

PASSOVER SERVICE

MUNICH ENCLAVE

Munich, Germany, April 15-26, 1946.

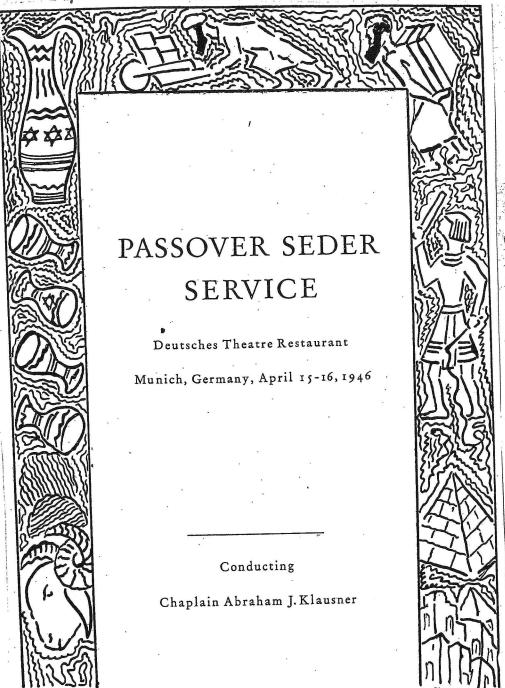
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nd the khaki-clad sons of Israel commanded by Lt. General Truscott gathered together as was the custom in Israel, to celebrate the Passover festival.

They came from the Ninth Division in the West and the First Division in the East. They came from the 98th General Hospital and from the 24th Dispensary. They came from the CIC, the CID, the ICD, the UNRRA and the American Joint Distribution Committee, all of them came to the city of Munich, there to relate as of old, the miracle of freedom.

They spoke of Pharaoh and the Egyptian bondage. They spoke of slave labor and the torture cities of Pitham and Ramsees and they spoke of the inevitable force of liberty which will lay waste to every tyrannical design.

But in their hearts they felt very close to all that which was narrated. Pharaoh and Egypt gave way to Hitler and Germany. Pitham and Ramsees faded beneath fresh memories of Buchenwald and Dachau.

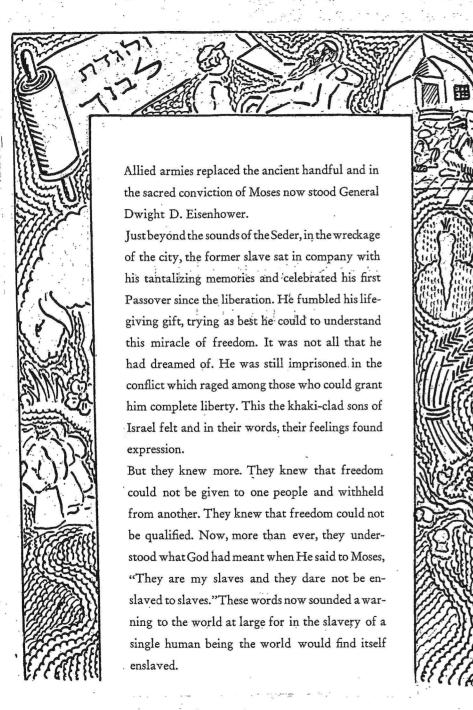
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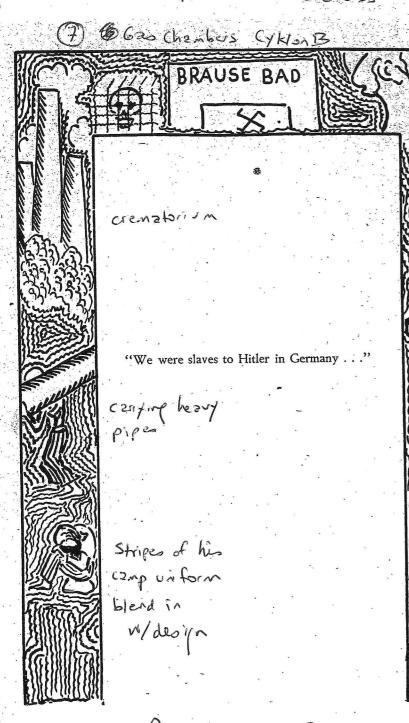
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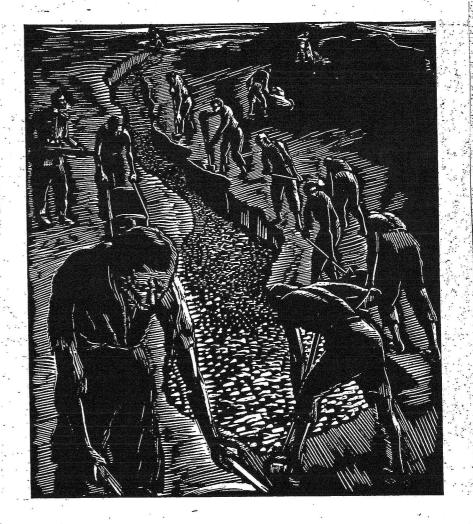
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בן - בנימיז

And they afflicted us \$ laid upon us hard bondage.

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Why do we eat this bitter herb?

Because we were intoxicated by the incense of Galut [Diaspora],

because we fled from one Galut [exile] to another,

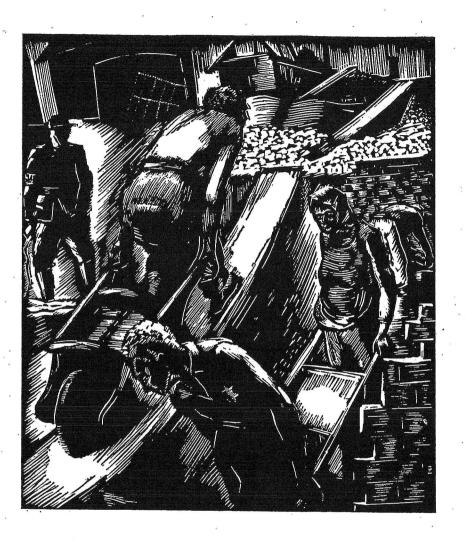
because we reassured ourselves saying: Ours will not be the fate that befell our people before us.

Because we did little to help ourselves and reestablish

our destroyed homes and country

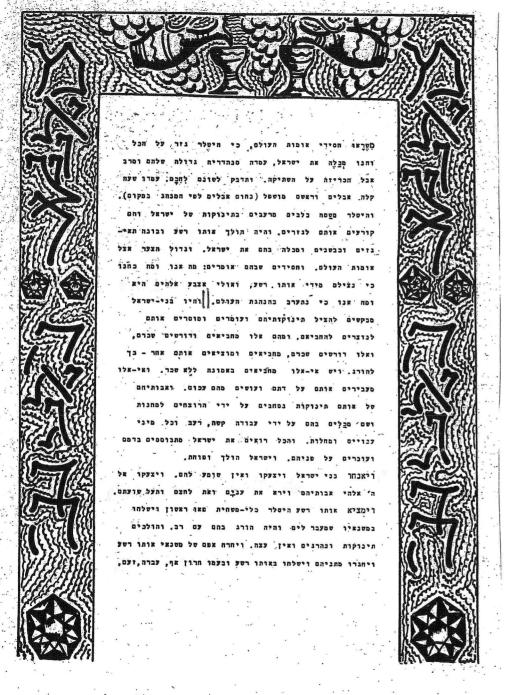






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When the righteous among the nations of the world saw that Hitler had decided to exterminate Israel, their great assembly came together and out of their great sorrow decided to keep silent. Their tongues clove to the roofs of their mouths. And so they stood for a time like mourners with their heads bowed down (as is their custom when consoling mourners). All the while Hitler sets his hungry dogs at the babes of Israel, and they tear them to pieces. That evil man was also building gas chambers and crematoria in which to exterminate Israel. How great is the sorrow of the nations of the world! And the righteous among them say: How can we in our weakness save [Israel] from the hands of that evil man. Perhaps this is the hand of God, and who are we to interfere in the conduct of the world. And the people of Israel, in the attempt to save their children, hand them over to Christians to hide them. Some hide them for money; some, demanding money, hide them and later bring them out to be killed. And some hide them not for money, but out of conviction. And still others convert [the children] and turn them into idol worshippers. The fathers of these children are dragged by the murderers into camps, where they are made to perish by hard labor, by hunger, and by all kinds of torture and disease. And the people see how Israel is swimming in their blood but they pass by. And the number of Israel diminishes slowly. The children of Israel groaned and cried out but they were not heard. And they cried to the Lord, the God of their fathers, who saw their suffering and oppression, and their cry went up. And that man of evil, Hitler, made instruments of destruction which he sent across the sea, killing many. Babies were being killed and still no one knew what to do about it. Finally, the enemies of that man of evil grew indignant, and they girded themselves and unleashed against that man of evil and his people great wrath, rage, fury,

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נרת ומשלחת סלאכים דעים ויכו אותם מאתים והמשים מכות. וה' הקשה את לב הישלר. וכלי-משחית מעין נשרי נריל ונחושה ממטירים עלי ערי משכנותיו אש ונשרית ההורבים כהם מאדם וער כחמה. ורכב רב כחול תים מכסה את ארצן של אותו רשע ועושה כה כלה, ו"שארית. המליסת" שבמחנות-ההסבר עומדת ו"נבאלת".



ורי בני יטראל הולכים ומתקבצים, ואנשי שארית הפליסה ותכנסים מן המערות, היערות ומחבות השמד. והם הולכים ישבים לארץ בלותם. עם הארץ מקדם את פניהם וצומר:

מה בדול מחבכם (כי מ-שאן רבוא טרדו ה' רבוא) ואנו מחבו, כי שוב אינכם בחיים, והם שולחים לאנשי טארית מליטה כל פיני אנרות, שיעזבו את המדינה ואף הורגים הם. ובני יטראל נמלטים על נפשם, מבריתים נבולות ישם מלסטמים אותם ונוטלים את כל אשר להם, אבל מארית הפליטה מפקירה את ממינת ומצילה את נמשה,

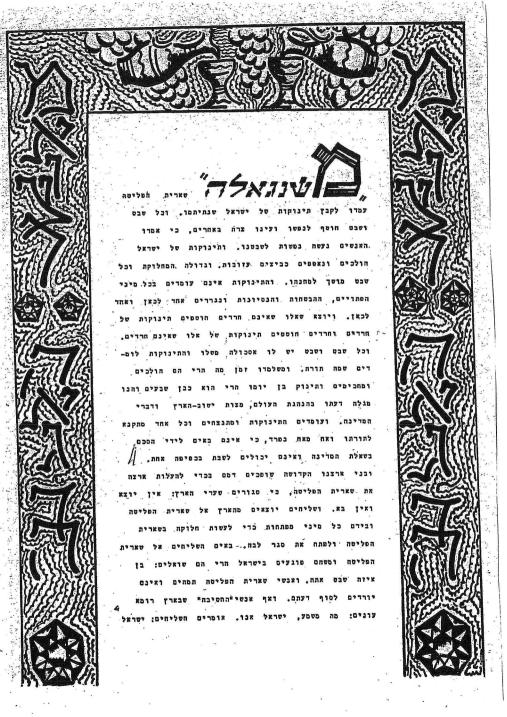
disaster, and a band of avenging angels, afflicting them with two hundred and fifty plagues. And God hardened Hitler's heart. And instruments of destruction, eagles of iron and copper shower fire and brimstone upon his garrison cities, killing man and beast alike. And a multitude of chariots, as plenty as the sands of the sea, sweep across the land of that evil man, and destroy him, and the Holocaust survivors (*She'erith Hapletah*, the Saved Remnant) in the camps are rescued and redeemed.

When Peace came down to earth, the people of Israel were gathering. The surviving remnants were coming out of caves, out of forests, and out of death camps, returning to the lands of their exile. The people of those lands greeted them and said: We thought you were no longer alive, and here you are, so many of you (fifty thousand out of three million). And they sent the survivors all sorts of messages, telling them to leave the land, even killing them. And the people of Israel ran for their lives; they were sneaking across borders only to be robbed of everything they had. And they abandoned their monies, and they saved their lives, and they went to Bavaria in order to go up to our Holy Land.

The number of "two hundred and fifty plagues" which are here wrought upon Hitler is based on the traditional Haggadah's ancient rabbinic extrapolation from the original ten biblical plagues. And, again, here they come not from God's divine wrath but from the material force of Allied power. The scene described concerns Polish Jewish survivors who, returning to their home, were received with a deadly anti–Semitism and then in desperation went back to Bavaria, the American zone. The number three million refers to the prewar Jewish population of Poland.

In the border designs on this page, the preceding page, and the next three pages, the Hebrew script, meaning the learning that is "the treasure [lore] of the Agada," is set against a ground of earth's treasures: gems, grapes, pitchers pouring wine, and goblets for the celebrants.

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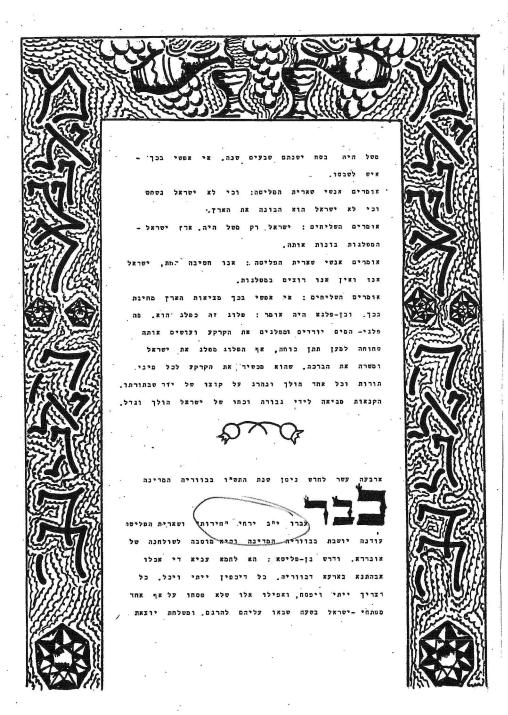


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Now that the Saved Remnant is redeemed, the orphaned children of Israel are taken in. Each group of the Remnant makes a claim on the children and is envious of other groups on their account, because each group wants to increase its number. And while the children of Israel are being collected like abandoned eggs, the contention increases as each group tries to pull them its way. The children cannot withstand the many enticements, promises, and trials, such that some children go this way and some another. And it so happens that the non-Orthodox snatch the children of the Orthodox, and the Orthodox snatch the children of the non-Orthodox. And each and every group has its own school where children learn Torah. And after they study for a time, they grow clever; and a child behaves like a man of seventy who has opinions about how the world should be run, or how or when to settle the [Promised] Land and manage affairs of state. The children argue, and all are eager to advance their own positions and views, so that brothers are set apart, unable to agree on the question of the State [of Israel], unable to sit peacefully Divisive role of the Pitife together.

Meanwhile the sons from our Holy Land [Palestine] shed their blood in an effort to bring survivors to Israel: for the gates of the Land are shut. No one can go in or out. And so emissaries go out from the Land [Palestine] to the surviving remnants with all kinds of keys to classify them and unlock their hearts. The emissaries come to meet the remnants, and when they meet Israel, they ask: Which group do you belong to? But the survivors do not understand them and wonder at the question. And even members of the [Jewish] Brigade in Italy reply: What is the meaning of this? Are we not, all of us, Israel? The emissaries say:

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You must have been sleeping for seventy years, because the unity of Israel is a fable. It's no longer possible; each person must join a group.

The remnants answer: But was not all of Israel slaughtered together? Is not all of Israel to rebuild the land together?

The emissaries say: The unity of Israel is a fable. The land of Israel is being built by different factions.

The remnants answer: We all belong to one group, we are Israel, all of us, and we have no interest in factions.

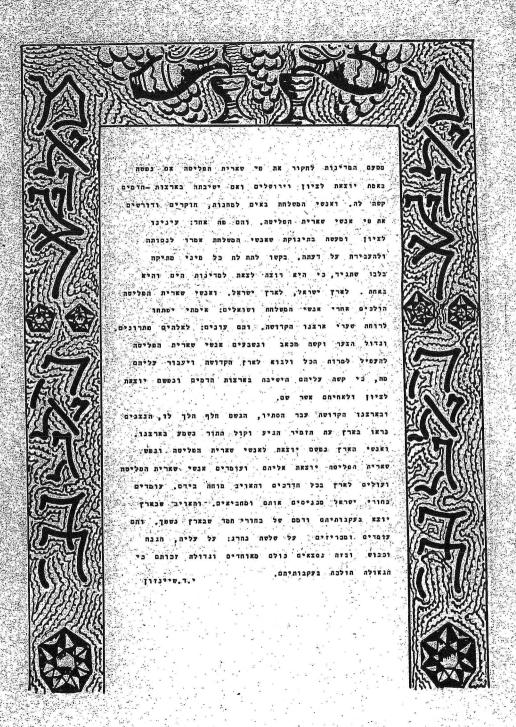
The emissaries say: That is impossible, the reality of Israel requires it. One could argue: This rivalry is like a rivulet; just as the rivulet flows down, riving the ground and irrigating it to make it fertile, so does division divide Israel and bestow blessings on it. For it prepares the ground for all kinds of beliefs, so that people can go and die for the tip of every letter in their own torah. Thus rivalry breeds strength which increases the might of Israel.

Bavaria, the fourteenth day in the month of Nisan, 5706.

Twelve months of freedom have passed and the Saved Remnant is still in Bavaria, eating at the table of UNRRA. Said one of the survivors: This is the poor-man's bread our fathers ate in the land of Bavaria. Whoever need to, let them come and celebrate Passover with us, even those who did not pass over any of the houses of Israel when they were about to be killed. And a Commission goes out

The Nisan date, designating the 1946 Passover, glows with the hope of the *She'erith Hapletah*. As rabbinic commentary put it, "Nisan is the month of redemption; in Nisan Israel was redeemed from Egypt; in Nisan Israel will again be redeemed."





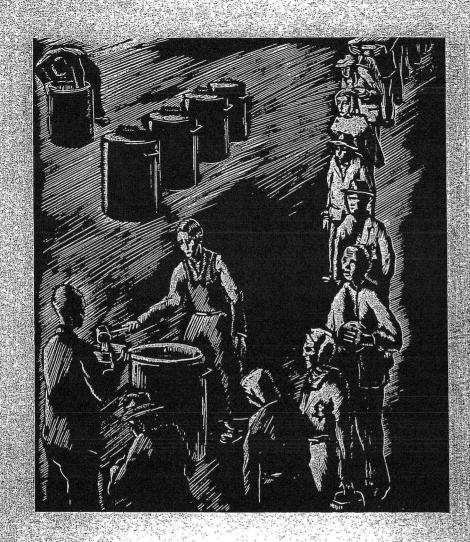
on behalf of the Allies to ask the survivors whether they long for Zion and Jerusalem, and whether it is hard for them to remain in the lands that are soaked with their blood. The Commission comes to the camps, asking and inquiring of the survivors, who reply unanimously: Our eyes are set upon Zion. And it happened that the Commission tried to tempt a young girl to reply otherwise. They try to give her all sorts of sweets in the hope that she will say she wants to go to other countries. But all she says is: *Eretz Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael.* And the survivors follow the delegates and ask of them: When will the gates of our Holy Land be opened? And the Commission replies: God only knows. The sorrow is great and so is the pain, such that the survivors swear to make an illegal *Aliyah* no matter what, and go to the Holy Land at any cost; for it is hard for them to remain in lands that are soaked with their blood, and they long for Zion and their brethren there.

And in our Holy Land the autumn has passed, the rains have stopped, the buds are sprouting and the voice of the nightingale and dove are heard in the land. And the people of *Eretz Yisrael* long for the Saved Remnant, and the Saved Remnant longs for them, and the survivors come to the Land by every possible route, while the enemy protests and hinders them. The young men of Israel [Palestine] bring them in and hide them while the enemy searches for them, and the blood of the fine men of *Eretz Yisrael* is shed. Still they proclaim they will give their lives for three things: for *Aliyah*, for defense (*Haganah*), and for the taking of our rightful land. These are the principles that unite them all, and by this they merit the redemption that follows in their footsteps.

Y. D. Sheinson

The Commission referred to is the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry established in December 1945 by the British and American governments to direct attention to the future of the Jewish DPs and policy toward Palestine. The Committee's conduct in making inquiries among the DPs was pretty much as described. Its report, never implemented, was superseded by political events leading to Israel's establishment in 1948.

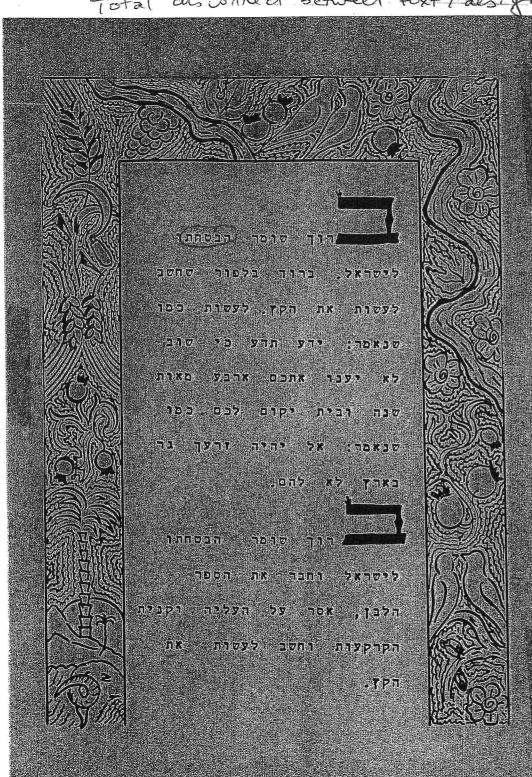
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יַברנו את "הַרְגַה" ...

We remember the fish = extremely bitter Adler: Reward for our tables discorred between text / design



BLESSED be He who keeps His promise to Israel. Blessed be Balfour who intended to hasten the end [of Galut] and to do as it is said: Know that you shall be no more oppressed for four hundred years, and a house shall be built for you, as it is said: Your seed shall not be soiourners in a land that is not theirs.

BLESSED be he who keeps his promise to Israel, who wrote the White Paper, forbade Aliyah and the purchase of land, and who intended to hasten the end. Eto put an end to the dream of Zion of the Jew. Messionic dream

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> The second paragraph is hard to interpret. The White Paper apparently refers to that of May 1939 by which the British effectively withdrew the 1917 Balfour Declaration. Is the "blessing" here meant satirically, pointing not to the keeping but to the breaking of a promise? In that case, if Balfour "intended to hasten the end [of Galut]," those who wrote the recent White Paper would have "intended to hasten the end" of the promise itself.

The border designs on this page and the next succeeding page render a Zion that is truly a Promised Land from which flower and leaf, pomegranate and palm, grape and grain rise above the flowing stream with loving doves, and grazing ram at peace. It is a biblical vision, as when the Israelites were suffering in the Wilderness and Moses sent scouts into the Land of Canaan, and they came back with the words: We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Numbers 13:27. The single palm tree which appears here as in other border designs, and the clusters of grape, must surely carry the figure of the Song of Songs, where Solomon sings: How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights? / This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes . . . the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves. 7:6, 7, 12. Thus the body of the bride and Jerusalem are joined.



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וַיַעַכִידוּ אָת בְּנֵי יָשֹׁרָאֵל בַּפַּרְךְּ

Adler: We were hanling logs



The Four SEAS

WHAT DOES THE WISE SON SAY?

What is this land and State that you long for? Is not my house your house? Is not this whole country open before you; why, I do not know another country where men can breathe more freely. You should tell him: Were you not the first to cry out 'for home and country' at the time of your need. Well, this is the hour of our need, and we demand a homeland. Every nation, even the least and lowest, is permitted to have a homeland, whereas a people as ancient and neglected as we are is not permitted. How could this be justified? You should tell him: Who knows how long their charity and their protective arm shall be extended to us? A home and a country should not come out of charity but by right.

WHAT DOES THE WICKED SON SAY?

Is there no room for you here that you should scramble into the land of Israel? Why, the whole world is open before you. And what's more, you have a mission: go and use your strength to rebuild a devastated Europe. You should set his teeth on edge and tell him: We have already given our best to Europe, and in return they built gas chambers and crematoria, and exterminated us with cruel ingenuity. Should we, for all this, rebuild Europe. You should tell him: Had they been in our place and been saved, they wouldn't have renounced the very cause for which they fought so bravely, that is, for a home and a country...

WHAT DOES THE SIMPLE SON SAY?

What is this? Why do you want to huddle in so small a land? And what about Ishmael? You should tell him: We are not building our houses with a mighty hand by the exploitation of others. We made bread out of the wilderness. And as for Ishmael, Israel will not overlook his rights.

AND FOR THE SON WHO IS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW HOW TO ASK, you should begin by saying:

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> From parents to children, from generation to generation, the story of the Exodus from Egypt is passed on as a personal memory; it never pales or loses its luster.



For thousands of years the Jewish People have commemorated the day of their Exodus from bondage. Through slavery, force, inquisition, destruction, and troubles, the Jewish People have borne in their hearts a longing for freedom and expressed this longing universally

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Does there exist any ancient memory that could serve as symbol for the present and future [better than this]:

"Remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt."

What a thirst for freedom lies in the heart of a People who could, in its springtime, bring forth such an ingenious creation and transmit it from generation to generation.

B. Katznelson



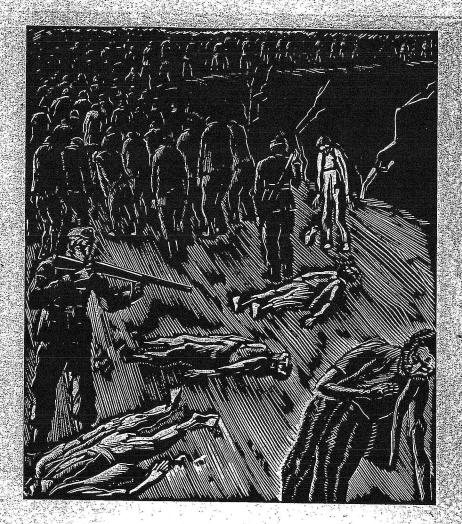
Can anything be greater than the wisdom of the ancient commandment?

Is there anything in the wisdom literature that better teaches us to hate and despise slavery and to love freedom, than the story of the bondage and exoduc from Emma



It was not just one alone who has risen up to destroy us.

[The caption is from the traditional Haggadah; the title given by Adler was "Move! Move! They drive us because the liberators are approaching."]

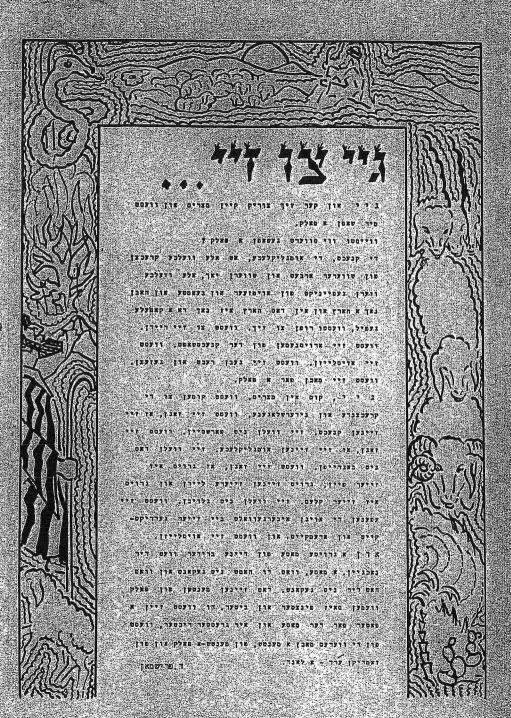


בן - בנימין

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Franskrijelium form - 1896 !

[Yiddish]

GO TO THEM ...

Go back to Egypt and I shall make a nation out of you.

Do you know how a Nation is created?

The slaves, groaning in their misery, all those who moan from heavy labor and heavy yoke, all those who are tortured by overseers and taskmasters, and yet retain a heart, and in that heart a spark of feeling, all of them you shall summon to come. You shall speak to them. You shall lead them out of bondage. You shall redeem them. You shall give them rights and laws. You shall make of them a Nation.

Go, come to Egypt. You shall come to those groaning and down-trodden. You shall say to them that they are slaves. They will not understand. You shall tell them that they are the unfortunates ones. They will not understand. You shall say to them that great is their pain, great are their sufferings, and great is their plight. They will not believe. You shall with force open their eyes to their oppression and suffering, and you shall redeem them.

And a great crowd of your brethren will follow you. A crowd whom you did not know and who did not know you. These are the people who live in misery and pain. You shall be a father to them and their greatest judge; you shall form men and women out of these worms, and a Nation out of them, and out of the sandy soil you shall make a land.

D. Frischmann

David Frischmann (1859–1922), a Pole, was a leading figure in modern Hebrew, writing poetry, short stories, essays, and criticism, and editing several journals.

This page's border designs depict scenes from the life of Moses: as shepherd keeping his flock; standing with staff in hand, facing the burning bush; and, above it, the serpent wrapping around the staff. The last image is from Numbers 21:6–9 where the serpent and staff stand for both the chastisement of Israel and a sign of healing when looked upon, presumably, with faith. This is the same sign—the snake entwining the rod—as that evolved among the Greeks to become, in the caduceus, the emblem of the physician's vocation of





בו - בבימין

שֶּפַּרְעה לא נְזַר אָלָא עַל הַזְּבָרִינ וְלָבַן בִפִשׁ לַעַּקר אָת הַכּּל

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DAYENU

We would have been content.

Had He scattered us among the nations but had not given us the First Crusade, we would have been content. Had He given us the First Crusade but not the Second, we would have been content. Had He given us the Second Crusade but not the Blood Libel, we would have been content. Had He given us the Blood Libel but not the persecutions of the Third Crusade, we would have been content. Had He given us the persecutions of the Third Crusade, but not the Badge of Shame, we would have been content. Had He given us the Badge of Shame but not the persecutions of the Black Plague, we would have been content. Had He given us the persecutions of the Black Plague but not the Inquisition, we would have been content. Had He given us the Inquisition but not the pogroms of 1648-49, we would have been content. Had He given us the pogroms of 1648-49 but not the slaughter of 1919 in Ukraine, we would have been content. Had He given us the slaughter in Ukraine but not Hitler, we would have been content. Had He given us Hitler but no ghettos, we would have been content. Had He given us ghettos but no gas chambers and crematoria, we would have been content. Had He given us gas chambers and crematoria, but our wives and children had not been tortured, we would have been content. Had our wives and children been tortured but we had not been forced into hard bondage, we would have been content. Had we been forced into hard bondage but not been made to die of hunger, we would have been content. Had we been made to die of hunger but not of disease and torture, we would have been content.

All the more so, since all these have befallen us, we must make *Aliyah*, even if illegally, wipe out the *Galut*, build the chosen land, and make a home for ourselves and our children for eternity.

This dayenu recites not God's blessings, as is traditional, but visitations of affliction, a veritable anti-Hallel. The conclusion replaces the hope of God's deliverance with a vision of 'ourselves' working for Zion. See the Introduction, pages xxviii–xxix.

In the side borders, the Hebrew script echoes dayenu ('We would have been content') as the uplifted hands with tallith-like sleeves at the top seem to express beseechment or resignation.



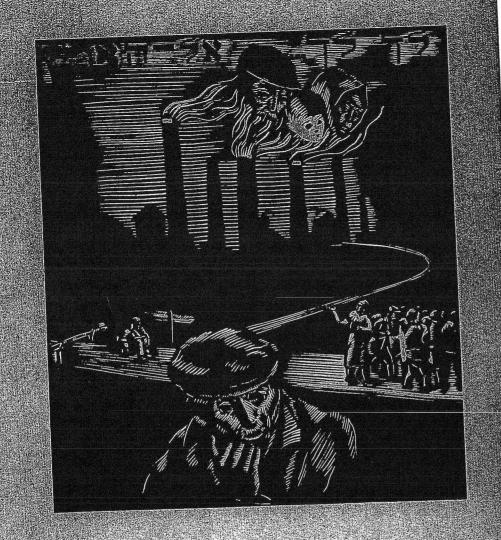
[Yiddish]

There is no such thing as a 'bad' or 'good' exile. Every exile leads to extinction.

With the blood of our hearts, by the light of our faith, and with a final hope, we shall break through every wall. We shall break through and go up [to the Land of Israel].

The border designs are of ships sailing (illegally at the time) over the seas toward a Palestine that is represented by three stylized maps with an open harbor. That open harbor would, with the





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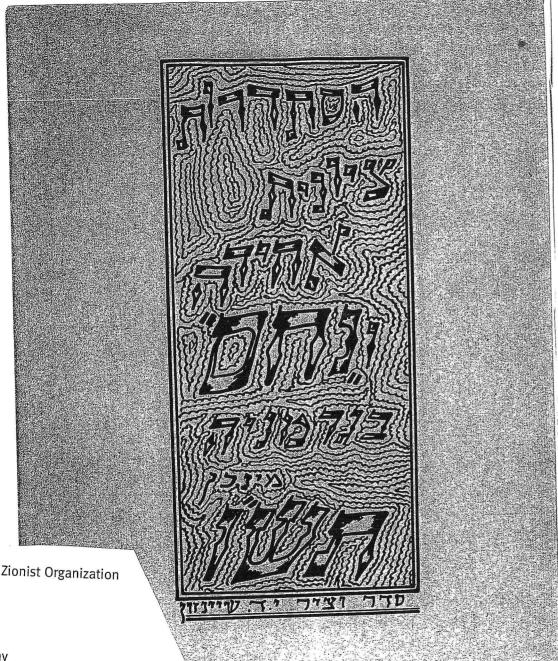
לפיכך אנחנר חיבים ...

Opposite of Sheinson, who refuses to return home

Therefore, we are bound....

[This caption, from the traditional Haggadah liturgy, continues with to thank, praise, laud, glorify, exalt...

Him who performed all these miracles for our fathers and us—a painful irony here. The original title given by Adler was "Home! Home?"]



United Zionist Organization

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"NHM"

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[1946]

Arranged and illustrated by Y. D. Sheinson

The acronym NHM (Nocham) stands for Noar Halutzi Meuhad (United Pioneer Youth) and means literally "consolation."

