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Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, observed that "Passover, the festival of freedom, reminds us that the concerted effort of all in the free world is still required to keep that world free and to help free those who are enslaved physically and spiritually." Noting that this Passover in Israel will find some 15,000 new immigrants from the Soviet Union enjoying their new freedom, Rabbi Miller said: "In the forefront of our major concern for freedom is the fate of Soviet Jewry asking for the right to return to their homeland, as well as the plight of Jews in Arab lands. Zionists will both lead and join in their just struggle so that next year all will be free."

From A Whisper To A Clamor

Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, expressed appreciation that thousands of Soviet Jews were permitted to emigrate but called upon the Soviet authorities "to make it clear to their Jewish citizens that they are free to acknowledge their religious heritage to pursue their cultural and religious traditions without fear and to develop as free human beings." Rabbi Berzon added that those who wish to emigrate "must be granted that right, but the emigration of the few cannot condone the repression of the majority. Freedom implies the right to make a choice: a choice of residence, a choice of belief, a choice of life style."

Harold Friedman, president of the United Hias Service, said that "At Passover our hearts and minds turn to our brethren in distant lands who still live in conditions of fear and degradation. We are encouraged by current signs of fresh hope and promise. A substantial emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union is occurring. What began as a whisper has developed into a world wide clamor to let these people go--go anywhere in the world where they can live as free Jews."

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, called on rabbis and Jewish leaders to urge their people to use "Shmurah Matzos" on the Passover holiday.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe said, "The preparation of matzoh for the fulfillment of the sacred mitzvah is regulated by a variety of laws of which the average layman is unaware. The custom of the rabbi's sending Shmurah Matzos to members of his community insured their being able to fulfill the detailed requirements of the law. Though this custom has been discontinued in many areas, I would like to see it restored."

Liberty Cannot Be Destroyed

Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, noted that "the most exciting manifestation of courage in the face of authoritarianism is that manifested by the Jews of the Soviet Union....The story of Soviet Jewry stands as an eternal reminder that liberty, though suppressed, cannot be destroyed." Rabbi Berkowitz also stated that the demand, "Let My People Go," is also a top priority demand in Syria, Iraq and other Arab countries "where Jews are not accorded elementary human rights." In the United States, he added, "the message of freedom linked with responsibility must be directed to vocal segments of our young people."

Mrs. Earl Marvin, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, called on its members

to pray for peace at this Passover season. "Let us as Jewish women join in prayer for a spirit of compassion and understanding among humanity today to wipe out all divisiveness, hostility and violence inimical to our Jewish heritage and destructive to our world peace," she said.

Rabbi Bernard Poupko, national president of the Religious Zionists of America, also referred to Soviet Jews in his Passover message. "We Jews are not strangers to miracles which are woven into the fabric of our history and our destiny," he said, "Yet there are very few miracles in Jewish history which compare to the miracle of the religious and national re-awakening of Soviet Jewry, their courageous and total identification with the State of Israel and the people of Israel, and, of course, their arrival in impressive numbers in our ancient homeland."

Just Peace Throughout World

Rabbi Judah Nadich, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, expressed hope that President Nixon's visit to Russia in May would advance the cause of peace, particularly in the Middle East and would lead to "the expansion of the right to emigrate for those Russian Jews who choose to do so and the affirmation of the religious and cultural autonomy of those who choose to remain." Rabbi Nadich said, "The Passover festival, with its recurrent theme of hope and freedom for all men, shall see Jews of the entire world praying that the Russian-American meetings shall usher in generations of peace."

Mrs. David M. Levitt, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, noted that the Passover holiday is "dedicated to freedom and dignity for all men," and said "We pray for a just peace in the Middle East and Southeast Asia; the granting of religious and cultural freedom to our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union, including the right of emigration and return; and a rebirth of freedom everywhere."

Mrs. Henry Rapaport, president of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue, said that the Passover message of freedom implies more than freedom from physical bondage. It is the dimension of freedom of choice "which gives man direction over his life and veto power over his own desires which distinguishes man from the animal and makes morality possible. This freedom lies in our willingness to make the hard decisions in accepting self discipline as a way of life," she said.

Assimilation, Apathy Main Enemies

Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, warned that the "vision of human freedom rooted in the American concept of life must not be set aside in seeking peaceful co-existence with nations governed by totalitarian regimes." He cited the experience of Jews in the Soviet Union as demonstrating how "over fifty years of totalitarian terror could not succeed in extirpating the will to freedom from the hearts of men." Rabbi Karasick also called upon American Jews to further strengthen ties with Israel and particularly its religious development.

Rabbi David Pollish, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, declared that the contemporary fight in America is against assimilation and apathy "which has seized the mainstream of American Jewry." He noted that while fund-raising for Israel and its needs must remain a prime concern, "we must reunite laymen and rabbis together to assume the building of a new cadre of American Jews, Jewishly committed and educated."

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called for a new coalition between Jews and Blacks to reduce tensions and jointly achieve improved conditions for both in American society. He stated that "cooperation between Jews and Blacks on a national and community level can achieve better housing, jobs and education."

Meyer Pesin, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, recalled the role of the JNF, the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, which in the first years of the organized Zionist movement provided the tool to redeem the land in Israel. "Our beloved Fund is performing much the same tasks as it did 70 years ago, but on a much vaster and grander scale," he stated. "The Jewish National Fund has earned and needs the continued and increased support of world Jewry...in the restoration of Israel to its challenging place in the world today."

LINDSAY: PASSOVER IS FOR ALL PEOPLE

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay said today in a Passover message that the story of Passover "has relevance to our own day" and that "the elements out of which the holiday emerged are still with us." He declared that "the struggle against oppression goes on in the Soviet Union and in Arab lands." He added that Israel "remains a beacon of hope for Jews from different parts of the world, from lands where they are denied their full rights as citizens."

The Mayor added that the meaning of Passover was "not alone for the Jewish people but for all people, for at the core of it is the desire of every human being to live a decent and meaningful life, to have a sense of identity as an individual and as a member of a group, to live in peace and without fear of the future." In that "very deep sense," Lindsay said, "Passover is a universal holiday."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

BONN (JTA)--The Hamburg State Prosecutor has asked for witnesses to testify against former Nazis who participated in the mass murder of Jews in the concentration camps of Tarawnik and Krasnik in Poland and the forced Nazi labor camp at Lublin Airport in Poland in the spring of 1944. The Prosecutor asked for witnesses who could relate the manner in which the inmates were liquidated. Former members of the SS and the former chief of Nazi police at Lublin will soon face a Hamburg tribunal.

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BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, arriving here several days ago on a goodwill mission, was presented with a message from the Latin American Jewish Congress exhorting him to act decisively to extradite Klaus Altmann who is believed to be the former "butcher of Lyons" Klaus Barbie. The message, signed by Dr. Isaac Goldenberg and Marc Turkow, president and secretary general respectively of the Congress, remind Schumann of his wartime role as an anti-Nazi combatant.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The 24th birthday of Israel will be celebrated here with an evening of entertainment on April 18 at the Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, it was announced by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, sponsor of the celebration. Mrs. Faye Schenk, Hadassah president will be chairman of the event.

SEDERS FOR AGED, INFIRM, POOR, STUDENTS, ARRANGED BY AGENCIES

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA)--Special arrangements have been planned by Jewish communities throughout the United States to assure that the old, the infirm, the poor and college students away from home will have the opportunity--like their millions of fellow-Jews throughout the world--to enjoy traditional seder observances. One thousand of New York City's indigent Jewish elderly will observe Passover at seders through arrangements by the Jewish Association of Services for the Aged and the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Lawrence Buttenweiser, Federation president, said the program was one of many planned annually by the Federation's 130 hospitals, homes for the aged, recreational centers and other agencies to serve Jews of all ages during Passover. The Passover program includes Federation agencies in Westchester and Long Island. The Federation's Joint Passover Association is helping more than 5000 needy and aged Jews and Hasidic families, with monetary grants to buy Passover food and other requirements for the traditional seder.

In cooperation with Federation's New York Society for the Deaf, adult deaf and deaf-blind Jews will join in a seder April 2, sponsored by the Hebrew Association for the Deaf and conducted in sign language. JASA officials said special attention would be paid to the limbless, wheelchair bound and otherwise disabled elderly with special transportation facilities to take them to and from the seders.

Students Sponsor Passover Events

Among the celebrations of the Hillel unit at the University of California at Los Angeles, one of 38 area campuses assisted by the Los Angeles Hillel Council, home hospitality is being arranged for out-of-town students for the first seder night and throughout Passover. Hillel's "Matzo Mobile" will be on the UCLA campus on April 3 and 4 to distribute Passover lunches prepared by Hillel students.

Hillel Extension will sponsor a variety of Passover events on the 33 campuses it serves in the Los Angeles area. Members of the Hillel unit at Pierce College will be joined by students from the new Poorpark College campus for an "ecology walk" along the coastline, cleaning refuse from the beach. They will then conduct a creative seder service they wrote themselves.

The chaplaincy service of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, plans seders in 20 hospitals and penal institutions and is providing matzos and other Passover foods and gift packages to some 1600 patients and inmates in Southern California institutions. The Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles is providing special allowances for Passover needs, including dishes and clothing, for newly-settled immigrants.

Nursery school pupils in Jewish Centers Association member centers are baking matzos and holding miniature seders. The JCA reported also that many of the six centers are conducting community services, particularly for single persons, newcomers to the Los Angeles Jewish community and those away from home.

Legislators Write to Soviet Jews

Some 2000 guests are expected Saturday night at the 40th annual "Third Seder" of the Greater New York Histadrut Council in New York. The seder will feature an original Haggadah, "Song of the Valley," starring Ida Kaminska, former head of the Yiddish Theater in Warsaw. Rep. Edward I. Koch,

New York Democrat-Liberal, will be the principal speaker at the event April 1. The International Union of Councils for Soviet Jews said it expected to exceed its goal of one million holiday greeting cards to Jews in the Soviet Union. SI Frumkin of Los Angeles, a UCSJ vice-chairman, reported that more than 600,000 greeting cards had been mailed to Soviet Jews since February of 1971.

In Washington, Rep. Florence P. Dwyer (R, N.J.) said she had joined with a number of Senators and Representatives in personally writing to Soviet Jews and sending them Jewish religious publications in Russian and Hebrew languages. The Washington Council for Soviet Jewry said that the legislators included Senators Harrison A. Williams Jr. (D, N.J.), Edward J. Gurney (R, Fla.), Vance Hartke (D, Ind.), Roman L. Hruska (R, Neb.), John G. Tower (R, Texas), James L. Buckley (Cons., R, N.Y.), and Representatives Shirley Chisholm (D.N.Y.) and Hugh J. Carey (D.N.Y.)

The Judaic Heritage Society of New York said it was reviving this year a centuries-old tradition of sterling silver family Passover plates to be handed down from generation to generation. A 1972 Passover plate by Chaim Gross is the first in this annual series, officials said. The edition is limited to 5000, reserved mainly for Society subscribers. The B'nai B'rith in Montreal announced that volunteers from its lodges and chapters have been packaging and delivering Passover food baskets to more than 500 needy families.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--The United States is asking \$40 million in aid to Jordan for fiscal 1972-73, beginning July 1, State Department Spokesman Charles Bray said Tuesday. This compares with \$45 million for 1971-72. Bray said the US was also seeking \$50 million in aid to Israel in 1972-73, the same as the fiscal year ending June 30.

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Jewish State, burns as brightly as in Moses' time."

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, observed that "Passover, the festival of freedom, reminds us that the concerted effort of all in the free world is still required to keep that world free and to help free those who are enslaved physically and spiritually." Noting that this Passover in Israel will find some 15,000 new immigrants from the Soviet Union enjoying their new freedom, Rabbi Miller said: "In the forefront of our major concern for freedom is the fate of Soviet Jewry asking for the right to return to their homeland, as well as the plight of Jews in Arab lands. Zionists will both lead and join in their just struggle so that next year all will be free."

From A Whisper To A Clamor

Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, expressed appreciation that thousands of Soviet Jews were permitted to emigrate but called upon the Soviet authorities "to make it clear to their Jewish citizens that they are free to acknowledge their religious heritage to pursue their cultural and religious traditions without fear and to develop as free human beings." Rabbi Berzon added that those who wish to emigrate "must be granted that right, but the emigration of the few cannot condone the repression of the majority. Freedom implies the right to make a choice: a choice of residence, a choice of belief, a choice of life style."

Harold Friedman, president of the United Hias Service, said that "At Passover our hearts and minds turn to our brethren in distant lands who still live in conditions of fear and degradation. We are encouraged by current signs of fresh hope and promise. A substantial emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union is occurring. What began as a whisper has developed into a world wide clamor to let these people go--go anywhere in the world where they can live as free Jews."

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, called on rabbis and Jewish leaders to urge their people to use "Shmurah Matzos" on the Passover holiday.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe said, "The preparation of matzoh for the fulfillment of the sacred mitzvah is regulated by a variety of laws of which the average layman is unaware. The custom of the rabbi's sending Shmurah Matzos to members of his community insured their being able to fulfill the detailed requirements of the law. Though this custom has been discontinued in many areas, I would like to see it restored."

Liberty Cannot Be Destroyed

Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, noted that "the most exciting manifestation of courage in the face of authoritarianism is that manifested by the Jews of the Soviet Union....The story of Soviet Jewry stands as an eternal reminder that liberty, though suppressed, cannot be destroyed." Rabbi Berkowitz also stated that the demand, "Let My People Go," is also a top priority demand in Syria, Iraq and other Arab countries "where Jews are not accorded elementary human rights." In the United States, he added, "the message of freedom linked with responsibility must be directed to vocal segments of our young people."

Mrs. Earl Marvin, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, called on its members

to pray for peace at this Passover season. "Let us as Jewish women join in prayer for a spirit of compassion and understanding among humanity today to wipe out all divisiveness, hostility and violence inimical to our Jewish heritage and destructive to our world peace," she said.

Rabbi Bernard Poupko, national president of the Religious Zionists of America, also referred to Soviet Jews in his Passover message. "We Jews are not strangers to miracles which are woven into the fabric of our history and our destiny," he said, "Yet there are very few miracles in Jewish history which compare to the miracle of the religious and national re-awakening of Soviet Jewry, their courageous and total identification with the State of Israel and the people of Israel, and, of course, their arrival in impressive numbers in our ancient homeland."

Just Peace Throughout World

Rabbi Judah Nadich, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, expressed hope that President Nixon's visit to Russia in May would advance the cause of peace, particularly in the Middle East and would lead to "the expansion of the right to emigrate for those Russian Jews who choose to do so and the affirmation of the religious and cultural autonomy of those who choose to remain." Rabbi Nadich said, "The Passover festival, with its recurrent theme of hope and freedom for all men, shall see Jews of the entire world praying that the Russian-American meetings shall usher in generations of peace."

Mrs. David M. Levitt, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, noted that the Passover holiday is "dedicated to freedom and dignity for all men," and said "We pray for a just peace in the Middle East and Southeast Asia; the granting of religious and cultural freedom to our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union, including the right of emigration and return; and a rebirth of freedom everywhere."

Mrs. Henry Rapaport, president of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue, said that the Passover message of freedom implies more than freedom from physical bondage. It is the dimension of freedom of choice "which gives man direction over his life and veto power over his own desires which distinguishes man from the animal and makes morality possible. This freedom lies in our willingness to make the hard decisions in accepting self discipline as a way of life," she said.

Assimilation, Apathy Main Enemies

Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, warned that the "vision of human freedom rooted in the American concept of life must not be set aside in seeking peaceful co-existence with nations governed by totalitarian regimes." He cited the experience of Jews in the Soviet Union as demonstrating how "over fifty years of totalitarian terror could not succeed in extirpating the will to freedom from the hearts of men." Rabbi Karasick also called upon American Jews to further strengthen ties with Israel and particularly its religious development.

Rabbi David Pollish, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, declared that the contemporary fight in America is against assimilation and apathy "which has seized the mainstream of American Jewry." He noted that while fund-raising for Israel and its needs must remain a prime concern, "we must reunite laymen and rabbis together to assume the building of a new cadre of American Jews, Jewishly committed and educated."

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called for a new coalition between Jews and Blacks to reduce tensions and jointly achieve improved conditions for both in American society. He stated that "cooperation between Jews and Blacks on a national and community level can achieve better housing, jobs and education."

Meyer Pesin, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, recalled the role of the JNF, the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, which in the first years of the organized Zionist movement provided the tool to redeem the land in Israel. "Our beloved Fund is performing much the same tasks as it did 70 years ago, but on a much vaster and grander scale," he stated. "The Jewish National Fund has earned and needs the continued and increased support of world Jewry...in the restoration of Israel to its challenging place in the world today."

LINDSAY: PASSOVER IS FOR ALL PEOPLE

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay said today in a Passover message that the story of Passover "has relevance to our own day" and that "the elements out of which the holiday emerged are still with us." He declared that "the struggle against oppression goes on in the Soviet Union and in Arab lands." He added that Israel "remains a beacon of hope for Jews from different parts of the world, from lands where they are denied their full rights as citizens."

The Mayor added that the meaning of Passover was "not alone for the Jewish people but for all people, for at the core of it is the desire of every human being to live a decent and meaningful life, to have a sense of identity as an individual and as a member of a group, to live in peace and without fear of the future." In that "very deep sense," Lindsay said, "Passover is a universal holiday."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

BONN (JTA)--The Hamburg State Prosecutor has asked for witnesses to testify against former Nazis who participated in the mass murder of Jews in the concentration camps of Tarawnik and Krasnik in Poland and the forced Nazi labor camp at Lublin Airport in Poland in the spring of 1944. The Prosecutor asked for witnesses who could relate the manner in which the inmates were liquidated. Former members of the SS and the former chief of Nazi police at Lublin will soon face a Hamburg tribunal.

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BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, arriving here several days ago on a goodwill mission, was presented with a message from the Latin American Jewish Congress exhorting him to act decisively to extradite Klaus Altmann who is believed to be the former "butcher of Lyons" Klaus Barbie. The message, signed by Dr. Isaac Goldenberg and Marc Turkow, president and secretary general respectively of the Congress, remind Schumann of his wartime role as an anti-Nazi combatant.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The 24th birthday of Israel will be celebrated here with an evening of entertainment on April 18 at the Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, it was announced by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, sponsor of the celebration. Mrs. Faye Schenk, Hadassah president will be chairman of the event.

SEDERS FOR AGED, INFIRM, POOR, STUDENTS, ARRANGED BY AGENCIES

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA)--Special arrangements have been planned by Jewish communities throughout the United States to assure that the old, the infirm, the poor and college students away from home will have the opportunity--like their millions of fellow-Jews throughout the world--to enjoy traditional seder observances. One thousand of New York City's indigent Jewish elderly will observe Passover at seders through arrangements by the Jewish Association of Services for the Aged and the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Lawrence Buttenweiser, Federation president, said the program was one of many planned annually by the Federation's 130 hospitals, homes for the aged, recreational centers and other agencies to serve Jews of all ages during Passover. The Passover program includes Federation agencies in Westchester and Long Island. The Federation's Joint Passover Association is helping more than 5000 needy and aged Jews and Hasidic families, with monetary grants to buy Passover food and other requirements for the traditional seder.

In cooperation with Federation's New York Society for the Deaf, adult deaf and deaf-blind Jews will join in a seder April 2, sponsored by the Hebrew Association for the Deaf and conducted in sign language. JASA officials said special attention would be paid to the limbless, wheelchair bound and otherwise disabled elderly with special transportation facilities to take them to and from the seders.

Students Sponsor Passover Events

Among the celebrations of the Hillel unit at the University of California at Los Angeles, one of 38 area campuses assisted by the Los Angeles Hillel Council, home hospitality is being arranged for out-of-town students for the first seder night and throughout Passover. Hillel's "Matzo Mobile" will be on the UCLA campus on April 3 and 4 to distribute Passover lunches prepared by Hillel students.

Hillel Extension will sponsor a variety of Passover events on the 33 campuses it serves in the Los Angeles area. Members of the Hillel unit at Pierce College will be joined by students from the new Poorpark College campus for an "ecology walk" along the coastline, cleaning refuse from the beach. They will then conduct a creative seder service they wrote themselves.

The chaplaincy service of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, plans seders in 20 hospitals and penal institutions and is providing matzos and other Passover foods and gift packages to some 1600 patients and inmates in Southern California institutions. The Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles is providing special allowances for Passover needs, including dishes and clothing, for newly-settled immigrants.

Nursery school pupils in Jewish Centers Association member centers are baking matzos and holding miniature seders. The JCA reported also that many of the six centers are conducting community services, particularly for single persons, newcomers to the Los Angeles Jewish community and those away from home.

Legislators Write to Soviet Jews

Some 2000 guests are expected Saturday night at the 40th annual "Third Seder" of the Greater New York Histadrut Council in New York. The seder will feature an original Haggadah, "Song of the Valley," starring Ida Kaminska, former head of the Yiddish Theater in Warsaw. Rep. Edward I. Koch,

New York Democrat-Liberal, will be the principal speaker at the event April 1. The International Union of Councils for Soviet Jews said it expected to exceed its goal of one million holiday greeting cards to Jews in the Soviet Union. SI Frumkin of Los Angeles, a UCSJ vice-chairman, reported that more than 600,000 greeting cards had been mailed to Soviet Jews since February of 1971.

In Washington, Rep. Florence P. Dwyer (R, N.J.) said she had joined with a number of Senators and Representatives in personally writing to Soviet Jews and sending them Jewish religious publications in Russian and Hebrew languages. The Washington Council for Soviet Jewry said that the legislators included Senators Harrison A. Williams Jr. (D, N.J.), Edward J. Gurney (R, Fla.), Vance Hartke (D, Ind.), Roman L. Hruska (R, Neb.), John G. Tower (R, Texas), James L. Buckley (Cons., R, N.Y.), and Representatives Shirley Chisholm (D.N.Y.) and Hugh J. Carey (D.N.Y.)

The Judaic Heritage Society of New York said it was reviving this year a centuries-old tradition of sterling silver family Passover plates to be handed down from generation to generation. A 1972 Passover plate by Chaim Gross is the first in this annual series, officials said. The edition is limited to 5000, reserved mainly for Society subscribers. The B'nai B'rith in Montreal announced that volunteers from its lodges and chapters have been packaging and delivering Passover food baskets to more than 500 needy families.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (JTA)--The United States is asking \$40 million in aid to Jordan for fiscal 1972-73, beginning July 1, State Department Spokesman Charles Bray said Tuesday. This compares with \$45 million for 1971-72. Bray said the US was also seeking \$50 million in aid to Israel in 1972-73, the same as the fiscal year ending June 30.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban is to meet Secretary of State William P. Rogers on April 21 and Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon is to meet him on May 4 it was learned here Wednesday. Both Ministers are going to the US for fund-raising functions.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who was feted by 3000 of his followers Sunday on the occasion of his 70th birthday, received Tuesday a personal emissary from President Nixon at his headquarters in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. Greetings from the White House were conveyed by the author Herman Wouk, whose grandfather was a Hasidic rabbi. Rabbi Schneerson was also visited by Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, who brought him birthday greetings from the Israel government. In addition, the Hasidic leader received emissaries from various states and municipalities all over the US and received keys to the city from London and from the Mayor of Milan, Italy.

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BONN (JTA)--Johann Hartmann, arrested last week in Colombia on suspicion of being Martin Bormann, Hitler's chief aide, has been invited to visit West Germany by the German Tourist Center in Frankfurt. The Center said Hartmann is a Jew who migrated to Colombia from Germany in 1926.