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"THE TEMPLE WITH A HEART"



Pesach-Z' man Herutainu

(Passover is the time of our Freedom)

This is the Season for being free, so I wanted to make use of the idea that knowledge sets one free. I hope knowing more about me will help free us all. About a month ago, one of our new members asked about my background, studies, ordination, and what is lovingly called YICHUS (Rabbinic credentials), so here goes. When did I first want to become a Rabbi? Perhaps, when I was a teenager and read a book called "Damien the Leper" about that priest's commitment to the Leper colony on Molokai, or saw the movie, "The Cardinal" with Tom Tryon. Or maybe it was when I listened to the story of the Four Chaplains of World War II that my father told me. But, I truly don't know. I do know that my mother was a strong influence in my life and she really disliked the rabbis she knew. As far as higher education went, "professor, yes, rabbi, no." And as a dutiful son, I listened. When I got to Rutgers University, the major Near Eastern Area and Language Study was a perfect fit. This major enabled me to go to Princeton University for Arabic and travel to Tel Aviv University for my junior year abroad. When I returned home, I applied for Graduate school at UCLA and was accepted in the Islamic Studies Department. (I was still a dutiful son.) I arrived in Los

Angeles on August 31, 1972, a short week before the Israeli athletes were killed at Munich.

After that heinous act, I began to realize that I wanted to teach Jewish kids about being Jewish more than I wanted to study Ancient Arabic and Persian manuscripts. I took a leave of absence from UCLA and entered the University of Judaism (now the American Jewish University), a Conservative Seminary. After two years of working for the Los Angeles Unified School District in the morning, teaching Hebrew School in the afternoon, and taking classes at night, I received my Master of Arts degree. My next goal was a joint doctorate from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and USC in Social Ethics. After one year, I was asked to leave. Why, you may ask? Frankly, because sometimes Jewish Ethics and Protestant Ethics are not the same. Undaunted, I searched out a program that would help me foster my love of children and especially, special needs children. I began my Master of Science degree at California Lutheran College and completed it in 1978. I became a Special Education Teacher that fall and have continued ever since.



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Wednesday, April 6, 6:30PM

Sisterhood's 8th Annual**Women's Seder**

See Page 4

Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 AM

Join TBE at Burbank on Parade

See Page 5

Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 PM

Two documentaries in remembrance of the Macedonian WWII Holocaust

See flyer

Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 AM

New Havurah start-up meeting

See Page 4

Saturday, April 16 at 6:30 PM

Community Seder**Everyone Welcome**

See Page 3

Sunday, April 17

Children's Seder

Sunday, May 1

Temple Clean-up DayVolunteer an hour or two
to help spruce up our Temple

See Page 2

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:45 PM

Days of Remembrance at Temple

See flyer

Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 PM

Jewish Community Day at Dodger Stadium

See flyer

Do you know someone who is sick and you don't know what to do for them? Do you know of a cause that needs help but you don't have the time? Have you thought of doing a walk for a cause? Even if you don't know anyone or any group that is in need, do it just for the mitzvah of helping others. Of course you can do an event in memory of a person. What was their passion? What was their illness?



The Los Angeles area has several different walks. There is AIDS walk to help people with HIV and AIDS, Heart Walk, Memory Walk for people with Alzheimer's, Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, Autism Walk, Brain Tumor Walk, Walk for Education, and the Care Walk of Burbank to help benefit the youth counseling programs, etc. These are just a few walks.

These types of events do not take a lot of time, but they are huge fundraisers for their causes. If you cannot walk in a cause, find other ways to give back. I know you are thinking, "Where is the pitch line for the Temple?" There is none. In life, we all volunteer for different causes. The Temple happens to be one of them.

I want to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Passover. It is a ritual to clean up your house for Pesach. We do that at the Temple also. We will be a little late for the holiday. We are doing a spruce up and clean up day on May 1. It entails cleaning the outside gutters, painting trim, cleaning the inside, organizing the office, and much more. Please contact Ira Goldstein at 818-845-1421 or Eddie Ackerman to volunteer for this event.

B'Shalom, President Steve Abrams



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Rabbi Mark H. Sobel
Cantorial Soloist. Chase De Luca
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Rabbi William M. Kramer Z"L*
*May his memory be a blessing.

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Monday-Thursday—9:00 AM-noon
Friday & Sunday—9:00 AM—1 PM
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The office is closed in observance of the following holidays:

New Years Day, President's Day, First day of Pesach, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving

Call Temple office at 818-843-4787 to contact Temple Staff/volunteers. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

CHAI TIMES

Chai Times is a free, monthly newsletter delivered by mail and available at www.TempleBethEmet.com. Article submissions, photos and feedback are encouraged and **due by the 15th of the month** and may be emailed to **Office@TempleBethEmet.com** or by delivery to the Temple office. Submissions will be published based on space available, relevant content, and at the discretion of Editor Shirley Abramson, Temple Officers and Directors.

LAST CALL - Be sure to complete form on page 12 to continue to receive your Chai Times

I met Rabbi Kramer in the summer of 1973 and over the years we kept in touch, including several guest lectures on Islamic thought for his classes at Cal. State Univ. Northridge (CSUN). In 1975, I joined the CSUN Hillel Staff as an outreach programmer and saw him even more often. In 1985, upon returning from an Israeli Seminar for Teachers, I decided the Rabbinate was for me. I contacted Rabbi Kramer. After several months of discussions, he had an idea that would benefit Temple Beth Emet and me. I would be Educational Director for two years and, if successful, he would ordain me in the Eastern European tradition of convening a Beit Din, have them examine me in all aspects of Rabbinic Judaism, including, Talmud, Philosophy, History and Ritual and then rule on my examinations and if I passed, grant me Rabbinic Ordination. I was ordained in March of 1988. Rabbi Kramer, though, had a concern. He said, "I am well known here in Los Angeles, so this ordination will hold you in good stead, but outside Los Angeles, I just don't know." This act of humility led me to Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, at the P'nei-Or Institute (now Aleph) in Philadelphia. I learned with Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi and his professors on that coast and at seminars here for three years and became ordained a

second time in February 1991. I have been a doubly ordained Rabbi ever since.

One of my great joys was to bring both giants of Jewish Learning together for a meeting. What is humorous, yet enlightening is how they both saw each other. Both Rabbi and Reb Zalman referred to the other as, "What a wonderfully Eccentric Man!" I am so honored to have been both Rabbi Kramer's and Reb Zalman's student and their colleague and to have learned from them in their own especially unique way, as to what makes a teacher, a leader, a counselor; in other words, a Rabbi.

There are many ways a person can be enslaved- physically, mentally, through the truth or through misinformation. At this time of freedom, I have sought to free myself and the congregation from any misunderstanding, mystery and misapprehension regarding my education and my twenty five years with the congregation. I am especially happy that people inquired. To be free means to ask the question, to continue to be free means to listen and hear the answer, to remain free means to always be perpetually in dialogue.

B'ahava and Hag Sameah, Rabbi Mark



TBE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

The holiday of Pesach (Passover) is one of the three pilgrimage festivals, along with Sukkoth (booths) and Shavuot (Pentecost), where the people traveled to Jerusalem to pray and to hold community celebrations. Pesach takes as its basis the Exodus from Egypt, but it has evolved into a true holiday dedicated to Freedom for all people for all time. It is most well known for its family meal and home celebration known as the Seder (order in Hebrew) where the 'family' takes part in several rituals centered on the telling of the first Passover and with additional freedom tales shared by members of the community. The Passover book is called the Haggadah (the Telling) and it serves this purpose well with anecdotes coming from the Torah, the Aggadah (great legends) and traveling up to the present day. The best summation of the Seder celebration comes from an early passage in the Haggadah which states, "All who enlarge upon the story of Passover is to be praised." This idea

enables one to personalize and communalize the Seder to fit the needs of all who seek to 'enter and make Pesach'. Once you have entered and decided to make Passover, you will give up foods with leavening, for it was in haste we left Egypt and the bread dough did not rise but stayed flat. Today we eat matzo in commemoration of that fateful night. This has led to a sweet teaching. The only difference between bread and Matzo is air. The higher the bread the more air. The same with us. The higher we project ourselves, the more filled up we are with hot air. The less air, the more solid we are and the more humble. The true value of matzo is reminding us to remain solid and grounded, not just at Passover when remembering what went into freedom, but every day when we strive to preserve freedom for all the people of all the nations of the world.

Hag Sameah, Rabbi Mark



TBE HOUSE OF STUDY

TWO AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARIES IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE MACEDONIAN WWII HOLOCAUST

will be presented Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 PM

(See flyer for details)

Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 16 at 6:00 PM

There is no charge for this Seder, but please call Temple office for reservations as we need to know how many to plan for.

All are welcome

If interested in a **pre-school camp at the Temple for one week in July**, please call the Temple office or email Steve Abrams at president@templebethemet.com.



The Men's Club WANTS YOU

to join us for our monthly meeting and brunch.

This month's meeting will be on April 24 at 9:30 AM.



Men \$5, Ladies are our guests.

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Contact Iryna Ryshchenko and/or Steve Abrams

Phone: (818) 843-4787

email: singlesgroupbe@gmail.com or Office@TempleBethEmet.com

Havurahs!

Would you like to join a Havurah?

Ruth Glick is in the process of organizing a new group. If interested, come to the planning meeting on April 11 at 10:00am. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Ruth at 818-780-9134.

Havurah Simcha/L'Chaim met in March for dinner and afterward attended the Megillah reading at the Temple.

Join a Havurah. You'll be happy you did.

Chai Society

As we "march" right into April, new things are budding and blooming inside AND out at Temple. Please join us at our next monthly meeting, Sunday, April 3, at 10:00 AM to discuss, plan and support all the new and upcoming events at our Temple, such as TBE Community Seder, Family Promise and more! Also, we encourage the women and sisters at Temple to attend Sisterhood's Women's Seder on April 6!

Many, many thanks to Chai Society members and others for last month's delicious dishes for our awesome Shabbat Across America Potluck Dinner; for Chai Society voting to help fund TBE Purim Megillah Reading Night Hamantashen and Punch Reception along with Sisterhood and Men's Club; and for our dedicated members' continued support to the Family Promise project, providing a family meal to families in need!

We look forward to good times ahead, and we hope you will consider joining us at our monthly meetings, on the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM Everyone is welcome!

Sisterhood Sidelines As we move into a new season, blooming foliage and warmer weather isn't all you have to look forward to. Here at Sisterhood we are working on some fresh, exciting ideas to help our temple.

First off is our Women's Seder on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 PM. All women are invited and we hope they will bring their mothers, sisters, aunts, neighbors and daughters over 12. This is an incredible Seder that Leona always puts on for us. **A light Passover dinner will be served.** There is no charge for this event but reservations are a must as we need to know how many to plan for. Contact Leona Zollman at 818-761-3931

Very important reminder: It has been over 60 years since the Holocaust. This year, on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:45 PM, our Temple will be hosting 'Burbank Days of Remembrance.' This event is sponsored by eleven Burbank churches and two Jewish Temples. An inspiring program is being planned. Sisterhood will be providing homemade refreshments. (See flyer).



BBYO-AZA boys chapter meets at TBE every other Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 PM and **BBYO-BBG girls chapter** meets at TBE every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Contact Martin Greenfield through the Temple Office for more information.



Shabbat Across America

at Temple Beth Emet March 4, 2011

A huge thank you to Stacie Barlow and Dana Sapper for chairing this event and to all who brought food to share. This was a most enjoyable evening. **The best ever!**



The City of Burbank is celebrating 100 years as an incorporated City.

Help celebrate on **Saturday, April 9** as **Temple Beth Emet** participates in the parade. We will be ordering special shirts, designed with our logo, to wear for the day and decorating a vehicle for the parade.

If you would like to participate in the parade or help in any way, please contact Lisa De Luca at 818-434-2244.

Join us for a fun day either to observe the parade or be in it!

It is not every day one turns 100.



Left: Bertha Yaras received TBE Proclamation.

Below: Purim activities-baking Hamantaschen and 2nd and 3rd grader performance.



Brownie/Daisy Troop #657 visits TBE

Happy April Anniversaries

Lynda & Robert Feldman

Mary & David Ross

Cheryl & Brad Weinfeld

Elsie & Mark Ringel



The 1st Friday of every month, known as Family Shabbat, can now also be called "**Friday Fun For All**".

We will be serving pizza at 6:30 PM before service. You won't have to worry about cooking dinner for the family, just grab the kids and join us.

\$5.00 for adults and **kids eat free!**

Please call by Wednesday of that week for reservations:

Jeannie Mintz at 818-314-8403 or
Barbara Bolter at 818-761-3116.

Remember the sick with cards, calls and visits.

They help heal.

Mina Sobel's father had hip surgery. Myra Sloves, Charlotte Patterson, Mina Sobel and Maurine Gold have not been feeling well.

We wish them a speedy return to good health.

We send our deepest condolences to the Berger Family at the passing of Sylvia's mother **Sara Rachiewski.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting Class</p>	<p>30 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM -8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p>
<p>3 9:00 AM -12 noon Religious School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir 10:00 AM Chai Society</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>5 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting Class 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM -8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting 6:30-9:00 PM Women's Seder</p>
<p>10 9:00 AM -12 noon Religious School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir 10:00AM New Havurah start-up meeting</p>	<p>11 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM Board Meeting (members in good standing welcome)</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM -8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p>
<p>17 9:00 AM -12 noon Religious School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir Children's Seder</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class Erev Passover</p>	<p>19 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors class 7:30 PM Strategic Planning Meeting 7:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting Passover</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting Passover</p>
<p>24 No religious school 9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting & breakfast Passover</p>	<p>25 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class Passover</p>	<p>26 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting Passover</p>	<p>27 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p>
<p>1 9:00 AM -12 noon Religious School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir 10:00 AM Chai Society Temple Clean-up Day</p>	<p>2 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>3 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors 7:00 PM Board Meeting (moved in May due to Days of Remembrance May 10) 7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class 7:00 PM-8:30 PM BBYO BBG Meeting</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	<p>1 6:30 PM Family Pizza Dinner 7:00 PM Family Shabbat Service with the Junior Choir (note time) Welcomer: Fran Bernstein Candle Blessor: Barbara Bolter</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>7 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	<p>8 7:30 PM Musically-historical Shabbat Service Welcomer: Kathy Kreyns Candle Blessor: Dana Sapper Scripture Reader: Howard Sapper Kiddush: Emily Mintz-Kreyns</p>	<p>9 11:00 AM Burbank on Parade 7:00 PM—Two award-winning documentaries in Remembrance of the Macedonian WWII Holocaust</p>
<p>14 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	<p>15 7:30 PM Shabbat Service Welcomer: Margaret Goldfarb Candle Blessors: Melissa Schenk Scripture Reader: Michael Schenk</p>	<p>16 6:30 PM Community Seder</p>
<p>21 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p> <p>Passover</p>	<p>22 7:30 PM Shabbat Service Welcomer: Jeannie Mintz Candle Blessor: Maurine Gold Scripture Reader: John Eisinger</p> <p>Passover</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Passover</p>
<p>28 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	<p>29 7:30 PM Shabbat Service Welcomer: Jessica Wertlieb Candle Blessor: Lois Jones Scripture Reader: Ron Kurtz</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>5 6:00 PM—8:00 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	<p>6 6:30 PM Family Pizza Dinner 7:00 PM Family Shabbat Service with the Junior Choir Welcomer: Candle Blessor:</p>	<p>7</p>



NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>April 1 at Temple</u>			<u>March 25 at Temple</u>		
Margot Palmer	Marlene Dreyfuss	April 1	Sonja Murez	Herbert Murez	April 17
Elizabeth Gluck	Teri Daou	April 2	Anne Goldstein	Ira Goldstein	April 18
Charles Jones	Lois Jones	April 2	Doris Linger	Alexander Linger	April 19
Matilda Bayer	Fred Bayer	April 2	Joseph Friedman	Congregation	April 20
<u>April 8 at Temple</u>			Mary Kahn	Howard Kahn	April 21
Edith Lapidus	Barry Verdi	April 5	Louis M. Phillips	Harvey Phillips	April 21
Jeno Friedman	Judy Robins	April 6	Herbert G. Sommerfeld	Monica Pink	April 21
Samuel Mintz	Bernard Berman	April 6	Anthony Mendez	Elizabeth Postal	April 21
Hanne Elaine Basskin	Congregation	April 7	Suzanne Galland	Pamela Franklin	April 21
Harry Stein	Bernice Dacher	April 9	John Manocchia	Mary Manocchia	April 22
Florence Doreen Perl	Melinda Swiecicki	April 9	John Manocchia	Monica Pink	April 22
William Saunders	Jan Burns	April 9	Ruth Noakes	Toby Berman	April 22
<u>April 15 at Temple</u>			Ben Zimberoff	Carla Berman	April 22
Phillip Rocklin	Sandra Phillips	April 10	Ronnie Avarguch	Mitzi Rattner	April 23
Pauline Zober	Maurine Zober Gold	April 11	Miriam Dubinsky	Bennett Kayser	April 23
Roberto Rachilewski	Silvia Berger	April 11	Sara Levin	Eugene Levin	April 23
Fannie Zimmer	Congregation	April 12	<u>April 29 at Temple</u>		
David Levinson	Congregation	April 13	Mary Cohen	Lisa Levitt	April 24
Meyer Frank	David Frank	April 13	Miriam Grunner	Shirley Abramson	April 25
Philip Levinson	Congregation	April 15	Bernard Marcus	Valerie Bernath	April 26
Rose Mardarossian	Monica Pink	April 15	Harvey Scher	Merle Scher	April 26
Hedwig Prinz	Ruth Prinz	April 15	Louis Mehlman	Phyllis Mehlman	April 27
Selig Alter Levy	Eve Levy	April 16	Alex Kanigher	Talbert Kanigher	April 28
			Anna Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	April 29
			James Craig Sloves	Myra Sloves	April 29
			Robin Garrett	Norma Resnick	April 29
			Ida Nemzer	M/M Marvin Nemzer	April 30

Yahrzeit

A yahrzeit is an anniversary of a death of a loved one. Jews commemorate a yahrzeit by lighting a small candle, called a yahrzeit candle, which burns throughout the 24-hour day of the anniversary of death. The flame of the candle is a potent symbol of the flame of life that once burned brightly and illumined the lives of loved ones who mourn the loss.



Temple members are asked to provide the names and dates of death of deceased relatives for inclusion in the yahrzeit list. The Temple office will annually notify members of the yahrzeit date, and the name of the deceased will be announced by Rabbi from the bimah on the Shabbat prior to the anniversary of the passing of the loved one.

To honor the loved one, it is customary to give a donation to a synagogue fund in memory of a loved one at the time of a yahrzeit. Although it's typical to make donations in multiples of \$18 (the numeric value of the word "chai" or life), other amounts are welcome.

Yarzheit Memorial Plaque

If you wish to create a permanent remembrance to a loved one, you may wish to have their name commemorated on one of our yarzheit memorial plaques on our Memorial Boards outside the sanctuary. For a donation of \$150.00, we will inscribe your loved one's name on the plaque, light the light next to the plaque every year of their yahrzeit, and automatically include your loved one in our congregation's annual Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance.

You Asked... We Listened.

Effective May 1, 2011, the Board of Directors voted to change Temple Beth Emet dues structure to \$50/month.

This means that anyone who pays in advance (\$600/year or \$300/six months or \$150/quarter) will show a credit on their membership dues. Members will NOT receive another statement until their credit is used, and then it will be for only \$50, the next month's dues.

We will also remove any advance/annual charges that have already appeared on your membership statements (e.g., May 2011 through April 2012). The amount owed only will be for past and present charges. Understanding your statement should be simpler.

Please refer questions/feedback to Treasurer Beth Rosen at treasurer@templebethemet.com.

April Yahrzeit Donations

Jerry Everakes

...In loving memory of Herman Everakes

Freda Swedlove Murez & Herbert Murez

...In loving memory of Ida Swedlove Kushner

Gerald & Estelle Becker

...In loving memory of Sam Levin

Beverly Genereux

In loving memory of Frank Genereux

Debbie Fishel & Family

...In loving memory of Alfred Jackman

Naomi Aronoff

...In loving memory of Howard Segal

Steven M. Byron

...In loving memory of Marvin Byron



During the week of March 13, Temple Beth Emet had the honor of serving two Family Promise families (including six children) at St. Jude's. **Many thanks to our new TBE Family Promise Coordinator Melissa Schenk for coordinating this event for us and to everyone that helped.**

The following letter is written by a **Jewish Confederate soldier, Isaac J. Levy** of the 46th Virginia infantry, from camp in Adams Run South Carolina, describing to his sister how he and his brother Ezekiel ("Zeke") **observed Passover** while in the army during the US Civil War:

Adams Run April 24, 1864

Dear Leonora,

No doubt you were much surprised on receiving a letter from me addressed to our dear parents dated on the 21st which was the first day of Passover. We were all under the impression in camp that the first day of the festival was 22nd and if my memory serves me right I think that Ma wrote me that Passover was on the 22nd. Zeke was somewhat astonished on arriving in Charleston on Wednesday afternoon to learn that was the first Seder night. He purchased Matzot sufficient to last us for the week. The cost is somewhat less than in Richmond, being but \$2 a pound. We are observing the festival in a truly orthodox style. On the first day we had a fine vegetable soup. It was made of a bunch of vegetables which Zeke brought from Charleston

containing new onions, parsley, carrots, turnips, and a young cauliflower; also a pound and a half of fresh beef, the latter article sells for four dollars per pound in Charleston. Zeke E. did not bring us any meat from home. He brought us some of his own smoked meat which he is sharing with us; he says that he supposes that Pa forgot to deliver it to him. No news in this section at present. Troops from Florida are passing over the road enroute for Richmond. 'Tis probable that we will remain in this department and were it not for the unhealthy season which is approaching, we would be well satisfied to remain here. We received this morning Sarah's letter of the 18th and are truly sorry to hear that her sight is affected and trust that in a few days she will have recovered entirely her perfect sight.

Love to all, your affectionate brother Isaac J. Levy

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN

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