Passover: Oldest lib movement

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Passover is mankind's oldest liberation movement.

Jowish people everywhere are now preparing to elebrate the springtime holiday which marks the exodus of the Jewish people from bondage in ancient Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

This year the holiday will start on Saturdav-evening, April 2 and be observed through Sunday, April 10. The first two mights of Passover are known as "Seder nights."

"Seder" means order and the ritual followed on Seder nights is found in the "Hagagadh", a booklet which recounts the story of Passover.

Included in the Seder are custom-ary ceremonies like the asking of the four questions by the youngest male present and partaking of the festive

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No saven is eaten during the eight days of Passover and the traditional round match or unleavened bread rejeaces bread Other substitutes are used for foods which may have a dought nottle.

Leaviened foods are known as "chometz" and include pasteries, beer, stochett: and cereals Prior to the holiday, the Jewish home is cleared of such items. There are detailed laws for the removal of chometz from the home and these are strictly observed.

THE CUSTOMS serve as a strong THE CUSTOMS serve as a strong reminder of the story of Passover. In the Hebrew year of 2448, the Jewish nation was set free from bondage under the Pharoah, the King of Gypt Fearing the Israelites as a greatly increasing population in his land might one day overtake the Pharoah's throne, the Egyptian ruler had enslaved the Jewish men.



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Realizing that this did not stop the Jewish women from giving birth. Pharoah had every Jewish boy born drowned in the Nile.

Spared from this awful law was Moses, who was put in a basket of tar and pitch and set to float on the water. His sister Miriam watched the Law of the state of the state of the state of the thing to the palace Pharoah loterated the unbringing of the abandoned child miss palace. When Moses grew up. he found himself concerned with his people saw the ensiavement of his brothers. He will be sufficiently an innocent Jetutal scene wherein an innocent Jetutal sc

There he became a shepard. One day, he noticed a burning bush which won-derously was not consumed. Here Moses encountered the presence of God and he communicated with him.

God told Moses to set the Jewish na God told Moses to set the Jewish na-tion free of bondage that he would give him power to perform miracles and plagues to achieve this. Moses returned to Egypt and de-manded an audience with the Pha-roah

The Egyptian promptly turned down a request to free the Jewish people.

A SERIES of plagues and miracles ensued All water meant for Egyptian use was turned into blood, yet it remained pure for use of the Jews. Pharoah pleaded for relief and promised Moses freedom Qor his people, but he failed to keep the promise when the plague was lifted.

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Other plagues included frogs, lice, wild beasts and pestilence, boils, hall locusts, darkness and finally, the plague of the death of the first born. Repeatedly Pharoah promised freedom and recanted.

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On the night of the slaying of the first born Egyptians, each Jewish family held a feast which included the eating of the paschal lamb. The blood of the lamb was spread on the doorpost and every home with this symbol was "passed-over." by the angel of death.

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Pharoah ran frantically in search of Moses and grant the Jewish nation leave from Egypt and hurried them out of his land.

So rushed were the Israelites, they had no time to prepare much food for their journey. The cakes of unleavened bread that they had baked in haste, are now known as matzohs. The Egyptians once again forgot their terror of the God of Israel and pursued the former slaves with vengeance. The Israelites raced to the sea instructed by God, Moses held his staff above the water and miraculously the sea parted, and the Jewish nation crossed. When the Egyptians followed, the waters rushed down on them drowning the pursusers consequent the last.

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The festive observance of the last days of Passover recalls the splitting of the sea



Farmington Hills resident Morton Hack was recently elected president of the Prescription Footwar Association at a recent annual meeting. Hack is a past president of the Greater Detroit Shoe Retailers Association and of the Michigan Shoe Association. He is the president of the Hack Shoe Co., a family-owned business operating in the Detroit area for more than 60 years, currently with five stores in the metropolitian area. stores in the metropolitan area.

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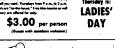


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