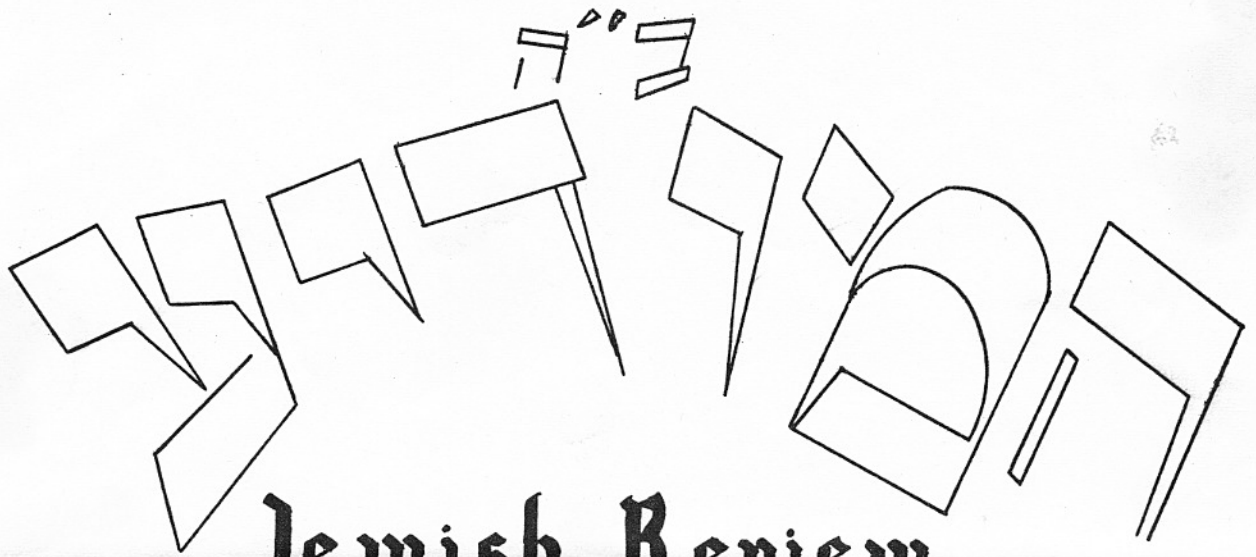


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THE THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"Stand for your fellow's honour as for your own."
(Perek II. 15.)

P E S A C H - T H E H O L I D A Y O F F R E E D O M

starts on the eve of April 4. The holiday lasts eight days.

The S E D E R N I G H T S are on Friday and Saturday evenings,
April 4 - 5th.

Y I Z K O R - MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held on Saturday, April 12.

S E R V I C E S D U R I N G P E S A C H

Evening Services will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Morning Services on the main holidays, Saturday and Sunday,
April 5 and 6, and the last two days on Friday and Saturday,
April 11 and 12, will start at 9:00 a.m.

Services for the FIRST BORN SONS on Erev Pesach Friday, April 4
will start at 8:00 a.m.

P R E P A R A T I O N F O R T H E H O L I D A Y

The holiday requires proper preparation in a physical and spiritual sense. Re-read from the Bible the story of the redemption of the Jews from the Egyptian slavery. This is the historic background for the Pesach celebration.

Get hold of a Haggadah. This is the special prayer, story, and songbook which we use on the Seder services at home.

During the eight days of Pesach we do not eat bread or anything leavened which we call "chametz." In Kosher homes we exchange the year round dishes and kitchen equipment to special Pesach dishes.

We should not have in our possession anything chametz. Hence the old, traditional custom to "SELL THE CHAMETZ".

In all questions concerning the proper observances of the Pesach Holiday, from selling the "chametz" to making the kitchen "Pesachdig", and in questions concerning forbidden or permissible food on Pesach, your Rabbi will be happy to stand by you with information and advice.

Erev Pesach has its own special rules. This is the day of the first born sons who were saved in old Egypt from the tenth plague. A special service is held for them on Friday, April 4 at 8:00 a.m.

From 9:00 a.m. (on Erev Pesach) we do not eat bread any more, nor do we eat on that day "matzoh", so that the blessing we make on the matzoh on the Seder night will be more meaningful.

Bedikath Chametz on Thursday evening, April 3.

Mechirath Chametz (Selling of the Chametz)

Contact the Rabbi in the Jewish Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"In every generation, one ought to regard himself as though he had personally come out of Egypt. Not only our forefathers did the Holy One, blessed be He, redeem, but also ourselves did He redeem with them."

"This is the poor bread which our forefathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let anyone who is hungry, come in and eat; let anyone who is needy, come in and make Passover."

"As we have lived to arrange the Pesach this time, may we live to celebrate it in the future." (From the Haggadah)

THE RABBI'S MESSAGE

Pesach is the Festival of Freedom. Freedom is the most cherished possession of man. Our ancestors were slaves in Egypt. No wonder that we celebrate Pesach as the birth of freedom for the Jewish people amidst abundant joy and elaborate ritual.

We eat Matzan to remind us of our forefathers who preferred freedom with poverty and hunger. We have "salt water" and "bitter herbs" on the Seder table to taste the tears and bitterness of slavery and affliction. We dip our food into "Haroses", the symbol of mortar, hard work and sacrifices without which no one can emerge from slavery to freedom. We drink four cups of wine. These four cups represent four kinds of freedom: physical, spiritual, intellectual and political-social. There is no life, worthwhile to be called life without these four freedoms.

We invite Eliyahu, the prophet to our Seder service because he is the precursor of God's Messiah heralding final redemption and freedom for all.

Yet the name of Moshe who is the hero of the Pesach story, who liberated our ancestors from the Egyptian bondage, is not even mentioned in the Haggadah. Do you know what is the reason of this omission?

Freedom is not one man's task to give it to others; it is the result of the concentrated effort, fight and sacrifice of all. It was not Moshe who liberated the Jews. They liberated themselves - with God's help - through their struggles, their sufferings, their perseverance.

Let this teaching be the great lesson of Pesach 5718. Let us thank God for the idea, for the gift of freedom. Let us pray that some day all men all over the world may enjoy the blessings of freedom.

A happy and "Kosher" Pesach to you all.

Very sincerely yours,

Rabbi Dr. Zoltan Racz.

IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
AND TO SING PRAISES TO HIS HOLY NAME.

EVERY SABBATH MORNING SERVICES

At 8:45 a.m.

See you at Friday night and Sabbath morning services.
See you with your wife and children at the Pesach services.

Time of Services

April 3 - Thursday - Bedikath Chametz (evening)
April 4 - Friday - Services for the first born sons (mornings)
" " - " - Erev Pesach (evening) First Seder
April 5 & 6 Saturday & - 1 st. and 2 nd. day of Pesach
Sunday
April 10 - Thursday - 7 th. day of Pesach (eve)
April 11 &- Friday & - 7 th. and 8 th. day of Pesach
12 Saturday
April 12 - Saturday - Yizkor - Memorial Service
April 19 - Saturday - Shemini (Lev. 9; 1-11:47)
Blessing of the Month; Perek I
April 26 - Saturday - Thazria - Metzora (Lev. 12:1-15:33)
Perek II

Candle Lighting

April 4 - Friday - 6:30 p. m. (Erev Pesach)
April 5 - Saturday - 6:40 p. m.
April 10 - Thursday - 6:40 p. m. (7th. day Pesach)
April 11 - Friday - 6:40 p. m.
April 18 - Friday - 6:45 p. m.
April 25 - Friday - 6:52 p. m.

Time of Services

April 4 - Friday - 6:30 p. m. Erev Pesach
April 5 - Sat. - 9:00 a. m.
" " - Sat. - 6:30 p. m.
evening
April 10 - Thursday - 6:45 p. m.
evening
April 11 - Friday - 6:45 p. m.
evening
April 18 - Friday - 7:00 p. m.
evening
April 25 - Friday - 7:00 p. m.
evening

David Daniel

Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Cooperman

will be

BAR MITZVAH

on

April 19

IN MEMORIAM

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

The following members will have YOMERZET in April:

Mrs. D. Adelstein	April 1	evening and the following day					
Mr. S. Shore	" 3	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. J. Katzman	" 4	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. D. Pelt	" 6	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Herzog Brothers	" 7	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. A. Rosen	" 9	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. J. Katzman	" 12	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. B. Cooperman	" 18	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. H. Brandes	" 18	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. M. Zet	" 21	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. L. Lefstein	" 24	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. J. Leitch	" 24	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. D. Feldman	" 25	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. L. Possen	" 28	" " " "	"	"	"	"	"

"MAY THE MEMORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS
ENDURE AS A BENEDICTION"

SISTERHOOD SECTION

PURIM PARTY

Once again the children were given a grand treat and they enjoyed it immensely. A tremendous thank you to Mrs. Ida Orovitz for her help and in making over two hundred hamantashen, also, to the girls of the Sisterhood who helped.

NOMINATIONS MEETING, March 10

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Paula Kaminsky, gave a wonderful inspired talk of Mrs. Gerda Weissmann Klein, author of "ALL BUT MY LIFE". All of us who heard Mrs. Kaminsky were grateful for her preview into Mrs. Klein's most unusual life.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER - March 24

Our Chairman, Esther Adelstein and co-chairman, Bernice Shecter are to be congratulated on a job well done.

The meal was delicious. The guest speaker, Mrs. Max Nemoj was truly a delight to hear. I hope we will all practise what Mrs. Nemoj p reached.

The skit was a huge success and so were all the stars.....thanks to Sookie Slepko's capable directing.

Highlights of the Dinner

A model Seder Table; which is an introduction to our new look called, "Judaism In The Home Work Shops", another aspect of Sisterhood's work.

The Library Display; we certainly hope it has inspired everyone to use the library more often--it definitely will be worth your while.

The Gift Shop; had a lovely selection of items displayed. Now we know just waere to go when buying a gift for our relatives and friends.

DONATIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

Starting a new policy we will publish the books placed on our shelves through your buying Library Gift Cards for all occasions. We will start with February donations and publish the others as they are dedicated.

Dr. & Mrs. M. Wertman - in memory of B. Raphael
World over Story Book, Legends of the Bible,
Junior Jewish Encyclopedia, Racquel,
Something about My Father, Where Judaism Differed.

Dr. & Mrs. M. Wertman - in memory of S. Wertman
The Gutenheim Way, The Awakened,
Message of the Scrolls, Mandleman Fire,
The Man Called Lenz.

Mr. & Mrs. N. Goodis - in memory of J. Goodis
Inside Kasriliwke

Sisterhood - Speedy recovery Mrs. J. Alter
Jewish Wit and Wisdom

Mr. & Mrs. A. Herzog - Speedy recovery Mrs. J. alter
Passover

Sisterhood - in memory of L. Luntz
Jews at a Glance

Mr. & Mrs. H. Brandes - in memory of L. Luntz
The Book of Passover

Mr. & Mrs. A. Katzman - recovery Mrs. J. Alter
Jerry Goes to Camp

Mr. & Mrs. S. Slepko - Honouring Slepko family
No Man Stands Alone

Mr. & Mrs. I. Caplan
Mr. & Mrs. B. Caplan
Mr. & Mrs. H. Hoffman, Toronto } All But My Life
in memory of L. Luntz

LIBRARY GIFT CARDS

- A Fashionable Way to say:

- Mazeltov -

- Happy Birthday -

- We're Sorry -

- Thank You -

Phone Elaine Herzog for Prompt Service in sending out cards for all occasions.

MU 5-7226

AN INVITATION:

Come in to the Library and ask to see the books you have donated or are donated in your name or the name of your loved one.

DON'T FORGET:

A SISTERHOOD FIRST:

- Meet the Author Night -

- Autographing Party -

Gerda Weisman Klein

- another service of your "Living Library" -

April 27 Come and meet a remarkable personality-
a renowned authoress.

8:30 p.m.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

A new stock of Israeli art objects has been received by the Sisterhood Gift Shop which are most decorative as well as functional. Included are, Challa Plates, Seder Plates, Candlesticks, Mazuzahs, and ash trays.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

There is still time to purchase Passover items -- Hagadahs, Plastic Passover tablecloths, dripless candles.

VISIT YOUR SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP SOON !

Phone - Bea Fish - MU 2-5671
Lil Goodman - MU 5-6483

SOCIAL NOTES

The Editorial Staff of the Congregation Bulletin would like to take this opportunity of thanking Bruce Nepon, David Alderman, and Howard Slepko of the 20th. (B'nai B'rith) Boy Scout Troop and Sidney Morris, Gary Nepon, Norman Slepko, and Ricky Morris of the 20th. (B'nai B'rith) Wolf Cub Pack for their assistance in putting the bulletin together for mailing.

SPECIAL PESACH NOTICE

Kosher Coca Cola will be available for Pesach. Phone your order in early to Jack Alderman, MU 5-6767.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Photos are now on Display in the Community Centre of
Rabbi's Induction Dinner

Orders will be taken up to Monday, April 7

Please Contact the Office Staff

MU 5-6767

SISTERHOOD ESSAY CONTEST

INTERMEDIATE PRIZE WINNERS

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|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st. Prize | - Elaine Freeman | - "A Hero of our People" |
| 2nd. Prize | - Lorraine Tator | - "A Hero of our People" |
| 3rd. Prize Tie | - Paul Caplan | - "Henrietta Szold" |
| 3rd. Prize Tie | - Yvonne Granek | - "Eliezer Ben Yehuda" |

Grades 6, 7, 8.

1st. Prize

"A Hero of our People"

- Elaine Freeman -

May 18, 1944, Buchenwald: A concentration camp set up by the Nazis inside Germany. I, Isaac Swartz lie slowly dying. Dirt, filth, all around me. My friends, people who are too weakened, too disheartened, even to cry for help, out of fear and hate of the dreaded Nazis. Weakened men whose souls and hearts are too tired to go on with the drudgery of living drop before you--lying dead on the frozen ground.

Two hours, two hours of life is all I have left. You think, but what good does it do, but still you think. My wife, is she still alive? My children, what has become of them? A concentration camp--surely dear Lord, you will not let this enter their lives. Miriam, my beloved wife, who stood firmly the sneers and insults of the dirty Germans. Miriam, who bore bravely the news of Abraham's death in the gas chamber. I, yes, I am very fortunate that no such experience has befallen me; Abraham, my eldest son, how brave you were. Little Benny and sweet childish Hannah--Dear God, heaven guide these two away from the sufferings that I have witnessed. My body struggles helplessly, searching vainly for something from within---freedom at last.

2nd. Prize

- Lorraine Tator -

"A Hero of our People"

Gentlemen, for my essay I have decided to write on something in my estimation might be a little different from my competitors'. I have chosen to write on not one person, not even a group of people but thousands, millions of people who died because of our faith and religion. These men, women and children are lying forgotten by strangers but still remembered by their loved ones. Yes, I'm talking about the six million Hebrew people who died a tortured death because of the blood thirsty man who wanted to conquer the world, named Hitler!

No one knows why Hitler took revenge on these simple people. Some believe it is because at that time Jews were rich and powerful and he despised them for it, but he did it, and as a result of it the Jewish people slowly diminished in Germany. During this time some people found it necessary to assume non-Jewish names to save their life. Other people preferred to die than to say they weren't Jews.

These proud people died like mice in concentration camps where many of the race were put. Like dogs they worked from early morning to late in the evening on little food. Few people lasted more than three months on these terms. The ones that did live met instant death.

2nd. Prize cont'd.

Even through these hardships the Jewish people believed that God would deliver them out of bondage like he did so many thousands of years ago in the time of Moses. Thus their wishes came true and the Jewish people are once more free.

I think that any man, woman and child who dies because of being a proud Jew deserves to be called a "Hero of Our People".

Thank You.

3rd. Prize Tie

"Henrietta Szold"

- Paul Caplan -

Henrietta Szold's father, Rabbi Benjamin Szold, came to this country from Hungary. Henrietta was born in Baltimore in 1860. Rabbi Szold inspired his daughter with a love of Judaism and with a deep desire to help people in any way she could.

When Jewish immigrants began coming to this country in large numbers in the early 1880's, some of them landed in Baltimore. Rabbi Szold, his wife, and Henrietta tried to aid these refugees who fled. Henrietta organized a night school to teach them English. This was one of the first night schools for foreigners in the United States.

For many years she translated, edited, indexed, and proof-read dozens of books for the Jewish Publication Society. One of her outstanding translations is that of Professor Louis Ginzberg's "LEGENDS OF THE JEWS".

It is for her Zionist work, however, that she will be remembered by history. Always interested in Zionism, Henrietta Szold in 1912 founded Hadassah, the American Women's Zionist Organization. In this country there are 300,000 members. Hadassah took it upon itself to rid Israel of malaria and of other sicknesses with which it was plagued. For that purpose it brought doctors and nurses to Israel, started a nursing school, opened many clinics, and finally established a Medical College as part of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

When the Nazis took over the government of Germany in 1933 and started their brutal persecution of the Jews, Henrietta Szold got busy. "Let's save the Jewish children by bringing them to Israel", she said. And save them she did.

She organized Youth Aliyah to bring youngsters to the HOLY LAND. Though Henrietta Szold never married and had no children of her own, at least fifteen thousand orphaned children from European countries whom she had rescued from the hands of the murderous Nazis and brought over to Israel called her "Mother". Youth Aliyah, which is now celebrating its twenty-fourth anniversary, has to date brought 65,000 orphaned youngsters.

Henrietta Szold died in Jerusalem at the age of 84. During her lifetime she was regarded as the greatest American Jewish woman of the century. Today her noble memory is enshrined in the hearts of Jews everywhere.

3rd. Prize Tie

"Eliezer Ben Yehuda"

- Yvonne Granek -

Eliezer Ben Yehuda was born in Luzhky Lithuania in 1858. His real name was Eliezer Perlman. Eliezer had a long and difficult childhood. He was a very intelligent boy and so he went to live with his uncle where he could gain more knowledge. He lived with his uncle for one year and then went to Yeshiva a Rabbinical College.