder, conducted the first and second evenings at the home, in which every member of the family takes part. Passover commemorates the freeing of the people of Israel from Egyptian slavery and its observance symbolize the outstanding facts of the exodus.

The salient characteristic of Passover is the Matzoh. It is a positive observance in that we are required to eat Matzoh at the Seder, and a negative one, because during the eight days of the festival we remove from our homes and from our diets all traces of bread or fermented grain. In this connection it is appropriate to mention here some of the important rules of Passover practice.

As already mentioned, no grain products must be kept that are not prepared in the proper way and under Rabbinic supervision. This rules out all bread, cakes etc., and baking flour, as well as condiments and candies that may contain even a trace of Chometz. Candies and chocolates can be obtained which are prepared and packed under competent and reliable supervision to insure that both their contents and the vessels in which they were prepared are absolutely free of Chometz. In this respect the table of ingredients is not sufficient. Only the seal of a known orthodox Rabbi offers reliable assurance that a product was prepared properly.

It is also important to remember that no peas, beans, rice, corn, or peanuts are used or kept on Passover. Dried fruits, spices and soft drinks, as well as all dairy products, may be used only if packed under proper supervision.

All pots, pans, and cutlery which is not especially reserved for Passover and which must be used during the holiday

must be "kashered" before. In case of uncertainty as to what utensils may be kashered or the proper procedure, Rabbi Oles will be glad to advise you.

Chometz which cannot be disposed of before Passover must be either destroyed or sold. If you have not yet arranged for the sale of your Chometz, please contact the Rabbi immediately, as Thursday is the deadline for selling.

The search for Chometz in the home (Bedikas Chometz) takes place Thursday night, April 3, and Chometz found then must be burned Friday morning.

Services will be held at the Synagogue on Friday night April 4, at 6:15, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9, and Saturday night at 6:30. Daily services Monday through Thursday at 7:45 a. m. Thursday evening, April 10, at 6:20, Friday and Saturday mornings at 9, and Friday evening at 6:20. Yizkor will be Saturday morning, April 12.

Do not eat Chometz on Friday, April 4, after 9:40 a. m., nor before 7:15 p. m., Saturday night, April 12.

## LIBRARY REPORT

At the time of this writing the Jewish Community Library already consists of 38 volumes, with more expected shortly. The Library continues to enjoy great popularity, and it can satisfy everyone's interest.

Among the latest acquisitions are: **CANDLES IN THE NIGHT**, a collection of Jewish stories by Gentile authors, edited by Joseph L. Baron, with a preface by Carl Van Doren; **THE LEGENDS OF THE JEWS**, by Louis Ginzberg, translated from the German by Henrietta Szold; **THE STORY OF THE JEWISH LEGION**, by Vlad'mir Jabotinsky; a biography of **RASHI** by Maurice Liber, and several books for the younger generation.



## FROM YOUR RABBI

The holiday of Passover is called Chag Hamazos, the Feast of the Matzos, and Z'man Cherusenu, the Season of our Freedom. Both these designations can help us to a better understanding of Pesach and of Jewish fate and destiny.

The Exodus, which Pesach celebrates, was the beginning of Jewish national existence. Yet on closer inspection it seems that the Jewish people gained its freedom and independence under conditions that were not too dignified. For it did not leave Egypt actually under its own power. Where at first the Israelites were forced to remain in Egypt, they were in the end actually chased out and had to leave in such a hurry that they could not even properly prepare for their long journey. Even in their defeat the Egyptians still had an apparent triumph: they had imposed their will so long, they imposed it to the end. It was not until the miracle of the Red Sea that the Egyptian Army finally was subdued.

It seems to be Jewish fate that every victory of the Jew is made out to be a triumph of others. The Jewish Bible and Jewish ethics have become the standard of the civilized world, yet hardly does the Jewish people get credit for it. When great Jewish minds sought refuge in the New World and thereby enriched its knowledge and culture, few words were lost in pointing out how the Jewish tradition of learning and scholarship had helped in creating these minds; instead we congratulated ourselves that Hitler had "handed" them to us. Even so great an achievement as the upbuilding of Palestine in our day is celebrated as a result of the Balfour Declaration as much as of Jewish love for the Jewish land.

But let us not despair. Just as in the days of the first Pesach the final outcome did justice to the people of Israel, so will always the cause of truth win the final and decisive victory. And as long as we are true to our great past and have confidence in the future, and as long as we are determined to make that future worthy of our past by upholding our teachings and traditions, we can be sure that our cause is the cause of truth and justice and will ultimately prevail.

The Season of our Freedom, Z'man Cherusenu, is linked with the Feast of the Matzos, the Chag Hamatzos: our progress is an informal one and one that perhaps does not distinguish itself by its dazzling splendor. But our progress leads to values that are real and enduring. Shining armor loses its appeal when there is no sunlight to be reflected in it.

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But even in the darkest night of Jewish history the Torah, our guiding light, was visible to us, because it is more than a mere reflection. And today, when hope once more appears slowly on the Jewish horizon let us not forget that it was G—d's Torah that always guided us safely and that must continue to guide us.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

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#### PASSOVER PSALM

Who is like unto Thee to uncover the deeps  
And who hath Thy power to raise and cast down?  
Show Thy marvelous love to the captive who weeps,  
O Worker of wonders, of awesome renown!

Thy children beloved intoned a new song  
When Egypt's proud host found a watery grave,  
There was praise from the saints in their jubilant throng.  
When the wheels of the chariots clogged in the wave.

Thy fondling storm-tossed were all weeping and tired  
When the great roaring flood-tides before them arose.  
But Thy hand led them safe to the haven desired  
And the waters returned, overwhelming their foes.

The chariots of Pharaoh and all that great host  
G-d cast in the billows and covered them o'er.  
But His peop'e trod sea-bottom, coast unto coast  
He admonished the sea and it dried like the shore.

Thus, Lord do Thou Zion support and uphold,  
Arise, for the hour of her grace is at hand,  
The day long appointed to sing as of old.  
God reigneth, His Kingdom forever shall stand.

Solomon ibn Gabirol.



## STILL NO DAZE

Dear Reader:

Eleanor

Has let you down.  
Will you be yellin', or  
Will you just frown?

Will you be pullin' off  
Your beard in ire?  
Will you be full enough  
Of angry fire—

To let her know that you  
Will wait no more?  
Please write and show that you  
Are good and sore!

Then she will write again  
Her words of wit;  
Then you will sight again  
This wondrous hit.

Love

Harry.

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## MEETINGS

Tues., Apr. 1 ..... Fellowship Club  
Sun., Apr. 6, ..... Quiz Program  
Tues., Apr. 8, ..... Ladies' Aid  
Thur., Apr. 17, ..... Hadassah  
Tues., Apr. 22, ..... B'nai B'rith  
Thur., Apr. 24, ..... Tifereth Israel  
Tues., May 6, ..... Fellowship Club

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## YORZEITS

Joseph T. Liachowitz ..... Apr. 4  
Frank Silverman ..... Apr. 16  
Ed th Liachowitz ..... Apr. 23  
Lewis Cahn ..... Apr. 25  
Garfield Spector ..... Apr. 27  
The observance begins the preceding evening.

## SUPER

## DOUBLE OR NOTHING

## QUIZ

Dear Folks:

The time has come to let you in on a secret I know you'll all enjoy. There will be a Double or Nothing program held at the Jewish Fellowship Club at 7:30 p. m., on the second day of Pesach, and I do mean Double or Nothing. You people who think you're so smart will now have a chance to match wits with our contestants.

Did you notice that the town was comparatively quiet on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of March? If you have, it's because the Mount Carmel and Shamokin teenagers spent those days in Hazleton. The girls attended a delicious luncheon and went to a regional B.B.Y.O. convention. The boys also had an A. Z. A. convention. Incidentally, on Saturday evening, they went to a dance and had Hubba Hubba escorts.

It's the time of the year when the teenagers go through torture, because they have to listen to their younger brothers and sisters recite "Mah Nishtano, to say at the Seder on Friday and Saturday nights. But on the other hand they may be a wee bit jealous because they're not the show of the evening.

Happy Pesach to all of you. See you next month.

The Super Snooper

P. S. Don't forget the Double or Nothing program.

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## CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

Apr. 3, Search for Chometz  
Apr. 5, 1st day of Passover .... 6:12  
Apr. 6, 2nd day of Passover  
Apr. 11, 7th day of Passover  
Apr. 12, Last day of Passover ... 6:19  
Apr. 19, Shemini ..... 6:26  
Apr. 20-21, Rosh Chodesh Iyar  
Apr. 26, Tasria-Metzoro ..... 6:33  
May 3, Acharay Mos-Kedoshim  
(EST) ..... 6:41



## NEW HADASSAH

### SLATE ELECTED

A regular monthly meeting of the Mount Carmel Chapter of Hadassah was held Thursday, March 20, with the president, Mrs. Rebba Grossman, presiding.

Plans were being made for the annual Linen Shower to be held sometime during May. The Linen Shower will be held by Mrs. Lena Cohen and Mrs. Pearl Smigel.

A Rummage Sale will be held as soon as an empty store room is available. Ladies, save your rummage for this sale.

During the course of the meeting a slate of officers was drawn up for the coming year by the Nominating Committee which consisted of Mrs. Bessie August, Mrs. Edith Spector, and Mrs. Mary Marateck. The following officers were nominated and elected for the year 1947-48:

President—Mrs. Goldy Smigelsky.

Vice-President—Mrs. Lena Wolf.

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Millie Marateck.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Leona Grossman.

Treasurer — Mrs. Dorothy Wolf.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of Hatikvah. Afterwards refreshments were served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Bessie August, Mrs. Bronstein, Mrs. Rebecca Grossman, Mrs. Edith Hecht.

### SNAPSHOTS:

The "daily promenaders" have added another walker to their route, Mrs. Sophie Weinkle . . . . .

Eva Wishkin looking glamorous with her new "hair-do" . . . . .

### SOCIAL WHIRL

Everyone rushing to have their parties before the warm season sets in. What a rush the past few weeks!

A happy Passover season to all members from Hadassah and "Yours truly,"  
Reba.

## THEODORE HERZL

### IS TOPIC OF STUDY GROUP

At the last meeting of the Hadassah Study Group, conducted by Mrs. Oles, the first chapter of Alexander Bein's biography of Theodore Herzl was discussed by the members. This was the introduction to a series of meetings which shall have as their purpose to give to all those interested a familiarity with Zionism, this powerful Jewish force of our day and the man and the ideas which brought it to life. How Herzl changed from a staunch assimilationist to one who gave his life and energy to the Jewish cause makes fascinating reading and lively discussion.

The topic of the following meeting were to be chapters two, three, and four of the book, and Ethel Lippman, Lena Wolf and Sylvia Roberts volunteered to discuss these chapters.

### B'NAI B'RITH BANQUET REGALES BODY AND MIND

The annual banquet for the Mount Carmel High School basketball team was held on Tuesday, March 25. The affair was a huge success. The guest speaker was Mr. Harold Yost, of Lock Haven State Teachers' College. All the members and guests enjoyed a most delicious meal, prepared by Mrs. Louis Forman and her committee. The B'nai B'rith wishes to extend thanks to all who helped make this affair a success.

The local lodge has accepted the Hillel quota of \$500. Lou's Cohen was appointed chairman, with Sam Douglas as alternate, to help raise this fund.

Abe Forman was appointed delegate to the national B'nai B'rith convention to be held May 17-19 in Atlantic City.

A formal notice is made to all members that the election of officers will be held in April so let's all be present at our next meeting.