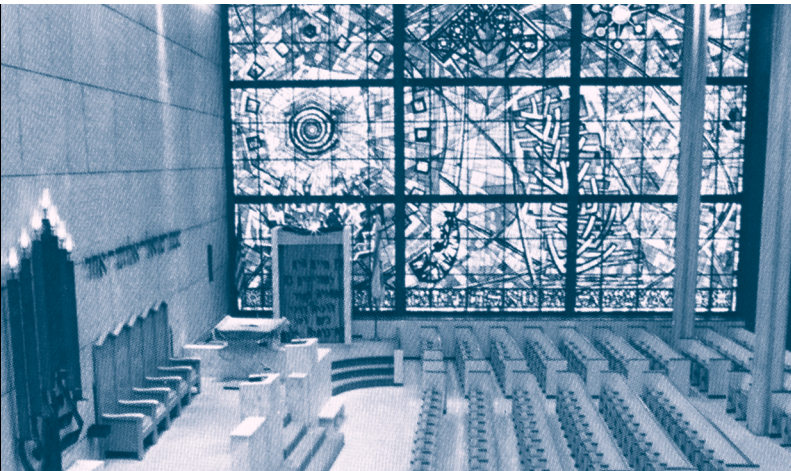


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"The synagogue bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Sarah Berlow"

President's Message

My Dear Friends,

Now that spring is upon us, there's no excuse for not visiting your friends at the Chicago Loop Synagogue. Come worship with us during Passover and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of our congregation. Come learn with us as we present our annual Scholar-In-Residence Program May 1st through 3rd. This year, we are honored to have with us renowned author and talk show host, Dennis Prager. I guarantee a most memorable and exciting program.

This is my annual reminder to give to Moes Chitim. As we sit down with our families to enjoy the wonderful Passover holiday, it is our obligation as Jews to remember those in need. By giving generously to Moes Chitim, you ensure that those less fortunate will receive Passover foods that are necessary to properly observe this holiday. During this period of economic hardship, it is imperative that we dig a little deeper into our pockets for this most worthy cause. Stop by the synagogue office or mail us your donation to Moes Chitim at your earliest convenience.

Finally, a picture from our annual Purim costume party. This year's contestants were especially creative, making it extremely difficult for our

judges to decide the winner. This year's winners were: First place: Marty Wise (Tooth Fairy); Second place: Erin Grossman (Queen of Spades); Third place: Marilyn Rest (Abe Lincoln). Many thanks to all who participated. Your costumes were great! My best to all for a happy, healthy and kosher Pesach!

Mark J. Schechter

Yizkor Service

The Yizkor Memorial Services will be conducted on the last day of Passover, **THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009**. Please note that there will be only one complete service with Yizkor recited two times – during and after that service.

**Services
Start at:**
9:00 A.M.

**Yizkor
Starts at:**
10:45 A.M.
12:00 Noon



Purim Party Costume Winners

from the
RABBI



An elderly woman and a teenage boy were waiting at the taxi stand of a major metropolitan airport. After they had entered the cab and started on their journey, the cabbie asked where they had been. "We have been in Israel," she said. "How wonderful," he responded. "Did you see the Western Wall?" "No." "Did you see Masada?" "No." "Did you see Haifa?" "No," she said. Baffled by these negative answers, the driver lapsed into silence. A moment later, the woman spoke up. "I did not see any of these places because I am blind," she explained. "But, I took my grandson with me and he described them. So, while I didn't see them, I really felt them."

Indeed, seeing is something secondary to feeling. We were not physically present at the exodus from Egypt, but we crossed the Red Sea with the Israelites. We did not actually stand at the foot of Sinai when the Torah was given; yet, we were participants. Most of us did not personally experience the Holocaust; yet, our souls are seared forever by the flames of Auschwitz. In 1948, when the State of Israel was proclaimed, we may not have actually been there; yet, we stood by our brothers and sisters then and we have shared in every crisis and triumph that has followed.

Powerful emotions unite us and bind us to our Jewish past and our Jewish future.

Rabbi Stanley E. Kroll



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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WEEK-DAY BIBLE STUDY SESSION NOW BEGINS AT 1:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY MINCHA AT 1:30 P.M.

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SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 3, 2009

10:15 A.M.

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For further information, please contact the synagogue office at
(312) 346-7370

Coffee and pastries will be served at 9:30 A.M.

Stanley E. Kroll
Rabbi

Mark J. Schechter
President



On February 7th, **Herbert Berg** hosted a Shabbos Kiddush Luncheon in honor of **Mark Schechter's** birthday.



Mazel Tov and best wishes to **Donald & Gail Segal** on the birth of their first grandchild, **Jonah Kaleb Segal**, born February 19th. The proud parents are **Adam & Gretchen Segal**. May **Jonah** be a constant source of *nachas* for the entire family.



On March 3rd, **Ray Lavin** sponsored a breakfast in observance of the *yahrzeit* of his mother, **Joan Lavin**, of blessed memory.



On March 9th, the **Chicago Loop Synagogue** hosted the Annual Purim Party. Following the reading of the Megillah, our guests enjoyed wonderful food, hamantaschen and treats. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes. It was truly a fun filled evening!



On March 18th, **Bill Posternack** sponsored a breakfast in observance of the *yahrzeit* of his father, **Louis Posternack**, of blessed memory.



On March 23rd, **Ronald & David Harris** sponsored a breakfast in observance of the *yahrzeit* of their father, **Milton Harris**, of blessed memory.

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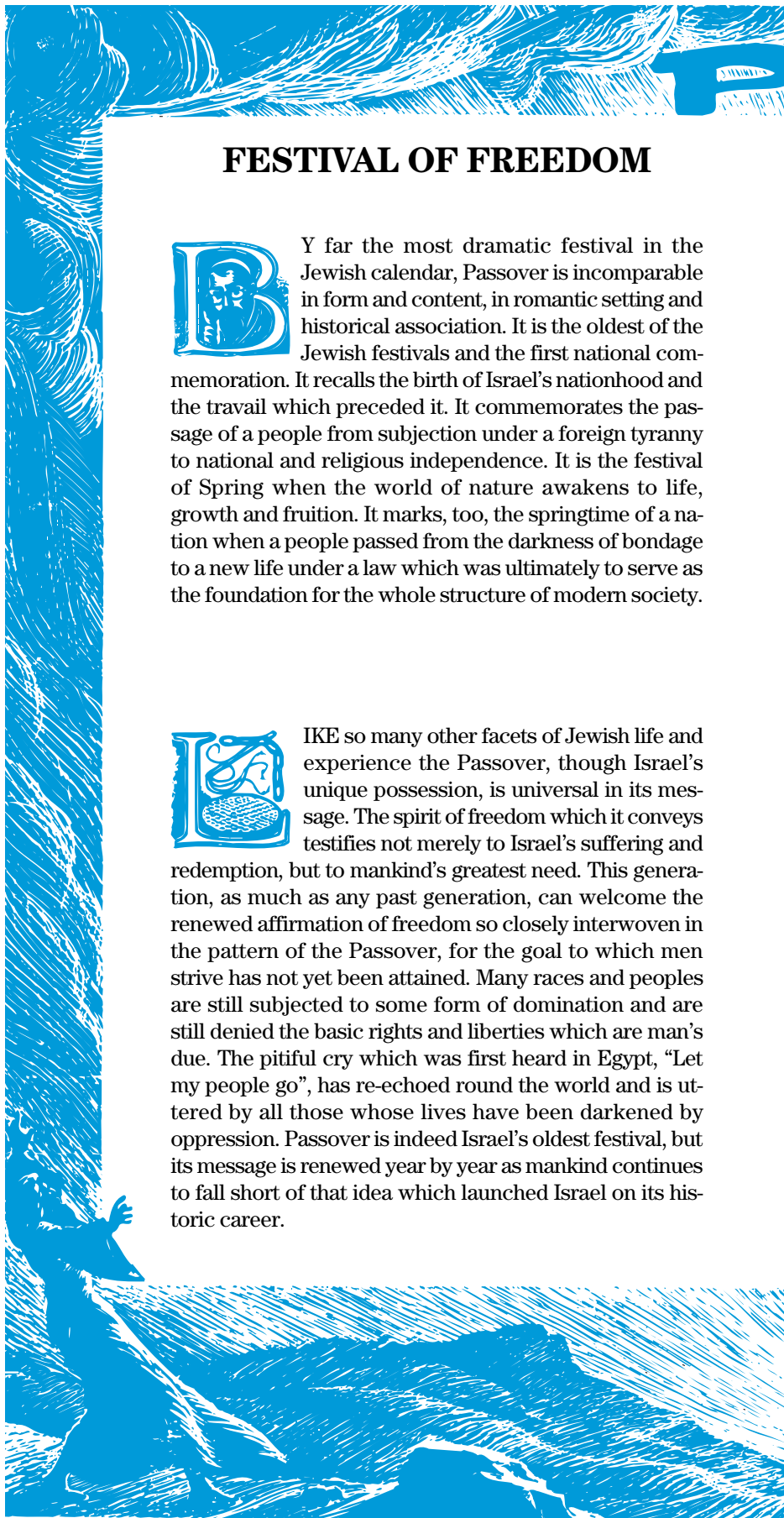
FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM



BY far the most dramatic festival in the Jewish calendar, Passover is incomparable in form and content, in romantic setting and historical association. It is the oldest of the Jewish festivals and the first national commemoration. It recalls the birth of Israel's nationhood and the travail which preceded it. It commemorates the passage of a people from subjection under a foreign tyranny to national and religious independence. It is the festival of Spring when the world of nature awakens to life, growth and fruition. It marks, too, the springtime of a nation when a people passed from the darkness of bondage to a new life under a law which was ultimately to serve as the foundation for the whole structure of modern society.



LIKE so many other facets of Jewish life and experience the Passover, though Israel's unique possession, is universal in its message. The spirit of freedom which it conveys testifies not merely to Israel's suffering and redemption, but to mankind's greatest need. This generation, as much as any past generation, can welcome the renewed affirmation of freedom so closely interwoven in the pattern of the Passover, for the goal to which men strive has not yet been attained. Many races and peoples are still subjected to some form of domination and are still denied the basic rights and liberties which are man's due. The pitiful cry which was first heard in Egypt, "Let my people go", has re-echoed round the world and is uttered by all those whose lives have been darkened by oppression. Passover is indeed Israel's oldest festival, but its message is renewed year by year as mankind continues to fall short of that idea which launched Israel on its historic career.





Passover



UT even though the message of the Passover is universal in application, it is essentially a domestic celebration. The family gathers round the parental table. The children enjoy pride of place. All efforts are turned to stimulating their interest and arousing their curiosity. The mode of celebration is educational in character, for the father's duty is to expound the theme of the Exodus, to enliven its narration and to explain its meaning in the light of current experience. Rich in historical associations, the order of the **Seder** ritual (the home service on the first two evenings of Passover) is traceable to the earliest days of Jewish national history. The **Haggadah**, the most popular of all orders of service for use in the home at the **Seder**, has enjoyed the attention of scholars, poets and artists of countless generations. No book has been elaborated upon with greater love.



UR story lives and is lived by those who tell it. The old wine-stained **Haggadah**, passed on from one generation to the next, evokes the picture of generations of parents retelling the ancient epic to their children and in the telling comparing the events of the past with the tribulations of the moment. This consciousness of the continuity of history is part of the **Seder's** inspiration. The measure of yearning for the ultimate freedom which shall be complete and absolute is written large in this compact ritual. The message of hope for the future redemption passes from father to son in the course of the narration and in the replies which are given to children's questions.



ONG is our memory and tenacious. It cannot forget past suffering. Even the wine stains which recall the **Seder** celebrations of one's forebears impel recollection of the blood-stained pages of Jewish history. Yet, the memory of those sufferings has not warped the mind of the Jew. He clings to the faith which a glorious past engendered and the recollection of that past breeds hope for the future. Sentiment and faith preserve that hope for future generations. The **Seder** projects its celebrants into the uncharted times to come, just as the Passover liturgy of the Synagogue sings of the "Passover of the future".



HOPE is the motif of Passover. Indeed, as the Jewish philosopher Philo wrote in the first century of the Common Era, the Festival of Freedom, set as it is against the background of the springtime, bears eloquent testimony to a rich hopefulness. The fresh blossom, the warming rays of the Spring sunshine and the comforting verdure clothing the fields offer renewed hope for the harvests yet to come. Israel enters into the spirit of the festival in the month of Spring with reborn optimism.

**Adapted from "A Guide to Passover" by Isaac Levy*

Passover Particulars

Siyyum

In commemoration of the deliverance of the Jewish First-born at the time of the Exodus from Egypt, the eve of the festival is observed as the “Fast of the First-born.” First-born male children customarily observe this fast unless they participate in the completion of the study of a volume of the Talmud. This is known as a **siyyum**. At the **siyyum**, the rabbi completes the study of a tractate of the Talmud and invites the first-born to share the celebration with him – thereby exempting them from fasting. The **siyyum** at the Synagogue will be held after the morning services on **Wednesday, April 8th at 8:35 A.M.**

Mo’os Chitim

It is traditional for Jews, who have been blessed by the Almighty with His bounty, to make sure that their less fortunate brethren have all that is necessary to celebrate a joyous Passover. Special funds for this purpose known as **Mo’os Chitim** are collected in synagogues throughout the world. The Chicago Loop Synagogue participates in this activity. If you would like to make a contribution to the **Mo’os Chitim** Fund, please mail it directly to the Synagogue or bring it in personally and earmark it accordingly. These funds will be distributed by the Synagogue to the many individuals and institutions whose Passover will be more joyous because of your generosity.

Passover Guide

Copies of the **Passover Guide**, published by the Chicago Rabbinical Council, are available from the Synagogue without charge. This booklet contains a listing of approved Passover foods, as well as much helpful information concerning proper observance of the holiday.

The Rabbi will be happy to answer any specific questions you may have about Passover observances or to provide guidance in conducting your own Passover Seder.

“Mechiras Chometz”

Biblical injunction provides that on Passover “no leaven may be seen **with thee**.” This was interpreted by the Rabbis to mean that the prohibition applies only when **chometz** is legally within **thy** possession. If, however, it passes out of the Jew’s ownership, it ceases to be his responsibility. Particularly in a complicated modern society where it is not possible to physically dispose of all leaven, the practice has arisen of effecting a legal transfer of ownership. This is done by authorizing the rabbi to make such a transfer. If you wish to have this done, please append your signature to the form below and mail it to the Synagogue or arrange to sign the form which will be available in the Synagogue office. This form must be received by the morning of **April 8th**. There is no charge for this service, although it is customary to make a contribution to the **Mo’os Chitim** Fund.

I hereby authorize Rabbi Stanley E. Kroll to act as my agent in effecting the transfer of any leaven or mixtures or derivative of leaven which are in my possession or for which I am legally responsible or which may be in my possession on the 14th day of Nisan of the year 5769, together with the premises on which they are located in accordance with all the requirements of the Jewish religious law.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

I am enclosing \$ _____ for the Mo’os Chitim Fund.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR PASSOVER

**Wednesday, April 8th
(Passover Eve)**

Shachris.....8:05 A.M.
 Mincha1:30; 4:45 P.M.
 Maariv5:00 P.M.

**Thursday & Friday, April 9th & 10th
(First and Second Days of Passover)**

Shachris.....9:00 A.M.
 Mincha4:45 P.M.
 Maariv5:00 P.M.

**Saturday, April 11th
(Shabbat Chol Hamoed)**

Shachris.....9:00 A.M.
 Mincha5:00 P.M.
 Maariv*5:30 P.M.

**Sunday, April 12th
(Second Intermediate Day of Passover)**

Shachris.....9:15 A.M.
 Mincha4:30 P.M.
 Maariv4:45 P.M.

**Monday & Tuesday, April 13th & 14th
(Third & Fourth Intermediate Days of Passover)**

Shachris.....7:45A.M.
 Mincha 1:30; 4:45 P.M.
 Maariv5:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, April 15th
(Seventh Day of Passover)**

Shachris.9:00 A.M.
 Mincha.....4:45 P.M.
 Maariv5:00 P.M.

**Thursday, April 16th
(Eighth Day of Passover)**

Shachris.9:00 A.M.
 Yizkor10:45 & 12:00 Noon
 Mincha.....4:45 P.M.
 Maariv*5:00 P.M.

Note: * While Maariv Services are conducted at this time, the Sabbath or Holiday does not terminate until 8:00 P.M. on April 11th and 8:05 P.M. on April 16th.

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