

New forms and emphases, differing from those practiced by the emigres from Europe, are now in vogue. Who remembers preparing the Pesachdicke borscht weeks in advance? Today we have Mother's, not mother's. Vanished from the American

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scene are all the tremendous preparations our mothers and grandmothers used to make. The once familiar sight, mostly in small communities, of the local shamas taking orders for Passover supplies, is gone. Yet in spite of all the American commercialisms concerned with easing the housewife's preparatory ch-

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he finally secrets the piece of matzoh. Whatever mystery surrounds its innovation, all the wise men now agree that the purpose of the game is to maintain the interest of the children in the Seder service until completion. Then the search and the happy shout of the lucky finder -- he is entitled to make any demand as a reward for finding the hidden treasure. Then there is the practice, still prevalent today among the pious, of conducting sing-a-longs far into the night. Their singing, often unmelodic, yet loud and resonant, expresses their happiness for the deliverance from bondage of the Jewish people. The following story from the Talmud has nothing to do with the celebration of Passover, but it might add a chuckle to your celebration.

ores, some of the games and by-play associated with the holiday are still practiced. Let's start with the traditional "search for chometz", which takes place on the eve of the holiday. No matter how thorough the mistress of the house has been in her cleaning activities--(did your grandmother have a vacuum cleaner?)--the master of the house is required to make the search. And to make certain that he finds some contraband, he has previously sprinkled some bread crumbs in a "hidden place". This fulfills the obligation, all right, but it is a game nonetheless. Next we have the opening gambit at the Seder -- the hiding of the afikomen. Everyone watches the master of ceremonies to learn where

King Solomon was reputed to be so close to nature that he understood the language of insects. Solomon one day happened to overhear a grasshopper bragging to his girlfriend that if he wanted to, he could make the temple wall fall in. Summoned before the King, he was censured for telling such a lie, when he well knew that he could not make the wall col-

lapse. The grasshopper replied that he just wanted to make an impression on his girl. Releasing the grasshopper, the King said "Well don't do it again". "What did the King say about your statement that you could make the temple wall fall in?" his girlfriend later asked him. "He told me not to do it!", said the grasshopper.

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