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R A B B I ' S M E S S A G E

"It is my prayer that as we celebrate Pesach together and individually this year, we will also realize that just like the Sarajevo Haggadah, we have survived to bring the message of freedom to every generation, including the present one. Please come and celebrate the second Seder together as one community."



Our synagogue recently acquired two of the limited editions of the world famous Sarajevo Haggadah which I hope to use during our community Seder on the second night of Pesach, Tuesday evening March 29th at our congregation. I thank Sam Kobren for finding one of the last copies at an art gallery in La Jolla, California. The Sarajevo Haggadah is an illuminated manuscript which contains the text of a traditional Seder and is one of the oldest Sephardic religious books, dating back to the 14th century in Barcelona, where it was presented to a young couple as a wedding gift. The Sarajevo Haggadah was handwritten on calfskin, illuminated in copper and gold, and opens with 34 pages of illustrations of Biblical stories from the creation of the world to the death of Moses. It is absolutely breathtaking. Historians believe that the Haggadah was taken out of Spain by Spanish Jews at the time of the Edict of Expulsion in 1492. There are notes in the margin which indicate that it surfaced in Italy in the 1500s.

Somehow it was acquired by a man named Joseph Kohen, who eventually sold it to the National Museum in Sarajevo in 1888. From there it was studied at the National

Museum of Vienna and returned to the Sarajevo Museum after World War I when its fame as one of the most important rare Jewish manuscripts received worldwide attention. The Nazis were searching for the manuscript during World War II, but the chief librarian of the museum, Dervis Korkut, risking his own life, smuggled it out of Sarajevo, where it was taken to Zenica and hidden under the floorboards of a mosque. After the end of the war it was returned to Sarajevo.

During the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1992-1995 the Haggadah survived two break-ins and the bombing of the museum when it was hidden in an underground bank vault. The president of Bosnia presented the Haggadah at a community Seder in 1995. Afterwards, the Sarajevo Haggadah was restored through the joint efforts of the United Nations and the Bosnia Jewish community in 2001, and went on permanent display at the Sarajevo Museum in December 2002. In May 2006, a Sarajevo publishing house, Rabic Ltd., announced the forthcoming publication of 613 copies of the Haggadah on handmade parchment that attempts to recreate the original masterpiece which appeared in the 14th century.

There are two of the limited copies in our synagogue today. Geraldine Brooks has written "People of the Book," which is a historical fictional account of the Haggadah and which was reviewed at our synagogue recently. In the December 3, 2007 edition of *The New Yorker Magazine* there is an article entitled "The Book of Exodus," also by Geraldine Brooks, which tells the history of the man, Dervis Korkut, who saved the Haggadah from the Nazis and of a

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young Jewish girl named Mira Papo, who was also saved by Korkut during the Holocaust. Ironically the same Mira Papo now an elderly woman living in Israel, secured the safety of Korkut's daughter from the Serbian genocide in the 1990s.

I recently edited a new version of the traditional Haggadah for our community Seder. It is a family friendly, interactive version of the Passover story for the present generation. In my office I have several different Haggadot in different languages, traditions, and with original illustrations, songs, interpretations, etc. According to some, there are more editions of the Haggadah than any other Jewish text. They come from over the entire world. Some of us grew up with the old Maxwell House edition which was given out by Maxwell House coffee. Today there are new editions being published every year. And yet as diversified and creative as these Haggadot are, they represent what we are as a Jewish people. We all come from different backgrounds, countries, ethnicities, traditions, and yet there is a common link of unity, spirituality, courage, purpose, tradition, and eternity which brings us all together.

It is my prayer that as we celebrate Pesach together and individually this year, we will also realize that just like the Sarajevo Haggadah, we have survived to bring the message of freedom to every generation, including the present one. Please come and celebrate the second Seder together as one community. May Passover this year help bring the day of redemption for all of God's creatures a little closer, and may we all be grateful to God for our blessings every single day.

Have a happy, healthy, and Kosher Pesach,

Stephen A. Leon
Rabbi



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH**

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS AN HOUR AHEAD**



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Shabbat and Passover

Friday, March	5 ~ 5:48 pm
Friday, March	12 ~ 5:54 pm
Friday, March	19 ~ 6:58 pm
Friday, March	26 ~ 7:03 pm
Monday, March	29 ~ 7:05 pm
	Passover begins
Tuesday, March	30 ~ 8:06 pm
	2nd evening Passover
Friday, April	2 ~ 7:08 pm
Sunday, April	4 ~ 7:09 pm
	7th evening Passover
Monday, April	5 ~ 8:10 pm
	8th evening Passover

PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Daily ~ Monday thru Friday 7:00 am
Monday thru Thursday 6:30 pm

Friday evening 6:15 pm
(unless listed otherwise)

Saturday morning & Holidays 9:30 am
Saturday Mincha ~ please check calendar
(followed by Seudah Shlesheet & Ma'ariv)

Sunday (unless Holiday) 8:30 am & 5:00 pm

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

"Tell us what you are thinking. What we are doing right and what needs changing. Whether you attend services or functions at the shul regularly or only occasionally, we want and need your input."



President's day has just passed and I am reminded of all the hard work that the past presidents of Congregation B'nai Zion have done. Our synagogue depends on the volunteer time that all of our officers and members of the board of directors do. They meet monthly and tackle the problems that face CBZ and help to plan our future. To all who have served as president or on our boards and committees, I say toda raba, muchas gracias, a sheynem dank, thank you very much.

When I became president of CBZ, I was told by one of the past presidents to watch out for the kvetchers because they will drive you crazy. Another told me not to be bothered by the "complainers." But the best advice I received from a past president was listen closely to the advice congregants give you. There will be positive and negative feed back but it is all important, as all of our members have the right to express themselves as they see it with regards to the congregation. Whenever I run into a member in a

restaurant or a store, I like to ask them what they think of how the shul is being run. I get a variety of answers about things we did or didn't do. Some good and some in their opinion not so good. This type of response is what I expect.

What surprises me, however, is the overwhelming majority of all of the people I talk to have something positive to say. This is a direct result of all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes at the shul. Tell us what you are thinking. What we are doing right and what needs changing. Whether you attend services or functions at the shul regularly or only occasionally, we want and need your input. Come to a Shabbat service. Attend an event at the shul. Volunteer for a committee or to serve on the board. See you there!

Jeff Weislow
Congregation B'nai Zion President
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Thank You

We thank the following members for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat this past month:

- ~ Richard and Eileen Armour in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary

We thank the following members for sponsoring the Kiddush Lunch this past month:

- ~ Mark and Patricia Hutman in memory of parents, Meyer and Ethel Hutman

We thank the following members for sponsoring the Seudah Shlesheet this past month:

- ~ Jaime and Monica Kimmelman and family in memory of mother and grandmother, Pola Kimmelman
- ~ Gary and Judy Weiser in memory of father, Morris Galatzan
- ~ Albert and Shirleen Askenazi in memory of father, Simon Askenazi
- ~ Dr. Sol and Ronnie Heller in memory of father, Morris Rubinfeld.

We thank the following members for sponsoring the Bagel Breakfast this past month:

- ~ Gary and Judy Weiser in memory of father, Sigmund Weiser
- ~ Gary and Judy Weiser in memory of mother, Irene

PASSOVER SERVICES

(see p. 2 for candle lighting times)

Monday, March 29	Fast of the First Born Mincha/Ma'ariv (1st evening)	6:45 am 6:45 pm
Tuesday, March 30	Shachrit (1st day Passover) Mincha/Ma'ariv -2nd evening followed by Community Seder	9:30 am 6:45 pm
Wednesday, March 31	Shachrit (2nd day Passover) Mincha/Ma'ariv	9:30 am 7:20 pm
Friday, April 2	Mincha/Hol Hamoed Shabbat services	7:00 pm
Saturday, April 3	Hol Hamoed Shabbat services Mincha/Ma'ariv/ Seudah Shlesheet	9:30 am 7:10 pm
Sunday, April 4	Mincha/Ma'ariv (7th evening)	7:00 pm
Monday, April 5	Shachrit services (7th day) Mincha/Ma'ariv (8th evening)	9:30 am 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 6	Shachrit (8th day) Yizkor (time approximate) Mincha/Ma'ariv & conclusion of Passover	9:30 am 11:00 am 7:20 pm

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The ladies of Sisterhood are busy making plans for future activities, including another game day, and possibly having an Antique and Collectible show."



The long awaited USY Spring Kallah weekend came and went and all that's left are wonderful memories. I would like to thank everyone who pitched in and made it special.

We had more than 10 people on our Sisterhood team in the Race for the Cure at Cohen Stadium and we had a lot of fun while doing a Mitzvah — after all isn't that what it's all about.

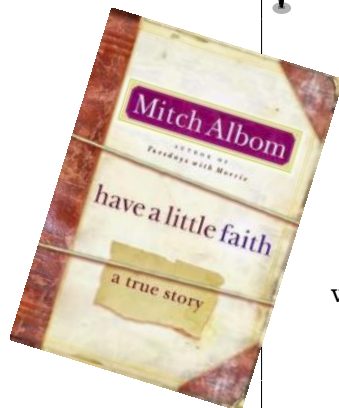
As in past years, the Sisterhood ladies along with the Talmud Torah students spent the last days of February assembling Shalach Manot boxes and distributing them to our members. It is with much appreciation that I recognize these ladies and students for their dedication in making this another successful year. As you know, when you remember a family or friend by sending a Shalach Manot box you help Sisterhood to help our congregational children, so a big Todah Rabbah to all of you.

Thursday, March 25, Sisterhood and Hadassah will team up again for a book discussion. Rabbi Leon is acquainted with the Rabbi who is the subject of "Have a little Faith," by Mitch Albom, so who better than to facilitate our program. So mark your calendars, get the book and we'll see you on the 25th of March.

The ladies of Sisterhood are busy making plans for future activities, including another game day, and possibly having an Antique and Collectible show. If you know of anyone who would like to be a vendor at the collectible show call the office so we can be in touch with them. Then we are planning a fashion show at our yearly Chai Tea, so watch your mail for these upcoming events.

Have a Happy Pesach and Chag Sameach,

Annalie Rollins
Sisterhood President



**Join B'nai Zion Sisterhood and the
El Paso Chapter of Hadassah**

**Thursday, March 25
7:00 PM**

in the B'nai Zion Social Hall
for a joint book review of
Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom
with discussion led by Rabbi Stephen Leon

Refreshments will be served.

Your Seder won't be complete without a trip to our gift shop!

Sisterhood cookbook
(many Passover recipes)
Seder Plates
Matza covers
Passover Macca Beans
beautiful tablecloths
and more

Everything you need for a
beautiful Seder

Open: Wed, Fri, Sun 10am-noon



Jewish War Veterans Project

The San Antonio Jewish War Veterans Post 753 recently completed cataloguing the approximately 450 Jewish veterans buried in San Antonio cemeteries. Because there is no Jewish War Veterans Post in El Paso, we have been asked to extend the project to your city.

If you know of a Jewish military veteran, male or female, buried in any El Paso cemetery please e-mail as much of the following information as you know to Herschel L. Sheiness at jsheines@swbell.net or mail it to: 718 Mello Oak, San Antonio, TX. 78258.

- ◆ Full Name of the deceased
- ◆ Date of Birth
- ◆ Date of Death
- ◆ Branch of Service
- ◆ Highest military rank achieved
- ◆ War(s) served in
- ◆ If killed in action, name of the theater
- ◆ If graves are plotted, the grave's location

Any other information you have pertaining to military service such as decorations, the veteran's job was in the military, military unit, etc.

The names will be provided to your congregation, the Texas Jewish Historical Society and the National Jewish War Veterans Cemetery committee for their historical records. In San Antonio we also place American flags on the grave sites in the Jewish and non-sectarian cemeteries on Memorial Day as well as request the temple and synagogues publish the names of those who were members of their respective congregations in remembrance for Memorial Day. Perhaps some day there will be a Jewish War Veterans Post in El Paso that will do the same.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail, regular mail or by phone (evenings) 210-494-8768.

Thank you,
HERSCHEL L. SHEINESS
 Chairperson, Cemetery Committee
 Jewish War Veterans Post 753, San Antonio, TX
 E-mail: jsheines@swbell.net



On Sunday morning, February 7th, men, women, adults, and children were all invited to put on tefillin for the World Wide Wrap, annual program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Following instruction on how to properly lay tefillin, everyone participated in an interactive service and an educational program and then enjoyed a tasty bagel breakfast together.



Left: Maggy Lara

Lower left: Larry and Judah Lesser check out the inside of tefillin

Lower right: Jeff and Harold help Isaac put on tefillin



Friday, March 5, 2010



**Services begin at 6:15 PM
 followed by a delicious family
 Shabbat dinner
 and lively discussion**

Adults (post Bar/Bat Mitzvah age) \$12.00
 1st child \$6.00
 Additional children \$4.00
 Under 5 years old free of charge

By participating in this continent wide event, you will not only have the opportunity to get a "taste" of Shabbat with friends and family locally, but you will be sharing your experience with tens of thousands of other Jews across North America.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 Parviz Chavol
Kacy Spivack | 15 Judy Grodin | 24 Dr. Sam Kupetz
Sara Scoggin |
| 03 Gloria Madson | 16 Helen Eiland
Judith Weiser | 25 Marcia Schwartz |
| 05 Ellyce Kimmelman | 17 Herbert Ehrlich | 26 Dr. Marc Zuckerman |
| 06 Amy Wilson | 18 Robert Beckoff | 27 Melinda Marcus |
| 07 Victor Lara | 19 Thomas Dula
Harold Peitzer
Daniel Siegelman | 28 Randy Lewis
Tibor Schaechner |
| 08 Sylvia Svarzbein | 20 Harris Kaplan | 29 Donald Glickstein
Moshe Yardeni |
| 10 Samuel Kessel
Rachelle Nedow
Donald Scharf
Gary Weiser | 21 Edwin Madson | 30 Holli Berry
Anthony Furman
Maxine Grodin |
| 13 Molly Goldberg | 22 Michael Kuchinsky | 31 Dr. Melvin Fox |
| 14 Abe Goldberg
Allen Green
Harry Kirshenbaum
James Michael Levy
Mark Weiss | 23 Sofia Kaplan | |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Dr. David & Cindy Metrikin
06 Jack B. & Ruja Cohen
08 Gerald & Stanlee Rubin
14 Drs. Jorge & Elena Perez
16 Drs. Larry Lesser & Lauren Davis
18 Gary & Lisa Nadler
19 Mark & Patricia Hutman
Bryan & Joani Schonberg
20 Carlos & Sofia Kaplan
21 Bernard & Jeannette Fenenbock
James & Monica Kimmelman
24 Adam & Dana Frank
25 Dr. Brion & Elisa Gluck
Sidney & Fay Kligman
27 Bernard & Laura Felsen
28 Solomon & Shaya Holland
29 Manon & Ellen Daugherty
David & Eugenia Kaplan
30 Art & Linda Corral

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With apologies for the error made in last month's issue of "The Messenger," the dedication should read:



Science Fair Winner

Sam Cohen, a fifth grader at Tippin Elementary School, won a Sweepstakes Award at the EPISD District Science Fair on Saturday, February 13, 2010 for his project on stain removers. Sam qualified for the district science fair after winning a Sweepstakes award at his school's science fair on January 13. His parents, Jonathan and

Sheri Cohen, brother and grandparents, Eileen and Richard Armour want to wish him a well deserved Mazel Tov!

Chaplain's Catering

Gerry Chaplain

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The Reader's Podium
on the upper bimah
of the main sanctuary

and

A leaf on
The Tree of Life

have been dedicated
in honor of

Irvin and Alicia Nadler

on their 55th wedding anniversary
and in honor of Alicia's special birthday

by
their loving friends

FAMILY EDUCATION MESSAGE

"The seder should be lively, full of questions, interesting and engaging for everyone (children and adults)."



Creating a Lively Passover Seder

The Passover seder. It is the most practiced ritual in Judaism; it has so many rules and so much order and yet, the seder can either drag or it is rushed through in an attempt to get to the meal and to make sure that the children in the group are not too bored. But the seder should be lively, full of questions, interesting and engaging for everyone (children and adults). First, find a haggadah that you like. There are so many out there, there is no reason to keep one that is not engaging. Go on Amazon and type in "haggadah" and you will get hundreds of results. Get a few different ones, including some geared towards children, so that people will have something new to look at during the seder.

Here are some other suggestions for how to make your seder lively. Some of these suggestions are from my family's seders over the years and others are from the book *Creating Lively Passover Seders* by David Arnow. It is a terrific book and you will use it for years to come.

5 Suggestions for Creating a Lively Passover Seder

1. Mitzryim (Egypt) News Network: Cut out pieces of paper with the names of the main characters of the Passover story on them and put them at each place. The leader of the seder becomes the anchor and asks seder participants questions about what they were thinking or doing during the Exodus. Each person must answer as their character.

2. Put leeks, onions, melon, cucumbers and garlic in one basket. Put grapes, pomegranates and figs in another basket. Ask people at the table what they think each basket has in common. After some guesses, give the answer. The Bible associates certain fruits and vegetables with Egypt and others with Israel. During their wanderings in the desert "the Israelites wept and said, "We remember the fish that we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic." (Numbers 11:4-5). When the spies returned from the Promised Land they brought grapes, pomegranates, and figs (Numbers 13:23). Then ask, how many reasons can you think of to explain why, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic are associated with Egypt while grapes, pomegranates, and figs are connected with Israel?

3. Ask everyone (children and adults) to bring an object with them to the seder that represents their personal freedom. At different points during the seder, ask people to explain their objects and why they represent freedom.

4. Turn your living room into Egypt. Have people take off their shoes and sit on the floor. During the telling of the story, have people act it out. When it comes time for the Exodus, ask people what they would take and what they would leave behind. Then, have everyone walk to the dining room for the meal.

5. Give homework. Ask everyone at the seder to come with a "thinking question" about Passover or the seder written on an index card. Have everyone put their cards in a bowl. At various points during the seder, pick out a card and discuss the question. The great thing about seder questions - there are no right or wrong answers.

Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal
Director of Education

Talmud Torah Passover Seder Museum:

Between March 21 and the end of Passover, please stop by the social hall to see the museum created by Talmud Torah families about the different parts of the seder. Hopefully you will get new ideas for your seder from seeing the students' work.



Want to see pictures of Megillah reading, costumes, and other festivities???

This issue went to press before Purim, so you can view pictures on the Congregation B'nai Zion website Photo Gallery

congregationbnaizion.org

USY NEWS

Todah Rabah for Spring Kallah

You will have to look forward to next month's Messenger to read the personal experiences of Spring Kallah as described by the BZUSYers themselves. However, we cannot let a month go by without expressing our overwhelming gratitude to all of the individuals, families and businesses for making the convention an unimaginable success with their generosity and support.

As the theme of Spring Kallah was superheroes, following are our personal convention heroes, in no particular order:

~ The ladies of B'nai Zion Sisterhood, who sponsored all of the meals throughout the weekend, from lunch on Friday to breakfast on Sunday

~ The ladies of the B'nai Zion kitchen, who prepared lots of delicious food and cleaned up lots of empty plates for all of the Sisterhood sponsored meals

~ D'Flans Bakery and Esther Ruiloba, who prepared, at B'nai Zion, the delicious flan that was served for dessert with the Saturday afternoon Kiddush lunch

~ Nili's Kosher Food and the Arusi family, who donated Israeli snacks for the Saturday afternoon tour of the Biblical Garden

~ Felicia Rubin, who sponsored the refreshments and the decorations for the Saturday evening program at the War Eagles Air Museum

~ El Paso-Los Angeles Limousine Express and the Rosenbaum family, who provided two 47 passenger buses to transport convention participants to and from the Saturday evening program

~ Helen of Troy and the Rubin family, who donated over 100 full-sized Revlon hairdryers for the welcome bags

~ Starr Western Wear and the Kimmelman family, who donated merchandise bags and cowboy key chains for the welcome bags

~ El Paso Office Products and the Grodin family, who donated mini hand sanitizers for the welcome bags and hanging name badges for conference participants

~ El Paso Electric Company, who donated pens and pencils for the welcome bags

~ University of Texas at El Paso Admissions, who donated pens, banners, and brochures for the welcome bags and T-shirts for give-a-ways

~ El Paso Saddleblanket and the Henson family, who donated redemption coupons for a mini serape or authentic arrowhead

~ Tanny Berg, who donated bandanas for the welcome bags

~ Several anonymous donors, who provided personalized suede kippot for each Spring Kallah participant, snacks for the welcome bags, and Amigo Man pins from the El Paso Chamber of Commerce

~ Christopher Ferris of Cedar Entertainment, who provided exceptional DJ services for the Saturday evening social event

~ BZUSY and B'nai Zion families, who opened their homes to out-of-town USYers for the weekend and schlepped them to and from the Synagogue and the airport

~ Rabbi Leon, Rabbi Rebecca and Josh Swartz, who captivated participants with their personal perspectives of Jewish super-heroism and initiated some very interesting study sessions

~ Arturo Guzman and Lupe Arras, who did all the setup and clean up behind the scenes and keep our Synagogue running

~ Yamit Lavi and Rodolfo Madero, Spring Kallah co-chairs, who balanced their senior year of high school, extra-curricular commitments and academic responsibilities with serving on the BZUSY board and planning Spring Kallah - they should be very proud of themselves because we sure are!

Becca Korn and Joe Ruiloba
USY Co-Advisors



Super-girls Kaylee, Megan and Maddy

Walter Chayes
Vice President
Senior Financial Consultant

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PASSOVER AND ITS CUSTOMS

CELEBRATE PASSOVER

INTRODUCTION

Passover is the supreme Jewish holiday, the most universally celebrated. There is no holiday in the Jewish calendar over which the Jews make more of a tumult – the preparations beginning in some households weeks before the event. The reason is clear. From the very first Passover – celebrated in Egypt – the holiday has been celebrated in the bosom of the family. And family is a supreme Jewish value.

THE NAMES

Passover occurs on the 15th day of Nisan and is called the time of our freedom in our liturgy. The name Pesach refers to two events:

1. The placing of the blood on the door-posts of the Hebrews homes at the time of the first Passover; the blood came from the Karbon Pesach or the Paschal Lamb which was sacrificed to G-d on the eve of the Exodus.
2. In Hebrew the verb 'pesach' means 'pass over' and it refers to the Angel of Death who passed over the homes of the Hebrews and killed only the first born of the Egyptians.

The holiday has several names. The word *Passover* comes from the Hebrew word *Pesach*, which itself is the noun form of the verb *pasah*. During the last of the Ten Plagues – the slaying of the first born sons – the Angel of Death is said to have “passed over” the houses of the Israelites. For this reason, the holiday is also known as *Leil Shimurim*, a night of observing, in which Israel has no fear. A third name is *Hag haMatzot*, after the unleavened flat bread, eaten because the hastily departing Israelites could not allow bread the time to rise. The fourth name of the holiday is *Hag ha'Aviv*, the Feast of Springtime. Just as springtime connotes the rebirth of nature after a long winter, Passover celebrates the rebirth of a people after years of slavery.

THE DATE

Passover is therefore one of the Jewish New Years. Indeed Nisan, the month during which it is celebrated, is called in the Torah, the first month of the year. (Tishrei, the month of Rosh Hashanah, is the seventh.) Like Sukkot, Pesach begins at the full moon, on the 15th of the month, and ends in Israel after seven days and in the Diaspora after eight. For the record, the date of the Exodus is sometime during the 13th century BCE.

THE SEDER

The word Seder literally means order. In the Diaspora there is a Seder on each of the first two nights of Pesach; in Israel, on the first night. This order was given to us probably to assure that, in our flights of story-telling fancy, we do not forget to observe the other basic requirements.

PASSOVER CUSTOMS

BEDIKAT HAMETZ — Search for leaven

On the evening before Pesach the entire house is searched for leaven. This is done by using a candle for light, a feather to sweep the crumbs and a spoon to hold the crumbs.

BIOR HAMETZ — Burning hametz

All of the leaven is then burned in the backyard (only a few symbolic crumbs). This must be done before 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the first Seder – **Monday, March 29**.

MEHIRAT HAMETZ — The selling of hametz

Any manner of hametz (leavened food or utensils) owned by a Jew during the Passover holiday is forbidden for use forever. Since one cannot dispose of all hametz before the holiday, he must arrange for a formal Mehirat Hametz or sale of the leaven to a non-Jew, which is then re-purchased after Passover. All such hametz and utensils should, therefore, be locked in a special place by **March 29**. As not everybody is familiar with the legal technicalities of the law regulating such sale, it is the custom to sell it to a non-Jew. For your convenience in observing this law, an authorization form is in this bulletin and should be completed and returned to the Synagogue office by **Monday, March 29**.

MAOT CHITTIM — Helping Charities

At this time of Pesach, when one sells his hametz or when one prepares for the Seder, he is obligated to give to a worthwhile charity. May I suggest a contribution to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to help the poor. These contributions may be sent to our office c/o Rabbi Leon. Contributions to one's favorite charity or Jewish Family and Children's Services also is appropriate.

TA'ANIT AND SIYUM B'HORIM — Fast and service for first born males

All first born Jewish males are required to fast the day before Passover in order to remember the first born Egyptian males who were killed by G-d's hand at the time of the Exodus. In order to change this obligation to a Mitzvah, a tractate of the Talmud is completed at a service early in the morning. If they attend a *siyum* – a party celebrating the completion of a cycle of study – they may break the fast. Such a siyum will take place on **Monday, March 29** following the morning service that begins at 6:45 a.m.

THE SEDER

Passover begins with the lighting of the candles. On the first evening of Passover the following prayers are said when lighting the candles:

1. *“Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lihaddilik n'ear shel Yom Tov.”*
2. *“Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam shehecheyanu vikiyeemanu vihiggianu lozman hazeh.”*

On the second night of Passover the prayers are the same.

On the 7th and 8th evenings of Pesach, only the first prayer is said when lighting the candles.

Prior to the Seder, every family should attend Passover services at the Synagogue. Then they return home for the Seder. The word *Seder* means 'order' and the Seder book called *Haggadah* means 'story.' The Seder service consists of 14 parts. One should consult his own Haggadah for the appropriate prayers.

These are the parts of the Seder:

1. **Kiddush:** Prayer over the wine
2. **Urchatz:** Wash hands using a pitcher or cup poured over the hands. No blessing is said because we are not yet ready to eat the meal, only to eat the karpas.
3. **Karpas:** A green vegetable (celery or parsley) is dipped into salt water and the prayer is said.
4. **Yachatz:** The middle matzah is divided in half; one half is returned, the other is hidden for the afikomen.
5. **Mageed:** The story of Pesach is told. This lengthy part of the seder includes the four questions, “we were slaves,” the four sons, G-d's promise, Dayeinu, the three symbols.
6. **Rachatz:** We wash our hands once more, this time with the appropriate blessing for we are about to eat the meal.
7. **Motzi Matzah:** The prayer “Hamotzi” is said and then a special prayer concerning G-d's command to eat matzah is offered. Then a piece of matzah is eaten.
8. **Maror:** We remember the bitter times of slavery by dipping the herb into charoset and saying the prayer.
9. **Koreych:** A sandwich is made and eaten consisting of two pieces of matzah, maror and charoset.
10. **Shulchan oreych:** “The Set Table.” The meal is eaten.
11. **Tzafun:** Dessert, everyone receives a piece of the afikomen which has been recovered from the child who found it, for a gift.
12. **Bareich:** The grace after meals is said by all.
13. **Hallel:** Songs of praise to G-d are sung. This occurs after the cup of Elijah is discussed.
14. **Nirtzah:** Conclusion. Final prayers and then many songs of Pesach are sung.

SERVICES

On the first two and the last two days of Passover, it is customary to attend synagogue services. Special Passover prayers and appropriate Torah readings are said. Please check the schedule of services. During Chol Hamoed Pesach, the intermediate days between the first and last two days, additional prayers are offered at services. Most regular customs of the weekday are observed – one may ride, go to work, etc. However, for all 8 days only Passover products may be eaten.

On the first day of Passover the prayer for dew is offered. On the eighth day of Passover the Yizkor Memorial services are offered. It is customary to conclude the second day of Passover and the eighth day at the synagogue with the Havdalah Service.

SEFIRAT HAOMER

Beginning with the second night of Passover, and continuing for forty-nine nights, we count the Omer, in accordance with the Biblical injunction: “From the morrow of Pesach, from the day of your bringing the Omer, you can count seven full weeks.” The Omer was a special offering of barley gathered from the newly ripened grain, which then permitted the use of the spring harvest. In Temple times, the harvesting of the Omer on the second night of Pesach was an occasion of great celebration in the streets of Jerusalem. The counting of the Omer must take place after sunset. Immediately before stating the daily and weekly number of the Omer, we recite the benediction “Al Sefirat HaOmer.”

The forty-nine days link the festival of Passover, the celebration of our physical redemption, with the festival of Shavuot, which occurs on the fiftieth day, when we celebrate our spiritual redemption, the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

“Baruch atah adonai elohainu melech ha’olam asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu al sefirat ha’omer. Blessed art Thou, Lord our G-d, King of the universe who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us regarding the counting of the Omer.”

PASSOVER RULES

1. **Hametz** – The term hametz or leaven refers to food, dishes, and utensils that are prohibited for use on Pesach.
2. **Forbidden for use** – Foods and drinks made from wheat, rye, barley, oats, millet, as well as derivations of those grains. Rice, corn, peas and all types of legumes are not for Passover use. (Sephardic Jews do use rice)
3. **Permitted for use** – The following foods may be used for Passover in unopened packages or containers and require no Kosher L’Pesach label: coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper. Frozen vegetables normally permitted for Passover use are permitted. Fresh fruits and vegetables (except those mentioned above) are permitted. Other products require Kosher L’Pesach labels and should be verified by Rabbinic signature.
4. **Dishes and utensils**
 - a) Silverware, knives, forks and spoons made wholly of metal require thorough scouring, and immersion in boiling water.
 - b) Glassware may be koshered by soaking in water for 72 hours. The water must be changed at least once a day.
 - c) Metal pots and pans must be totally immersed in boiling water. The container used for this purpose must be heated with a red hot stone.
 - d) Earthenware, enamelware, and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used on Passover.
 - e) Utensils used for baking during the year should not be used.
 - f) Refrigerators and freezers should be thoroughly cleaned and the shelves should be covered.
 - g) Ovens and ranges must be thoroughly scoured and all the gas jets or the electricity should be turned on for 5-7 minutes to burn out all the hametz.
 - h) Dishwashers may be used after thoroughly scouring with boiling water and the use of a new tray.



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A copy of this photograph was brought to the office by Harold Peitzer. Eileen Licht , one of the teachers shown in the upper left corner, suggested that we contact Sidney Schlusberg who is seen standing in the front row right. This appears to be a "graduation" ceremony for Talmud Torah children around 1960. Sidney gave us the following names for his classmates:

Front Row: ??, Larry Peitzer, Debbie Saks, ??, Sidney Schlusberg

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7 No Talmud Torah	8	9	10 Talmud Torah 4:00 pm	11	12 Shabbat services 7:30 pm	13 Shabbat services 9:30 am Mincha 5:50 pm
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