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Imahot Update

In the continuing saga of the Imahot (matriarchs), the Library Minyan finally made a decision. Unheard of? Unusual? Not so.

A ballot was sent to every member of the Minyan. Adults and children age 13 and older were given the opportunity to participate in this important decision.

What were the results? Not so fast. First, a bit of history.

Two years ago, Rachel Adler was forbidden from leading our community in prayer because she included the Imahot when chanting the first paragraph of the Amidah. It created some controversy. There were those who felt the time had

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come to include the Imahot in our prayers and our liturgy. There were those who thought it was a good idea, but do it somewhere else. And there were those who were opposed to changing the liturgy under any circumstances.

In the tradition of the Library Minyan, a committee was formed to study the issue. The committee examined texts. The committee studied with Rabbi Joel Rembaum and Rabbi David Ellenson. The committee recommended the inclusion of the Imahot. We asked the community to decide. And the results were the following: (Approximately 100 ballots were submitted.)

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Should it be permissible or forbidden to include the Imahot in the chanting of the first paragraph of the Amidah?

2 to 1 in favor of permissible

Should it be mandatory or optional to include the Imahot?

4 to 1 in favor of optional

What's next? There are some concerns as to how the Imahot should be included. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact the Ritual Committee of the Library Minyan.

The work was sometimes tedious. However, the mission was an important one. Again, I'd like to thank each and every member of the community who participated in the decision making process, and may we continue to go from strength to strength - m'chayil l'chayil.

- Janet Halbert

Note: The Ritual Committee has, with his permission, adopted Rabbi Richard Levy's formulation of the first paragraph of the Amidah, which includes the Imahot. Xerox copies of this formulation are available from the Gabbai, to be handed out to the membership prior to the chanting of the Amidah, by anyone who wishes to use it. Lida Baker has offered to coach anyone who so wishes in learning the melody.

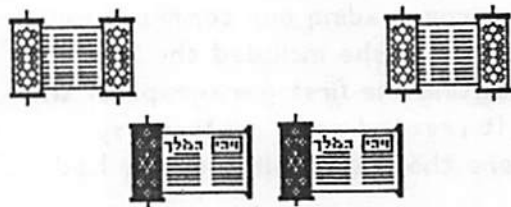
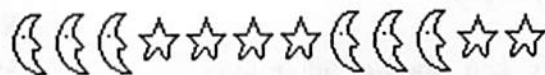
Attention: Pesach Debriefing

One of the goals of the Pesach Seder is to achieve a personal, gut-level experience of the nature of the slavery in, and the liberation from, Egypt. As we all know: "In every generation, each person should see him/herself as though s/he personally went out of Egypt.

Every Pesach I struggle with how to accomplish this, how to personally experience the varying mental and emotional states of both slavery and liberation at the seder. I usually am not very successful. The traditional Haggadah text and ritual rehearses the facts before me, but doesn't lead to an actualization of the experience. The reading of the traditional Haggadah speaks mainly to my mind, not to my heart.

That's why I need your help! Our Pesach Seder experiences are still (somewhat) fresh in our minds. Do any of you have suggestions or techniques you have thought about, seen or tried, for placing yourself and others emotionally/ experientially into Egypt during the Seder? Please call me with your ideas at (213) 657-7903. I'd really appreciate it.

- Fred Landau



Book Fund Contributions

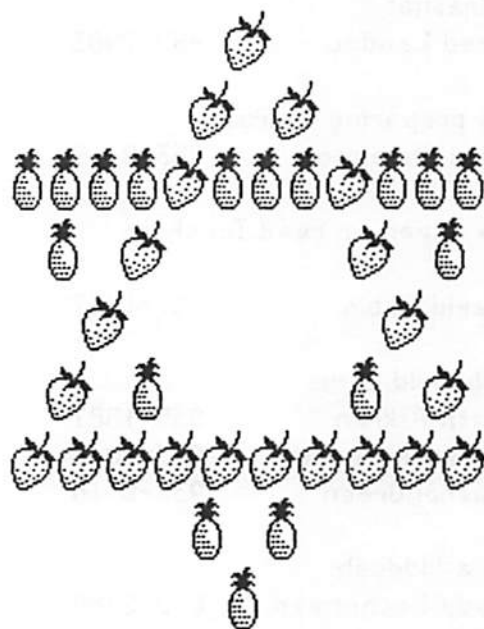
The Library Minyan would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the Rabbi David Aronson Book Fund. So far, we have collected enough money for the purchase of 60 books. Please send in your contribution forms soon so we may quickly reach our goal of donating 100 books in memory of Rabbi Aronson.

- Benjamin & Rachel Siegel
in honor of the birth of Elliot J. Siegel
in honor of the birth of Joshua D. Siegel
in honor of the birth of Avi T. Siegel
- Carl & Tore Sunshine
in memory of Rabbi David Aronson
- Jeff Altman
in honor of my parents Hy & Zucky Altman, who started me on the path
- Zvi & Ingrid Schoenburg
in celebration of our aufruf at the Library Minyan December 24, 1988
- Selwyn & Glynis Gerber & Family
in honor of Avi, Sandi & Lisa Schlesinger
- Kayla Landesman
in memory of my parents, Irma & Carl Lopaty
- Linda & Amos Amit, Karen & Shawni
in loving memory of our mother & bubbie, Kay Weber
- Rena & Perry Horowitz
in loving memory of Rena's father, Rabbi H. Honah Waldman
- Nathan & Shiela Krottinger
in honor of the aufruf of our daughter Michelle and Aron Wolf on January 7, 1989
- Art & Edith Maniker
in honor of our children, Marci & Maury
- Leon & Anne Kramer
in honor of the Libray Minyan
- Betty Kotler
in honor of the Library Minyan

Thanks for supporting us!

The minyan would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions:

- Steve & Freida Huberman
Irving & Sarah Lederich
David Schulman



To Volunteer

Contact the following people to help:

To daven or have an aliya:

Judy Lederich	(818) 908-9112
Elishava Hettinger	652-6825
Georgia Beller	854-0275
Ron Ostroff	836-4648

To read Torah or Haftorah:

Lida Baker	934-3663
Sharon Kushner	659-1926

To give a drasha:

Fred Landau	657-7903
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To get help preparing a drasha:

Levi Shnairson	653-9439
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To learn to daven or read Torah or
Haftorah:

David Rubin	937-1437
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To help with child care:

Ruth Askren	935-1567
Fran Grossman	933-5040
Rachel Green	938-8110

To sponsor a kiddush:

Judy Bacherman	652-9280
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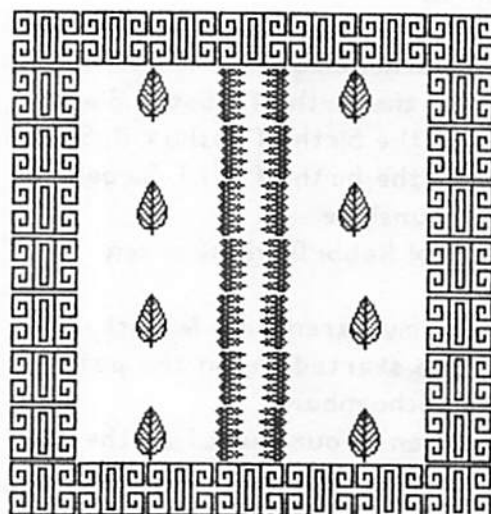
To contribute to the *Minyan Monthly*

Fay Wouk	397-4567
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Birth Announcement

Susan & Rami Gilboa are delighted to announce the birth of Talia Gila on Saturday, February 4th 1989, the 29th of Shevat. We're sure that Talia will be happy being part of the Minyan Family.



Hebrew Class

For the last two years, I have been teaching a Biblical Hebrew class in my home on Wednesday nights. So far we have read the story of Joseph in Genesis and the entire book of Samuel I. We are currently reading the book of Ruth. We study Hebrew grammar and vocabulary by reading the text and translating it. I'd like to invite new people to join our study group. For more information, please call Lida Baker at (213) 934-3663.

LIBRARY MINYAN PARTICIPATION SURVEY
MAY 1989

The Library Minyan is unique because of the volunteer participation of members. Please indicate below the areas in which you are willing and able to participate and return to:

Stan Goldstein
1928 Durango Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90034
Phone: 837-5503

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Lead T'filot:

Birchot Hashachar	_____	_____
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Torah Service	_____	_____
Musaf	_____	_____

Torah Reading:

Read Torah	_____	_____
Read Haftarah	_____	_____
1st Gabbai	_____	_____
2nd Gabbai	_____	_____

Child Care:

Help with younger kids	_____	_____
Help with older kids	_____	_____

Give a Drasha _____

Kiddush Committee _____
(help organize and set up kiddush)

Hospitality Committee _____
(organize and find homes for Shabbat lunch, etc.)

Education Committee _____
(teach others how to participate in and lead t'filot)

Ritual Committee _____
(co-ordinate gabbaim)

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90035

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