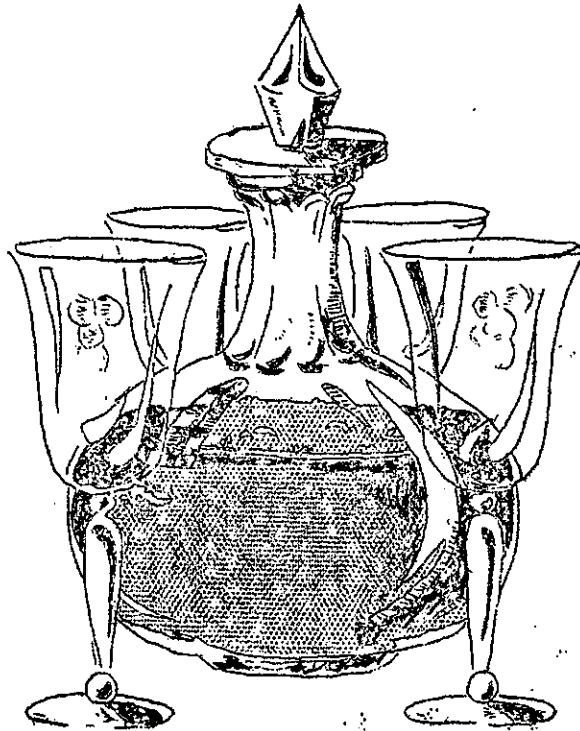
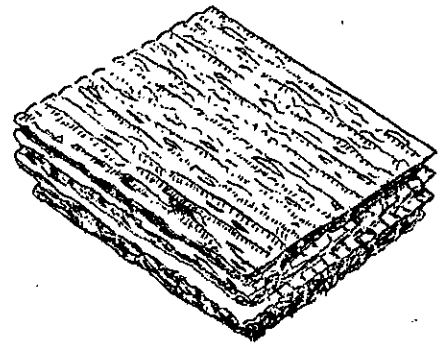


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Passover Greetings

THE BERMAN FAMILY SEDER

Wednesday, April 6, 1955 7:00 P.M.

HOTEL TAFT BALLROOM
New Haven

Sidney Gurian, Caterer

Hors d'Oeuvres Plate

Fresh Fruit Basket

Traditional Eggs and Salt Water

Gefelta Fish

Vegetables - Horseradish

Chicken Soup - Matzo Balls

Half Broiler

Candied Sweets - Green Vegetable

Knishes - Kishka

Compote Fruits

Egg Matzos Wine Soda

Tea Table: Cakes Cookies Tea Demi Tasse

Bessie Doff and her Seder Committee have come up with an exciting arrangement this year! They thought it fitting that we should have the finest surroundings available for our gathering together for the significant Seder Ceremony, and we have it -- the Ballroom of the Hotel Taft! Sidney Gurian, who has become a noted Caterer, is very pleased that he has been given this opportunity to serve us, and we are assured of one of the finest meals we have ever enjoyed.

With all this elegance and culinary delight, the cost remains the same! Six Dollars per adult, no charge for unmarried children to their parents. As in the past, our treasury pays for the dinners for our unmarried children. Our dues, which constitute the monies in our treasury, makes this possible. Has everyone paid them?

Reservation cards should be returned before March 15th, together with your checks, please.

The Berman Family Orchestra will play for dancing and listening. Don't forget to bring your instruments!

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BRINGING UP BERMAN: (or, The Goings-On In the Lives of a Family Group)

Tante Baila will again grace the head of our Seder Table. With her customary fortitude and determination, she has mended a broken knee, and is almost as fit as ever. During her stay in St. Raphael Hospital, the Nuns were calling her by her first name! She endeared herself so to everyone, from maids to supervisors, that had she stayed another week, they would have made her the Mother Superior!

Charlie Byer is convalescing from a hernia operation. By Seder Time no one will have guessed he had been on his back.

Dr. Arthur Berman, Lt. (J.G.) of the Navy, is stationed at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. (Have you seen this man in uniform? WOW!) He is very happy with his assignment, and we are happy for him.

David Berman (he's another WOW!) is with the United States Army, and is stationed in Germany. Congratulations to David and our warmest best wishes to Debbie Shavelson on their engagement.

Our winter vacationers have been following the sun: Sam Levin was in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Florida.

Bernice and Herman Russian were at the Fort Montague Hotel in Nassau, in the Bahamas, for several weeks of golf and rest.

Nathalie and Sid Rebhun spent their vacation at the Concord. They took their sun with snow.

Dora and Lou Padowitz will fly here from Florida, especially for the Seder. They have a beautiful home in Miami Beach, and are living the life of the O'Bermans!

Howard and Patricia Padowitz are living at #2234 Main Street, Glastonbury. Howard severed his connection with Metro Goldwyn Mayer, for a much more important connection with The Overhead Door Company of Connecticut. We wish him success.

Roz and Sonny Berman are in their lovely, spacious home at #80 Barnett Street, New Haven.

This is all the news we have, but we have the feeling that there are many more happenings in the family, which we don't know about and can't pas around. So please share your goings-on with the Family, and let the editors know, "what's new?"

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE BERMAN FAMILY GROUP:

Arnold Berman	-	President
Sidney Rhein	-	Vice-President
Benjamin Berman	-	Treasurer
Celia Byer	-	Corresponding Secretary
Besse Doff	-	Recording Secretary

EDITORS:

Mildred Feinberg	Bernice Russian	Helen Rhein	Faye Heller
Edith Berman	Nellie Berman	Frances Levin	

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Berman Family Meeting
Sunday, October 30, 1955 2:00 P. M.
Vestry Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol

Everyone is looking forward to this meeting, not because of any earth-shattering matters to be resolved, but to be together as a Family and enjoy being with one another. Family matters, of course, will receive the earnest consideration of all of us, for therein lies our strength and our unity.

The unfortunate difference in this meeting will be in the fact that Uncle David Russian will not be there. He so enjoyed these meetings and was so proud of the position he held as one of our elders, that we will feel his absence and passing very deeply. We pray that our remaining elders will enjoy good health for many, many years, and continue to bind together the Family with their wisdom, dignity and humor.

With a great deal of pleasure we give you the following announcements, which are an indication of a sturdy family which grows, works and plays:

Lt. and Mrs. David Berman (Debby Shevelson), whose wedding on July 31st was such a beautiful, selective event, are living in Germany where David is serving in the United States Army.

Nathalie and Sidney Rebhun will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on November 3rd.

A son, Eugene Bruce, Jr., was born to Eugene and Carol Berman. A birth in the family is an earth-shattering event, for mainly in this fruitful way do we increase our membership!

Judy Levitz engaged to Robert Chernoff.

Herman and Bernice are very happy to announce Cyvia's engagement to Dr. Marvin ~~Shild~~ Shield Arons, of Ansonia. Their happiness is ours, also.

The only thing which can slow Tante Baila down to a run, is her leg, which was infected and kept her in bed for several weeks. She is at gallop speed again.

Judy Berman, who was graduated from Syracuse University in June, has a fine position with the Psychology Department of the Yale Graduate School.

Harry and Gertie are attempting the unusual in a Husband-Wife team, and with promising success, I might add. Woodworking and Handicrafts! Harry is making a bookcase (strength has been hidden in the sensitive, artistic fingers, enabling him to manipulate the hugh machinery necessary to the hobby), and Gertie is making a kitchen cabinet. (Sorry we can't say something pretty about her hands!)

See you at the meeting!

Officers:

- A rnoId Berman - President
- Sidney Rhein - Vice-President
- Benjamin Berman - Treasurer
- Celia Byer - Corresponding Secretary
- Besse Doff - Recording Secretary

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Sam Levin's father in Bridgeport. Our sincere sympathy to Sam and his family.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

TIME FOR A CHANGE

If this premise be good for our City, State and Nation, can it be bad for the Bermans? Perhaps not, when we explore the possibilities of the most drastic results of a change.

What could these results be - - ? We might find Democrats sitting with Republicans, Reformed Jews sitting with Conservative or Orthodox Jews, proponents of progressive education sitting with those who prefer the 3 R's as they learned them, or even advocates of the United Nations sitting opposite those who see that body as a subversive communist-front organization!

But, wouldn't it be fun?

And what is this all about? The Seder - and with whom we sit!

Let's not be a large group of many families anymore. Let's be one family again - scrambled and homogenized!

It seems to this writer that if we dine with our families 364 days of the year, it is "time for a change". Let's, for the Seder, mingle especially with our out-of-town relatives and "break Matzo" with those we don't see often enough.

(Signed)

Helen Rhein

THE BERMAN FAMILY SEDER

Monday March 26th, 1956 7:00 P. M.

In the Vestry of

BETH HAMEDROSH HAGODOL
George and Dwight Streets, New Haven

SIDNEY GURIAN, Caterer

Hors d'Oeuvres Plate

Fresh Fruit Basket

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COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Faye Heller
Helen Rhein
Rosalind Berman

Besse Doff
Mildred Feinberg
Nellie Berman

Bernice Russian
Gert Berman
Celia Byer

After years of Seder research, we have discovered what we believe to be the perfect formula for a successful Seder: the excellent planning of a large committee; the marvelous food of a foremost caterer; the significant and suitable surroundings of the newly decorated vestry of a synagogue; the music of our own Berman Family Orchestra; an interesting seating arrangement, and the finest group of people to ever attend one - - THE BERMANS!

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The cost remains the same as in the past: \$6.00 per adult and no charge for unmarried children to their parents. The dues in our treasury pays for the dinners for our unmarried children. Has everyone paid them?

Reservations cards should be returned before March 7th, with your checks, please.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Editors' Note: We never list events in the order of their importance, with the exception of "blessed" ones, because membership in our Family takes priority over everything else!)

A son, Paul Stephen, was born to Janet and Yale Chussil on November 19, 1955.

Bessie and Nat Barkan are very happy to announce Harriett's engagement to Mr. Edward Kimmel of New York. He's a lucky guy. She's one of the sweetest and prettiest spinsters in the Berman Family!

Dr. Sidney Berman is moving from Stratford to Orange, where they have purchased a lovely home. It will be nice for the rest of us to have Billye, Leslie, and a doctor so close by. Our warmest welcome to them!

Judy Levitz has a very fine teaching position waiting for her in Newton, Massachusetts, when she graduates from State Teachers College in June. It is especially exciting because her June Groom, Bobby Chernoff, is at Tufts Medical School in Boston.

Lt. David Berman will be plain "Mister" when he and Debbie return from Germany in July.

Lt. (j.g.) Arthur Berman has been promoted to plain "Lt." at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. But we are selfishly awaiting his promotion to plain "Doctor"!

Editor Frances Levin is using literary license to give advance notice of Bruce's Bar Mitzvah on May 5th, 1956.

THE FLORIDA EXPRESS:

Nathalie and Sidney Rebhun and their boys, Gilbert and Gary, are spending five weeks at Miami Beach.

Sherman and Pauline Paddwitz and their children, Peter, Glenn and Phyllis, have **just** returned from Miami Beach where they visited with Dora and Lou, whom all of us are hoping to see at the Seder.

Charlie Byer, New Haven's Ambassador to Florida, made his regular official visit to Miami Beach.

Bernice and Herman Russian, another pair of "Florida Faithfuls", are vacationing at Harder Hall in Sebring.

East is East, etc., but there's no place like New Haven at Seder-time! See you there!

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Ben Sprafkin is at it again -- achieving new honors -- and Dora goes along with him for the ride! They are being sent to Europe this summer to attend the International Conference of Social Work at Munich, Germany. Ben is on the program. But we shouldn't be surprised -- he has been on many important programs, including the invitation to participate in a panel discussion at the White House in Washington, and just recently appeared on television as Moderator of a teen-age panel on "What is your Maturity Quotient", sponsored by Temple University. See what we mean? Clever!

EDITORIAL

Our Seder Committee began its work and preparations several months ago, and gradually became aware of the fact that the Berman Family was to be the victim of a situation wherein kosher caterers were either not accepting Passover engagements, or were restrained by Rabbinical order. After eight years of gathering together for the most significant of all Family functions, they were deeply disappointed to realize that a Seder was not possible this year.

We wish the Passover will be a happy one for you, and that your individual Seders will be an inspiration to our young people, and give them pride in our Hebrew heritage and Family ties.

This does not mean the end to our Berman Family Seders, but does bring us to the realization that we can and must have more gatherings each year. Our thoughts will go forward shortly to the planning of some exciting times for us all, under more comfortable circumstances and at times when more of the Family can get together. In this vein there has been discussion for a Family dinner meeting on a Saturday evening, about the time of the High Holidays, and a Sunday afternoon picnic meeting during the summer. We call upon our young adults to contribute their vitality and fresh ideas in the planning and execution of programs for these occasions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A boy, David Frederick, was born to Patricia and Howard Padowitz

A boy, Brad, was born to Debbie and David Berman

Our warmest congratulations to these happy new parents!

We increase our membership by hook or by birth, and we heartily endorse both! By the "hook" method, we welcome into the Family:

Robert Chernoff (railroaded via the Judy Levitz Line)

Howard Levine (that clever Judy Berman and her microscope)

Marvin Arons (Cyvia Russian gently stalked him right into the Family)

Ewald Kimmel (Harriet Barkan made like she owned the bank)

HITCHHIKERS

Sam Levin and daughter Jane vacationed in Florida during the school holidays.

Herman and Bernice Russian spent two weeks at the Caribe Hilton in Puerto Rico.

Reva Sprafkin toured Europe last summer, and bumped into Dora and Ben in Italy.

RECUPERANTS

Baby David Padowitz is his chubby, happy self again, after that distressing hernia operation.

Ben Sprafkin was thoroughly and efficiently ill, as is his general way of doing things, and we expect his convalescence to be as thorough and complete. Quickly, man, quickly!

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BRAGGERS

Alan Heller has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the Hillhouse High School newspaper "The Sentinel", which wins national awards every year.

Jane Levin has been appointed Advertising Manager of The Sentinel. We think that it is quite remarkable that out of hundreds who compete for these honors, two cousins should be chosen. Oh, well - blood will tell -

Barbara Byer was graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Nursing and became head floor nurse at Grace-New Haven Hospital. That's the way we start things - at the top!

Gus and Lil Berman have sold their lovely estate, which has outgrown them, and are living in a lovely apartment in Springfield, with hot and cold running highballs, which they have not outgrown!

Pauline and Sherman Padowitz, and the children, Peter, Glenn and Phyllis, are living in Florida and loving it. Their address is: 1445 Northwest 116th Terrace, Miami.

Robert Berman was graduated from the University of Michigan, and at present is studying Anthropology at Columbia University Graduate School. He is the "quiet" brilliant type - but we intend to be noisy about his ability and accomplishments!

Harvey Feinberg entered Yale in September. Knowing his articulate eloquence, we do not have to speak for him! We expect he will make himself heard far and wide, and add more pride to the Berman ego.

Jane Levin has been the model for a portrait class conducted by Prof. Deane Keller of the Yale Art School. Gad, - she's smart, too -

Judy Rhein won a very exciting award! The Metropolitan Opera Guild conducted a national art contest in costume, program and stage set designing. Judy was awarded second prize in costume designing for the eastern part of the Country, and it was presented to her from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Thrilling?

Because there will be no Pop Concerts this summer, Harry Berman will have a whole summer's vacation for the very first time! Right now he is up to his baton as Director of Musical activities, choirs, cantatas, etc. at B'nai Jacob, Director of the Southern New England Telephone Company Choral Group which is having a concert on May 7th, and has just completed the Young People's Symphony Concerts at Woolsey Hall.

Arthur Berman has completed his service in the United States Navy, and is a resident doctor in the department of Neurology in Philadelphia General Hospital.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Gilbert Rebhun's Bar Mitzvah on May 25th. Mark it on your calendar!

DOUBLE-HEADER

Charlie and Celia Byer get this year's award for bringing in the most members! A double mahzel tov to them on the betrothals of their children:

Barbara Byer to Larry Tiven - they will be married in June
Dick Byer to Mimi Nodelman - their wedding will be in July

A rousing "Huzzah" to all of them!

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It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Lil Berman's father in Springfield. Our sincere sympathy to Lil and her family. We will always remember him as a courtly and distinguished gentleman.

In Memorium

In a large Family, such as ours, the joys of growth are dimmed only by the inevitable sorrows that befall us in the course of Life.

Twice during this past year were we confronted with the loss of dear ones. Uncle Meyer, one of our revered elders, who since the inception of our Berman Family Seders led us in the reading of the Hagadah, has gone to his final rest. His was a full lifetime of devotion to God and family.

Perhaps he was taken to be spared the even greater tragedy of Edythe's passing. The loss of one so young is a sorrow beyond measure.

It is our fervent hope that faith in the Almighty will provide Sam with the courage to accept this cruel blow. Ours is not to reason why - -

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BERMAN FAMILY MEETING

Sunday, April 6th 2:00 P. M.
Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol
George & Dwight Streets

The circumstances regarding a Passover Seder are the same this year, as last. Caterers are either not accepting Passover engagements, or are not acceptable to us. It is with great disappointment that we inform you that a Seder is not possible this year. HOWEVER, our meeting on the second day of Passover will be replete with the "goodies" of the holiday. Our hospitality committee, Besse Doff, Gert Berman and Helen Rhein, are planning refreshments accordingly.

And there will be Music. Berman Family Musicians -- don't forget your instruments! And entertainment, of course -- the home-grown variety that we enjoy so much!

Because it is so long since our last meeting, we have accumulated Candlesticks like crazy! Of course, you have to get married to get them, and the following members qualify and will receive them:

Judy and Howard Levine
Debbie and David Berman
Judy and Robert Chernoff
Harriet and Ewald Kimmel

Barbara and Larry Tiven
Mimi and Dick Byer
Cyvia and Marvin Arons
Reva and Jon Wurtzberger

You will enjoy the ceremony that goes with the Presentation of Candlesticks. It is a big moment in the career of a Berman Family president, and does he make the most of it!

And now we bring you up-to-date with the vital statistics of our growing, working and playing Family:

NEW MEMBERS:

Their second child, a girl, to Joyce and Marvin Furman

Their fourth child, a boy, to Pauline and Sherman Padowitz

Their second child, a girl, to Carol and Eugene Berman

THE CAMPUS CROWD:

(We try to be casual about these reports, because they happen to Bermans all the time, but we are terribly proud of our young people!)

Billy Rhein has been awarded a Julliard Scholarship, and will perform with the Julliard Orchestra at the World's Fair in Brussels next summer.

Marvin Arons is interning at Duke University Hospital, specializing in plastic surgery.

Mimi Byer was graduated from State Teachers College and is on the teaching staff of Horace Day School.

Barbara Tiven was advanced from head floor nurse to Teacher of Nurses at Grace-New Haven Hospital.

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Samuel Berman was graduated from Yale and is now attending Columbia University Graduate School.

Susan Russian was graduated from The Day School, and is now a student at Simmons College in Boston.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER -

Ben Sprafkin is getting along splendidly healthwise. Our warmest congratulations to him and Dora on Reva's marriage to Jon Wurtzberger. We are looking forward to seeing them at the meeting!

Larry Tiven has recovered from that most unfortunate automobile accident. Of course, you have it made, when your wife's a nurse!

Harry Berman is in top form again after his operation. It took him and Gertie four weeks to get to California on their well-planned ten-week vacation, and seven hours to get back for emergency surgery! We hope that they will be able to pick up that vacation where they left off. They visited Max and Ruth Berman in Sherman Oaks, and were delighted with their children Bobby and Elizabeth, who is a talented cellist.

THE FLORIDA EXPRESS

Gus and Lil Berman vacationed in Miami Beach during his temporary retirement. Then he went to "work" for Milton in Yale-Genton Clothes, and Lil took advantage of his preoccupation to make a flying trip to California to visit her sister.

Celia and Charlie Byer spent three weeks in Miami Beach

Frances and Sam Levin also vacationed in Miami Beach

Herman and Bernice Russian were at Boca Raton for several weeks

NEW ADDRESSES

Lil and Gus Berman have bought a new home in Longmeadow, a suburb of Springfield, and Nathalie and Sid Rebhun have moved into their new home in Woodbridge. We hope they will enjoy good health and be happy in their new homes, and that the glow from the burning mortgages will keep them warm!

We want to repeat our congratulations to Jerry Levine and Gilbert Rebhun on the excellence of their Bar Mitzvah services.

IN MEMORIUM

And now we come to the sorrowful recording of Aunt Jenny's passing.

The strength and courage that carried her through her final, harrowing illness, was the same courage that sustained her through her almost insurmountable losses during her lifetime. May she now be at peace -