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Dear Friends:

As we count the days to Pesach, we live with change and a new lease on life.

Let us rejoice in the tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. That Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan is alive and well in Jerusalem nearing his 97th birthday and that his son-in-law Rabbi Ira Eisenstein comes to Chicago this weekend to present a distinguished award to Philip M. Klutznick, one of the greatest Jewish statesman of our generation is a moment to be cherished. That Rabbi Sandy Sasso will keynote the evening at a special dinner gathering Saturday evening, April 8th, is an event at which I pray NTJC will be fully represented. Reserve your place by calling Executive Director Cyril G. Oldham at our Synagogue office. At Shabbat Services, April 7th, I will speak to the theme Reconstructionism as a Moving Force in Jewish Life and especially bless NTJC Past-President Len Leveton as he completes his fourth year as President of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Fellowship and NTJC Past-President Dr. Aaron M. Rosenthal serving as 10th Anniversary Dinner Co-Chairman!

A unique musical Cantata in the spirit of Passover preparation will be offered by Cantor Shuster accompanied by Sheldon Rosenbaum and the Synagogue Choir Friday evening, April 14th, and another in a series of monthly stimulating Breakfasts with the Rabbi will be held Sunday morning, April 16th, at 10:00 a.m. related to the theme, Jewish Ethics in Medicine.

A very special service under the sponsorship of the Inter-Religious Clergy Forum of Niles Township will take place Sunday afternoon, April 16th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Niles West Outdoor Stadium preparing a reverential mood for viewing the four night NBC-TV television series entitled HOLOCAUST beginning Sunday from 7 to 10 p.m. and continuing Monday and Tuesday, 8 to 10 p.m. and Wednesday 8 to 10:30 p.m. The local Christian response to the bitter possibility of a Nazi March in Skokie is only rivalled by a magnificent outpouring of letters and caring actions of our beloved Skokie Mayor Albert J. Smith and concerned Americans from all walks of life.

Lastly, make Passover happen this year beginning Friday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. by your attendance at Synagogue Worship and by re-living the Exodus at your home Seder both nights. Join us Shabbat and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for prayer, study and celebration, April 22nd and 23rd and concluding the Passover Season Friday and Shabbat morning at 10:00 a.m. April 28th and 29th. May it be a peaceful positive, powerful and joyous Passover Season for you and your loved ones.

Hag Samay-ah v'ka-Shayr,

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