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Hebrew prayerbook, the Haggadah which retells the story of the Exodus in prayer, song and parable. Many of the beautifully illuminated Haggadahs in use today by modern Jews date back to the Middle Ages.

The ceremony is one which strongly emphasizes the participation of young children in Jewish ceremonial and communal life, for it is the youngest child who asks the Four Questions, the answers to which explain the difference between Passover night and all other nights, and the meaning of this holiday for Jewish people.

We who are privileged to live in America can especially appreciate and understand the blessing of liberty and freedom. We remember how the founding fathers struggled for freedom in the beginning of America as did our Jewish fathers at the beginning of our peoplehood.

And we take pride in the knowledge that the undying message of Passover - that freedom is a divine gift to be cherished and preserved - gave so much inspiration and encouragement to the creators of America as they sought independence and the great freedoms.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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reason for his action in maintaining a status quo in upholding a commitment for the wider scope of world opinion. It would not have been a good and final settlement, as one which we hope will be accomplished in time between Israel and the Arabs themselves.

We cringed when Eisenhower blandly admitted U. S. participation in the U-2 incident of a spy plane over Russia. It was never good international statesmanship for a leader of a nation to own up to responsibility for an action that causes embarrassment. It was just simple Eisenhower honesty. "All nations do it for security," he said at the time, "We were caught at it."

Some incidents come to mind of how Eisenhower kept his word and performed services that benefitted America and all mankind for untold generations to come.

He campaigned for the Presidency on the promise he would stop the war in Korea. He kept his promise and in the shortest time conceivable.

One of his little known dispositions has our greatest admiration. President Eisenhower ordered the desegregation of Washington D. C. Overnight it was an accomplished deed. He did not maintain, as so many others who profess to champion the cause of Civil Rights, that it would take time and had to be done by degree. President Eisenhower issued an order, and within hours, without fanfare or furor, Negroes were admitted to public places like hotels, restaurants, movies, etc. That's the story of a man who did what should be done.

It has been said that Eisenhower's aim and purpose in public life was in furthering benefits that accrued to all the Americans and never to any vested interests. He refused to allow the privilege of his high office to effect his principles. He never shirked responsibility. Can we say this of any other, past or present leader?

His personality and philosophy of life are reflected notably in the Eisenhower Center, in Abilene, Kansas, where he was born and where his body now reposes. We feel certain the former President, who spent much time in his latter years as a consultant and advisor for the Center during its formation, influenced its designation as a museum to be visited by all of every sect, religion and color.

President Eisenhower was a deeply religious man of the Christian Faith. But the building where he was laid to rest is neither a church, nor a designation of any religion. It is called, simply, Place of Meditation.

It is significant that he was buried on the first day of our Jewish Passover, during the Holy Week of the Christian Faith.

Eisenhower was truly a leader of all the people of America.

May he rest in peace.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Gen. Ezer Weizman, chief of the General Staff Branch of the Army, has confirmed reports that Israel has established a special command for the Sinai in addition to the existing south, central and northern commands.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The 13th annual Judah L. Magnes Scholarships at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, named for the institution's first president and given each year to Arab or Druse students for scholastic achievements, have been awarded to Yonas Abu-Rabiya of the Abu-Rabiya Bedouin tribe and Habib - Allah Mouhamad of Ein Mahel, near Nazareth.

NEW YORK -- Salim L. Lewis, prominent philanthropic and civic leader, has been named recipient of the 1969 Herbert H. Lehman Human Relations Award, sponsored by American Jewish Committee.

LOS ANGELES: - The Sixth Region of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States expressed its deep sympathy over the passing of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States.

NEW YORK -- The National Leadership Conference on Peace in the Middle East, in a major policy statement adopted by more than 600 delegates called on The Nixon Administration "to adhere to its policy of advocating a negotiated peace" between Israel and the Arab States and to reject "all proposals for a solution to be imposed from the outside."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel's exports to Iran totalled \$10.5 million in 1968. Iran, a Moslem nation with which Israel has friendly relations, is a major source of Israel's oil importation.

## Passover Blues

At this week's United Nations Security Council meeting, Charles W. Yost, Chief U. S. Delegate, took Israel to task for its "flagrant violation" of the Middle-East cease fire. At the same time, he castigated the Arab countries for allowing guerrilla activities and stating, for the first time in that official body, Arab governmental responsibility for such attacks.

Israel has its backs now to more than one body of water. While they seem secured against the Mediterranean, they are subject to sniper and artillery fire across the Suez. In Back of them here is Sinai, across which Moses is supposed to have led the Jews to Freedom. And there is the Red Sea. Wherever one turns in these historic areas of geography, there is a Jewish presence, the chronicle of a people released from bondage, the recording of a God who chose these people. It is hard to conceive, therefore, a time in history when Jews were not, in some way and quantity, indigenous to the Holy Land. They have more than squatter's rights. The whole Judaeo-Christian culture accepts their relationship with that part of the world.

The Arabs, who sold the modern Jews the land, at good prices, are now trying to erase this history. No matter what legalistic and politically-motivated formulae will be created at the U. N., it will be impossible to think of the Holy Land without the immediate association of the Jews. It is not for nothing that for many centuries, at Passover, the Jew has been saying "Next year Jerusalem." And even the Moslem tradition cannot deny this.

## Message From A Rabbi

Barry Dov Schwartz

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For more than two thousand years Passover (Pesach) has been considered by Jews everywhere to be the great holiday, the festival of redemption. It is also the Jewish holiday which is richest in symbolism; for no other holiday in the Jewish calendar abounds in so many ancient and meaningful ritualistic objects, food and ceremonies, all of which are intimately bound up with the nomadic origins of the Jewish people and their later development as a people. Very early in human history, the Jews transformed the ancient nature festivals into holidays with deep moral and religious significance.

Passover was originally a spring festival at the dawn of history when Jews were still nomadic shepherds in the wilderness. As time went by, however, it became an historic and national holiday, commemorating the deliverance of the Jewish people from their bondage in Egypt. For the Jews today it mirrors a hope for freedom and equality for all mankind.

This particular holiday abounds, too, in traditional ritual which is highly dramatic in content in remote parts of the world, such as the Caucasus and Morocco, where the departure from Egypt is actually re-enacted at one point in the ceremony.

The Passover Seder ceremony follows a special

## From Pascagoula

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Ever hear of a town named Pascagoula? America has some interesting city names. For example, there's Nagatoches, a name I have always been too embarrassed even to try to pronounce. Then there's Opelousas. That's in Louisiana. Well, back to Pascagoula. It's in the State of Mississippi, not far from Mobile on the beautiful road along the Gulf of Mexico that leads to New Orleans.

There's something more unusual in Pascagoula than the name of the town. There's an unusual woman there. She's not Jewish. She's Christian. She originated in England and lived through the blitz. Ever since she has been sensitive about evil. This woman gets angry when people say the Arab terrorists are like the underground fighters who resisted the Nazis. The Arab murderers, in her opinion, are more like Nazis, enjoying violence and bent on wiping out people. Remember that Arab hijackers who regaled the passengers with a tale of drinking Jewish blood and declaring it good? Would anyone call people like that fighters for justice.

The lady from Pascagoula doesn't. Indeed she sees Israel as waging the battle for righteousness in the world. What the Allies began in World War II the Israelis are continuing now, in her opinion.

So what does the lady do? Every time her shipyard-working husband gives her a few extra dollars, she sends the money off to Rabbi Harold Friedman, of the Conservative synagogue in Mobile and asks him to relay the money to the United Jewish Appeal. I read about this remarkable situation in the Bulletin of Rabbi P. Irving Bloom's Reform Congregation in Mobile. The item has since been reprinted in many other periodicals, including the Jewish Monitor, edited by Rabbi Joseph Gallinger of Birmingham.

In her letter the lady writes: "Whenever I want to get a luxury item for myself I avoid doing so and send the money to the UJA instead."

So far, according to Rabbi Friedman, the kindly lady has sent \$600. This in the last two years. What's the name of the Pascagoula lady? Rabbi Friedman won't tell because she wants her deed known, not her identity. Blessings on you, O Pascagoulan!

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