

Thoughts From The Lubavitcher Rebbe By Rabbi Yossi Groner

A Pesach Message

The festival of Pesach calls for early and elaborate preparations to make the Jewish home fitting for the great festival. It is not physical preparedness alone that is required of us, but also spiritual preparedness - for in the life of the Jew the physical and spiritual are closely linked together, especially in the celebration of our Sabbath and festivals.

On Pesach we celebrate the liberation of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery and, together with it, the liberation from, and negation of, the ancient Egyptian system and way of life, the "abominations of Egypt." Thus we celebrate our physical liberation together with our spiritual freedom. Indeed there cannot be one without the other. There can be no real freedom without accepting the precepts of our Torah as the guide in our daily life; a pure and holy life eventually leads to true freedom.

It is said, "In every generation each Jew should see himself as though he personally had been liberated from Egypt." This is to say that the lesson of Pesach is always a timely message for the individual Jew. The story of Pesach is the story of the special Divine Providence which alone determines the fate of our people. What is happening in the outside world need not affect us; we might be singled out for suffering, G-d forbid, amid general prosperity and likewise for safety amid general prosperity, and likewise for safety amid a general plague or catastrophe. The story of our enslavement and liberation of which Pesach tells, gives ample illustration of this. For the fate of our people is determined by its adherence to G-d and His Torah.

Another important thing we must remember. The celebration of the festival of freedom must be connected with the commandment, "Thou shalt

relate it to thy son." The formation and existence of the Jewish home, as of the Jewish people as a whole, is dependent upon the upbringing of the young generation, both boys and girls: the "wise" and the "wicked" (temporarily), the "simple" and the "one who knows not what to ask." Just as we cannot shirk our responsibility toward our child by the excuse that "my child is a wise one; he will find his own way in life; therefore no education is necessary for him," so we must not despair by thinking, "the child is a wicked one; no education will help him." For all Jewish children, boys and girls, are "G-d's children" and it is our sacred duty to see to it that they all live up to this title; and this we can achieve only through a kosher Jewish education, in full adherence in G-d's Torah. Then we all will merit the realization of our ardent hopes. "In the next year may we be free; in the next year may we be in Jerusalem!"

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JCC Annual Meeting

Swimmer; Ben Jaffa, Jr., Barry Kaye, Paula Musler, *Terri Cathcart, *Gene Daumit, *Louise Bernstein.

Two (2) Year Term: Florence Jaffa, Mike Van Glish, Barbara Zelikson, Al Levenson, *Stephanie Ansaldo, *Meg Goldstein, *Heinz Jaffe.

One (1) Year Term: Herman Blumenthal, Ann Langman, Lynne Sheffer, Rozanne Sklar, Bob Stein, *Marshall Rosenfeld, *Sandra Gunn.

President's Appointments: Bill Gorelick and Sol Levine.

Eight (8) voting members of the Community Center may present in writing to the nominating committee, not later than five (5) days preceding the annual election, the names of any additional members for nomination for the offices to be elected. These names shall thereafter also be posted by the nominating

committee at the offices of the Community Center and on the bulletin boards of all Jewish temples. No person shall be eligible for election as an officer or director unless his name shall have been thus submitted to, or nominated by, the nominating committee, in the manner required in this section.

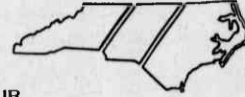
*Those being nominated for the first time.

Jewish Woman's Week

As part of the celebration of "the Jewish Woman," Governor James B. Hunt Jr. issued a proclamation for the state of North Carolina to honor the week of March 16-25 as the week of the Jewish Woman.

This week was in response to the call from the National Lubavitch Women's Organization to respect traditional family values. Events were planned in Charlotte to celebrate the week.

State of North Carolina



JAMES B. HUNT, JR.
GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the basis for the continuity of any society is the perception of basic and universal values of ethics and morality, as rooted in the awareness of a supreme being, which must permeate family life and the education of our youth; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to emphasize and strengthen moral values and ethics which will add to the betterment of the fiber of our society today; and

WHEREAS, Lubavitch Women's Organization (N'shei Chabad), under the spiritual guidance of the world-renowned leader, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, through its worldwide educational activities is especially committed to projects which increase the awareness of women to their great responsibility in preserving those values which are the basis for sound and moral family and community life; and

WHEREAS, Lubavitch Women's Organization has proclaimed the necessity for a week to reflect on these responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, these projects serve to strengthen human values and enhance family life and the education of our young; now

THEREFORE, I, James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 16-25, 1984, as

THE WEEK OF THE JEWISH WOMAN

in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.

By the Governor:

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