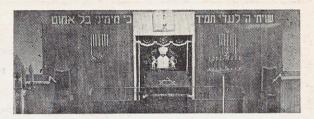
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#### THE JEWISH VOTE

RABBI SHLOMO KAHN

Election Day comes every year but only once in four years does it take on national prominence. Then country and citizens' tempers heat up over flames which are fueled by burning issues, stoked by red-hot accusations and fanned by ferocious counter-accusations. While the kettle is boiling, any and every additional remark is just so much more oil poured on the raging fire. Questions and comments, be they legitimate or unfair, quickly become obscured in a stream of rhetoric as each side manages to thoroughly confuse the public with consummate skill. Better and wiser, therefore, to confine opinions within the quiet circle of responsible listeners or the privacy of the voting booth. But after the election is over, when the glare has dimmed and the din silenced, issues can be examined coolly, without risking a verbal shooting war.

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Is there a Jewish vote in America? Yes, of course. America has the largest concentration of Jews in the world today. Although percentage-wise Jews are an absurdly small minority, their votes count heavily. Thus we have the curious exhibitions of candidates vigorously courting Jewish voters, with bagels and yarmulkas, freedom of Soviet Jews and arsenals for Israel.

Should there be a Jewish vote? Should Jews cast their votes on the basis of "is it good for Yiden"?

Such a question invariably stirs up a hornet's nest. Many believe that Jewish citizens in the United States ought not to let their Jewishness influence their votes. Judaism belongs in the synagogue and the home, they say. It has no place in politics.

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The Congregation mourns the passing of: Arthur Kugelman (son of Mrs. Auguste Kugelman).

Max Mayer (brother of Mrs. Irma Leopold & Miss Jenny Mayer).

Setta Roth (mother of Mrs. Arthur Katz). Max Goldsmith.

ZICHRONOM LIVROCHO.



"Klink! Klink! What's this klink klink that I hear?"

Kupsie was annoyed. He had been taking a nap, standing with his friends, the other Kiddush cups, on the shelf.

(Kiddush cups stand all the time, even when they sleep. They feel quite uncomfortable lying on their side.)

Kupsie was a light sleeper, not like Tumbler and Tassie who weren't bothered by room noises. That klink klink noise woke him up and, bad little boy as he was, he promptly woke up his friends too.

"What's that noise? Why are they so rude to me?" he wanted to know.

Tassie was about to give him a piece of his mind for disturbing him too, but he thought better of it. Arguing would only make it worse.

"It's money," he said with a sleepy yawn.
"Go back to sleep, Kupsie."

But Kupsie was wide awake now. "Money? What money?"

"Coins, silly boy. Coins being dropped in the box."

Tassie was right. Out of the corner of his eye, Kupsie still saw the hand of the person who had dropped some money into one of the collection boxes standing nearby.

"What's that for, anyway?" he wanted to know.

"Do you HAVE to be so nosy when I want to sleep?" grumbled Tassie.

"Let me explain," said Tumbler kindly, knowing that Kupsie would go on pestering until satisfied. "When people earn money, not all of their earnings are really their own. Part of it belongs to the poor and must be given to charity."

Both small cups were eager listeners now. "Really? How much?"

"One tenth must go to charity. That's why homes have such charity collection boxes. Ten cents out of every dollar earned is put away, to be used for a good, deserving cause. The rest of the money, ninety percent, is then permissible to the owner."

"That makes sense," said Tassie. "This way the poor get a nice share."

"But I'm better than that, much, much better," boasted Kupsie.

"What do you mean?"

"People give away only ten percent of what they get and keep all the rest. But Kiddush cups, when filled with wine, give away ALL of it and keep nothing for themselves!"

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Miketz, December 9	4.10	8:30	4:35	5:10	5:55	9:10
vayigash, December 16	4.10	8:30 Predigt	4:35	5:10	6:00	9:10
vaychi, December 23	. 4.15	8:30	4:40	5:15	6:05	9:15
Sillios, December 30	. 4:20	8:30	4:45	5:20	6:10	9:20
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Vayakhel (Shkolim), March 3	5.35	8:30 Predigt	5:55	6:30	5:30	9:00
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Vayikro (Zochor), March 17	5.50	8:30 Sermon	6:10	6:45	5:15	8:55
Tzav (Poro), March 24	5:55	8:30	6:15	6:50	5:05	8:45
Shmini (Hachodesh), March 31	6:00	8:30 Predigt	6:25	7:00	5:00 4:50	8:45
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"Operation gelungen, Patient gestorben," ist ein beissender Witz. Das Laecherliche hier ist nicht zum Lachen, sondern vielmehr traurig und zum Weinen. Aber doch laecherlich, gerade weil es so absurd klingt. Welch Bloedsinn, von Erfolg zu sprechen, wenn das Endresultat missglueckte! Wie kann von Gelingen die Rede sein, wenn der momentane Sieg durch darauffolgende Niederlage illusorisch gemacht wurde! Was hat man davon, Schlacht nach Schlacht zu gewinnen, wenn man den Krieg verliert!

Der Gesundheitszustand der Seele soll uns nicht weniger Besorgnis bereiten, als der des Koerpers. Auftretende Schmerzen schicken uns zu aerztlicher Untersuchung pochendes Gewissen zu religioeser Besinnung. Manchmal verschreibt der Arzt medizinische Behandlung und, wenn absolut noetig, drastischen Eingriff, Operation.

So auch gibt es verhaeltnismaessig leichte, angenehme Beruhigungsmittel gegen ein plagendes Gewissen. Und es gibt vorsichtiges Verhalten das vor Gewissensbisse schont. Und es gibt auch, wenn zu weit vorgeschritten oder zu lange gewartet, operationsaehnliche Radikalkur.

Zum Beispiel: Wer jahrein jahraus seine Pflicht tut, pflegt seine Nschomo. Wer fleissig Schulen geht, an jedem Schabbos (drei mal! Freitag Abend, Schabbos frueh und Nachmittag), ergaenzt mangelhafte Kost durch naehrende Vitamine. Wer taeglich, morgens und abends zur Synagoge geht, lebt vorzueglich nach Diaet und darf erwarten, kerngesund zu bleiben. Wer aber das alles vernachlaessigt, laeuft Gefahr, "seelisch" G'tt behuete, zu erkranken.

Freilich gibt es fuer ernste Faelle starke Heilmittel, die man dann gezwungen ist, anzuwenden; vielleicht sogar muss man zur Operation schreiten. Die hohen Feiertage, Rosch haSchono, Schabbos Schuwo, Jom Kippur, sind solche einschneidende chirurgische Eingriffe.

Nun ist es weit bekannt, dass nach einer Operation der Patient aeusserst vorsichtig sein muss, dass er sich streng an die aerztlichen Vorschriften zu halten hat und sich keinen Leichtsinn leisten darf, damit keine Komplikationen eintreten. Denn, wie tragisch und, ja wie laecherlich, wenn "Operation gelungen, Patient gestorben!"

Sollten wir uns da nicht hueten vor laecherlichem Verhalten? Mit grosser Genugtuung stellen wir fest, Rosch haSchono und Jom Kippur war unsere Synagoge voll und gut besucht, unsere G'ttesdienste wuerdig durchgefuehrt mit aufrichtiger, der Tage angemessener Stimmung. Und die darauffolgenden Sukkos Feiertage waren echte Jomtov-Tage, in Dankgefuehl und Freudeausdruck begangen, namentlich war, wie bei uns jahrelang Tradition, Simchas Thora ein jubelnder Abschluss, mit jugendlicher Lebhaftigkeit die sich ueberaus nicht nur auf die Jugend beschraenkte.

Also, "Operation gelungen."

Wie aber geht es dem "Patient" nach der Operation?

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#### YOU SHOULD AT LEAST ENCOURAGE ME!

The Talmud relates: "When Moses ascended (Sinai's) height, he found the Holy One, blessed be He, binding crowns to the Torah's letters (putting the finishing touches to the Torah). Said He: Isn't it customary to extend a greeting, in your city?' Said Moses: 'Does a slave greet his Master?' Said He: 'You should at least encourage Me!' (i.e. wish Me success in My work)."

(SHABBOS 99a)

Strange and peculiar as this verbal exchange between G'd and Moses seems, it contains a basic truth of immense importance. Man is nothing but a bystander, thought Moses, a mere tool, a cog in the great machinery of G'd's plan. Man can reach the height of appreciating the wonders of the Creator, and sing His praises, but surely he has no part in it.

What's more, it's man's lot to be totally passive, not to attempt anything on his own, to rely completely on G'd. Therefore when Moses found himself ushered into the awesome Presence, he stood mute, unwilling even to say a word of greeting, lest it seem presumptuous.

G'd taught him otherwise. Though man is part of Creation, he was chosen by the Creator to rise above all else, to become, as it were, a partner with G'd in the shaping of destiny.

Whereas all other creatures must let life pass by in total submission to the will of G'd, man has been issued a weighty pack to carry: to be active on his own behalf. Man must NOT sick back in comfort and wait for the scenes to follow each other on the screen. Rather, he must plunge into life

with energetic vigor, plan his moves, and execute them with care.

Though ultimately G'd's plan will prevail, He wants man's active encouragement and participation. (Ramban, Sefer Ho-Emuno vhaBitochon I)

Thus man has been given voice and choice. He can either endorse the will of G'd, or rebel against it. He can choose freely, unhindered, whether to abandon Him or follow Him.

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## PURIM SECTION

Due to the fact that this year is a leap year, Purim will leap in a month late. Concerning this holiday, the late Haman (of unpleasant memory) was heard to murmur on the way to the gallows: "Better never than late." We think differently, of course. In eager anticipation, HAKOHOL presents a sneak preview of merry Purim spirit in this pre-Purim section. It's entitled

#### GAMES WE PLAY

and describes some of the favorite games played within our Congregation.

#### (1) FIRST ONE IN IS A MONKEY'S UNCLE

Object: To beat all others by being the very last person to arrive in Shul.

Rules: Refuse to look at the clock. Don't look up what time services begin. Set your watch one full hour back. Walk to Shul slowly, after starting out extra late. Greet every acquaintance you meet and engage him in lengthy conversation.

Scoring: First 9 men lose. 5 points for the 10th man for each minute late. Bonus of 100 points if the waiting congregation has sent someone down to look for 10th man.

#### (2) Tease The Cantor

Object: To let the Cantor think he's alone in an empty Shul.

Rules: Under no circumstances, make an audible response. Whisper every OMEN so that no one can hear.

Scoring: 5 points for every congregational response passed over in silence. 50 points bonus if Cantor sneaks backward look to see whether he is, in fact, alone.

Variation Object: To let the Cantor think he's standing there unnecessarily.

Rules: Engage in lively conversation whenever he begins to sing. Chant or sing louder than the Cantor. If at all possible, sing off-tune.

Scoring: 10 points for drowning out a cantorial part. Bonus of 150 points for making him miss his melody.

#### (3) RATTLE THE PUSHKE

Object: To successfully disturb the weekday service with as much noise as possible, when taking the cover off the charity collection box and getting change.

Rules: Wait for strategic moment, such as a silent devotion when you can be heard throughout the Shul. Shake the box. Bang the lid. Rattle the coins.

Scoring: 50 points for average noise. 75 points for above-average. Bonus of 100 points for waiting until Rabbi "learns." 500 points for starting conversation with the other fellow who also changes money at the same time. 1,000 points for dropping the whole pushke, spilling the money all over the place.

#### (4) Tease The Congregation

Object: To stop the service, creating a good-sized pause.

Rules: Pretend not to hear that your name was announced for a call to the Torah. Continue conversation as if nothing happened, even when all eyes turn in your direction. Disregard all frantic hand waving for as long as possible. Then walk slowly, smiling broadly, nodding to everyone on the way to the Bimah.

Scoring: 50 points for successful act. 50 points also for starting out late from seat

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#### DIE SCHIUR-ECKE



Wussten Sie . . .

dass man am Schabbos mindestens drei Mahlzeiten einzunehmen hat und zwar eine nach Schabbos Eingang am Freitag Abend und zwei bei Tag moeglichst eine davon vor oder am Mittag (die Hauptmahlzeit) und die letzte nachmittags, vor Nacht?

Nachmittag vor Schabbos (4:10 P.M.) entzuendet werden muessen, jedoch bis 5:40 P.M. (½ Stunde nach Einbruch der Nacht) brennen muessen, deshalb nicht die gewoehnlichen Kerzen, sondern dickere (Schabbos) Kerzen benuetzt werden muessen?

. . . dass beim Einkauf von frischen Fischen man darauf achten muss, dass es erkennbare koschere Fische sind (mit Schuppen) und dass man sich dabei nicht auf den nichtjuedischen Haendler verlassen darf?

... dass Schma morgens vor Ablauf des ersten Viertel des Tages gesprochen werden muss (siehe letzte Spalte auf Seite 5), daher es ratsam ist, waehrend der Winterzeit am Schabbos, ganz Schma vor Schacharis zu sprechen, denn oft ist der Zeittermin schon ueberschritten, wenn beim G'ttesdienst Schma erreicht ist?

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Not so, maintain others. Judaism is life in its totality. We do not believe in the separation of sacred and secular. Torah speaks for all aspects of life and gives clear guidelines for ethical conduct and moral behavior, for the individual as well as the society, the community as well as the nation.

Shouldn't wise statesmen have learned from history that it's in their own nationalistic interest to shape their country's policies in direct proportion to what's "good for Yiden"? Sooner or later, every enemy of the Jewish people has had to feel G'd's wrath, and all our benefactors His benevolence.

Moses phrased it ringingly clear:

Remember the days of yore
Consider the years of generations;
Ask your father, he will tell you,
Your elders, they will say to you.
When the Most High assigned nations'
possessions,

When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of nations According to Israel's numbers.

(DEUT. 32:7, 8)

#### PERSONALS (continued from page 2)

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Manfred Schoen on the birth of a grandson.

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Nat Wild on the birth of a grandson.

Mazeltov on the engagement of Miss Marion Wolff & Mr. Yitzchok Schlusselberg.

Mazeltov on the engagement of Miss Randy Gerber & Mr. Alan Lichtenstein.

Mazeltov on the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Friedman.

Mazeltov on the wedding of Miss Marcia Don & Mr. Jerry Oppenheim.

Mazeltov on the wedding of Miss Kim Deutsch & Mr. Henry Hirsch.

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on the way to opening the Oron haKodesh. 75 points for "forgetting" to go up in time for Kaddish. 100 points for drawing out Mi Sheberach by supplying name and donation information as slowly as possible. Bonus of 500 points to every officer and synagogue functionary for holding a conference about who should be called, while holding up Krias haTorah.

#### (5) READY — GET SET — GO

Object: To be the first to leave Shul.

Rules: Conclude your prayers ahead of time or simply cut them short. Move toward rear of synagogue well before end of service. Be poised for instant, rocket-like take-off at exit door. Start count-down at last Kaddish.

Scoring: 500 points for the winner. Consolation prize of 350 points each to all who madly rush out. Extra 50 points for banging Siddur on the way out. 25 points for each loud farewell to fellow worshippers.

HAKOHOL intends to publish, at a later date, some of the outstanding winners, on a Golden Page of Champions, and the Congregation will honor them at a Kiddush on Yom Kippur after Musaf.

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TIME EACH DAY TO
T O R A H S T U D Y ?



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Fuer die Aufmerksamkeiten anlæsslich meines 95. Geburtstages danke ich allen Freunden und Bekannten aufs Herzlichste. SALLY HIRSCH

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

The Jewish Federation of Washington Heights and Inwood, our community organization representing all Jewish congregations and groups of our area, met in September with high police officials, including Commanders of Manhattan North & South, Inspector Bronstein, and Capt. Santanello (34th Precinct). A lengthy discussion centered on public apprehension, lack of safety, need for more security, and legitimate, constructive criticism. Police officials outlined programs for extended patrols in the streets as well as apartment buildings, better street lights, a need for the public's participation in security action (such as tenant patrols, WHISP, and refusal to give in to fear and panic) and invited contact with police representatives at any time.

On October 24th, a special election to fill four vacancies on the local School Board was held. Our Congregation, as well as neighboring congregations, made available to members a recommended slate for guidance in voting.

On November 5th, one of a series of public meetings was held to air the issue of the proposed Public School and Housing Project on Broadway and 185th-187th Sts.

We urge that all members and friends become fully acquainted with the details of this controversial project which could seriously influence the balance of our neighborhood. With proper leadership, our community will, with the help of G'd, continue to maintain stabilization and ensure a satisfactory future for our residents and community establishments.

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Chanuka Party
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
3 P.M.

#### SOVIET JEWRY

Again, this year, our Yom Kippur prayers included a plea for freeing Jewish captives in Arab lands and behind the Iron Curtain. Before beginning the Kol Nidre service, the Holy Ark was opened and the special prayer authorized by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel (see text in last issue of HAKOHOL) was recited.

On Simchas Torah, which has become in recent years a day of Jewish identification with Jews in Russia, we paused for a moment of reflection and solidarity prior to the joyous evening service and dedicated one of the Hakofos to the Jews of Russia, sharing with them thoughts, feelings and songs of optimism and faith.

The Washington Heights-Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry published its latest issue of HATZALA (Newsletter), featuring news about the Soviet exit ransom fees, work on the Jackson-Vanik measures in Congress (pressure to rescind the exit fees), release of Gavriel Shapiro, and several citywide and community activities.

A Concert to Benefit Soviet Jewry will take place December 16th, at Yeshiva University.

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