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Dear Friend:

The approach of the Passover Holiday brings with it the time honored mitzvah of "Mo-os Chitim" (Matzo Fund Contribution). If, during the past few years, the degree of economic prosperity which Portland enjoyed made this mitzvah only perfunctory, this year it is one of grim necessity. We have here, in this city, this year, families whose Passover tables will be barren if the Jewish people do not respond in their traditional, charitable, Passover manner. It is not easy to sit at a Passover table and be haunted by the spectre of another table which lacks Matzo, Wine, and Passover food.

The compassion and pity which is the pride of the Jews is never felt more keenly than at this season. Now every Jew feels his fellow-Jew as his brother. I could not eat if my brother were hungry.

This request is made by the United Hebrew Charities, with the sanction of the Portland Jewish Federation.

We are enclosing for your convenience a self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Please send your contribution as early as possible.

May G-d bless you for your contribution and may the spirit of charity which prevails among our people be the cause of our redemption.

Sincerely yours

Rabbi Morris Bekritsky