

# PASSOVER

## Tuesday, April 5



First Seder, Mon. NT. Apr. 4

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 SAT., March 19:  
 Services 9 a.m.  
 Jeffrey Joseph Bar Mitzvah.  
 SUN., March 20:  
 JWVA Installation, 7:30 p.m. (Not at Temple).  
 MON., March 21:  
 Hadassah Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

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## FRIDAY MARCH 18 5:33 P.M.

Adult Ed. Classes, 8:30 p.m.  
 WED., March 23:  
 Bridge Club, 8 p.m.

## Jewish People New Era

Noah Gordon, who has written a best-selling novel about the marriage of a rabbi and the daughter of a Protestant minister, believes a new era has begun for Jews in America.

"When I was a boy, I lived in a Jewish ghetto. There wasn't a family on the block that wasn't Jewish," he says.

Now the novelist lives with his wife and three children in a newly developed suburban neighborhood with a Protestant family on one side and a Roman Catholic family on the other.

"Now most Jews like other Americans — all facing the ovens together. Pressures that made the Jews, now exist for all of us," he said.

Gordon, 39, said there has been a surge of Jewish writers in the past decade, and this indicates to him that times have changed for American Jews.

He said he wanted his book, "The Rabbi," to differ from others in that it would avoid "that superneutotic, hysterical character hemmed in by the pressures of Jewishness and the rest of the world. But I didn't want to write about Mamma Goldberg either."

"The Rabbi" has been on best-seller lists for nearly seven

months. Despite its popularity, Gordon said, he has received letters from readers who objected to the accounts of Rabbi Michael Kind's sex life and the fact that he drinks liquor.

"But I'm not a public relations man for rabbis. Man is a sexual being and drinks liquor, and I feel I must write about this," he said, adding that what he was trying to express was the Jewish faith as a kind of maturing process, a personal commitment as an adult.

Although Gordon says prejudice against Jews has lessened, it has not disappeared. The book deals in part with that prejudice and with prejudice on the part of Jews toward others.

The animosity on the part of the Jewish women in Rabbi Kind's parish against his wife, Leslie, causes her to have a nervous breakdown.

Gordon, a reporter for the Boston Herald before he left the job three years ago to write the book, interviewed several rabbis and asked them what they thought of intermarriage and why. The book is a combination of their views and his own experiences.

Part of the background is provided by his grandmother's stories of her flight from a Russian ghetto and terror in crossing the Polish-Russian border.

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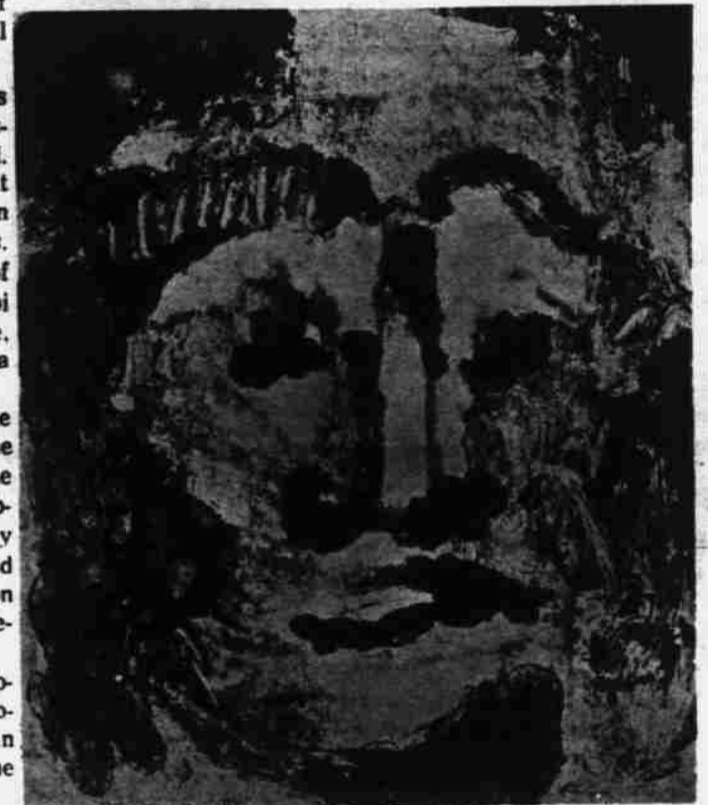
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