

# Celebrating Passover

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Workshops and seminars are a growing trend, and now with Spring upon us and Passover arriving this Saturday at sundown, the North East Jewish Community Services sponsored a Passover workshop and demonstration program Monday evening at the Hillcrest Community Library in Willowdale.

The workshop was designed to show adults how Passover can be celebrated in the home.

Carol Hacker, a staff member of the North East Jewish Community Services project, who works with Jewish Family Life and Recreation, explains that "occasionally a synagogue will have a Passover workshop for its membership."

This workshop came about in an effort to bring the general Jewish community, who aren't members of synagogues, in touch with the holiday.

Since there are many young Jewish families arriving in metro from all parts of the world who have left their families behind and are planning a seder for the first time, the workshop endeavored to familiarize them with the traditions of Passover.

Mrs. Hacker said the focus of the workshop was on how to conduct the important parts of the seder.

A seder table was set up, upon which a Passover plate with the traditional symbolic foods such as roasted lamb bone, moror (bitter herbs), charoseth (a combination of grated apple, nuts and wine) and sweet herbs (parsley, watercress and endive), placed in the appropriate sections.

Rabbi Michael Stroh of Har Zion Synagogue in Thornhill and Rabbi David Lawrence were on hand to provide information during the question and answer period.

Since music is an integral part of a Passover Seder, Isaac Silverstein of the Ritual Committee, Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Willowdale, introduced holiday music by way of records and personal participation.

Mrs. Orian Feldman gave a craft demonstration and explained ways of decorating the home during the holiday.

Booklets with stories and Passover recipes were available.

This year there will be some differences in the preparation prior to Passover, as it arrives on a Saturday at sundown.

Some of the traditions have to be carried out tomorrow evening rather than the evening before Passover, which this year is the Sabbath.

Passover lasts for eight days from sundown April 2 until April 10, which is also Easter Sunday.

## Exchange questions

Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion in Thornhill, Isaac Silverstein of Beth Tikvah, and Rabbi David Lawrence of Congregation O'alei Yoseph Yitschok exchange questions and answers from the

Haggadah — the Exodus story. This was part of a Passover workshop aimed at familiarizing adults with the ritual traditions of the Passover season. It was sponsored by the North East Jewish Community Services.

## Negotiators for school board

AURORA — York County board of education will probably have professional negotiators at their side when next they get together to discuss salaries with their more than 2,000 teachers.

Vice-chairman Doreen Quirk of Markham, made the announcement at a meeting of the board Monday night.

Mrs. Quirk said that, after studying the matter, the board had granted the

salary negotiating committee the "power" to hire a professional negotiator to assist them. The board recommended the committee "use this power."

The board had also directed staff to begin discussions with other

boards immediately to determine if a coordinated plan is feasible for next year's negotiations.

Staff is to report its findings to the board as soon as possible.

The news was received without comment.

## 4 youths in coin theft

THORNHILL — Four juveniles — aged 12, 13, 14, and 15 — were arrested and charged with break, enter and theft, plus possession over \$200, as a result of a break-in and theft of \$800 in coins from the home of William Scott, Olde Town Place, Thornhill.

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