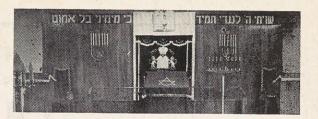
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GLOBAL HUNGER — WHY?

RABBI SHLOMO KAHN

Nagging concern over shortage of food and the tortures and misery of hunger and starvation have plagued mankind since the dawn of history. "There was famine in the land" is an ever recurring theme throughout the books of the Bible, from Genesis to Chronicles, recording the tears and pain and agonies suffered over the centuries.

Modern man tends to write off such calamities as things of the past, to equate "biblical" with "archaic," to relegate history to what's antiquated and obsolete. Failures, insufficiencies and scarcities were due to primitive man's ignorance and inexperience, we claim. Nowadays, thanks to progress and advancement, shortcomings are easily rectified and successfully overcome.

And then unprecedented global hunger threatens the lives of millions, and deals a devastating blow to haughty 20th century man deflating his complacency like air whooshing out from a child's balloon.

All right. We've learned a lesson, a most bitter and tragic lesson. But still we ask: How come? We're the generation that can send man to the moon, navigate the planets, imitate perfectly in synthetic form the

superb quality of nature. Why do we fail so dismally as housekeepers of the world? Why this senseless hunger?

A careful reading of history shows that famines are neither natural nor accidental but rather deliberately scheduled and divinely designed. In a temporary suspension of the natural flow of history, G'd intercedes dramatically and manipulates natural, political, sociological conditions to send His message to man.

Sometimes He does so for the sake of an individual (hashgocho protis): to test Abraham's faith (Genesis 12:10, Rashi ibid), to demonstrate providence to Isaac (ibid 26:1, Malbim). Sometimes it is of national import: to relocate Israel to Egypt, to discipline rebellious Israel (Ruth Rabbo Pesichto 3; I Kings 17; II Kings 6), to undo the wrong of minority discrimination (II Samuel 21).

A famine is no mere coincidence, no freak accident, but must always be recognized as one of the channels held open by G'd to transmit His signals ("G'd Himself proclaims a famine" Talmud Brochos 55b).

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Max Mayer

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Mazeltov to Mrs. Ida Kaufherr on her 85th birthday.

Mazeltov to Mrs. Meta Lauter on her 75th birthday.

Mazeltov to Mrs. Jenny Jonas on her 70th birthday.

Mazeltov to Mrs. Grete Heilbrunn on the birth of a great-grandson.

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Gerstley on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazeltov to Cantor & Mrs. Jack Schartenberg on the birth of a grandson.

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Fuld on the birth of a grandson.

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

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Tannenbaum on the Barmitzvo of a grandson.

Mazeltov to Mrs. Tilly Stern on the Barmitzvo of a grandson.

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Benno Seligmann on their silver wedding anniversary.

Mazeltov on the Barmitzvo of Ronald Wimpfheimer (Shabb. Trumo, February 15).

The Congregation mourns the passing of:

Kurt Rosenthal George Bloom Sol Krell

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Regine Deutsch (sister of Mrs. Julia Bauer)

Martin Benedikt (brother of Mrs. Lilly Oppenheim).

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" — Havdolo!"

"Lulov — "

" - Esrog!"

"Talis — "

" - Tefilin!"

"What on earth are you two doing?" asked Tumbler.

"We're playing a game," laughed his two friends, Kupsie and Tassie.

"Never heard of this game. What is it?"

"You see, I call out one name of a set of mitzvos and Kupsie has to match it with the other. Watch: Rosh HaShono —"

" — Yom Kippur!" Kupsie shouted back.

Tumbler was impressed. "Let me get in on it," he begged.

"All right," said the two small Kiddush cups. "Shoot!"

"Matzo!" Tumbler tried.

"Moror!" came the immediate response from both.

"Good. Now something harder. Hamotzi!"

"Benshen!" laughed Kupsie and Tassie.

"Bo-re mi-ne mzonos!"

"Al hamichyo!"

"Chanuko Menoro!"

The two were stuck. "Chanuko Menoro?" wondered Kupsie. "What goes with that?"

"Not Shabbos candles," murmured Tassie.

"No," said Tumbler. "Think harder."

But try as they might, they couldn't come up with an answer.

"We give up. Tell us."

"Mezuzo," smiled Tumbler.

"Mezuzo? What has the mezuzo got to do with the Chanuko Menoro?"

"Listen and you'll know. The Chanuko Menoro should be placed in a window so that its lights can easily be seen by people in the street. But what do you do if you have no windows to the street? Or if you live on a floor so high that the lights cannot be seen from the street below? Where do you put the Menoro then?"

"I get it," cried Tassie. "Then the Chanuko Menoro is placed at the door opposite the mezuzo, so that the mezuzo is on the right side and the Chanuko Menoro on the left and you're . . ."

". . . surrounded by mitzvos!" finished Kupsie.

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Vayigash, December 21	4:15	8:30	4:40	5:15	6:10	9:20
Vaychi, December 28	4:20	8:30 Sermon	4:45	5:20	6:15	9:20
Shmos, January 4	4:25	8:30	4:50	5:25	6:15	9:25
Vo-ero, January 11	4:30	8:30 Sermon	4:55	5:30	6:15	9:25
Bo, January 18	4:40	8:30	5:05	5:40	6:10	9:25
Beshalach, January 25	4:45	8:30 Sermon	5:10	5:45	6:10	9:25
Yisro, February 1	4:55	8:30	5:20	5:55	6:05	9:20
Mishpotim (Shkolim), February	8 5:05	8:30	5:30	6:05	5:55	9:15
Trumo, February 15	5:10	8:30 Barmitzv	o 5:35	6:10	5:50	9:10
T'tzave (Zochor), February 22	5:20	8:30 Sermon	5:40	6:15	5:40	9:10
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Vayikro, March 15	6.45		7:05	7:40	6:10	9:50
Tzav (Hagodol), March 22	6:50	8:30 Sermon	7:10	7:45	6:00	9:30
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Man is greatly influenced by his environment. It's not only air pollution that can reach "unsatisfactory," "unhealthy" and "dangerous" levels, and it's not only tobacco smoke which the Surgeon General has determined dangerous to your health. More. It transcends the physical and invades the emotional realm as well.

Place man, any man or woman, into a society riddled by crime, expose him to burglaries, muggings and violence, and he's bound to become fearful.

Surround him with unbridled permissiveness, with those who are encouraged to smash to smithereens what smacks of authority and establishment, and at the same time see to it that the courts remain intent on protecting the perpetrator instead of society, and he's bound to become

Rob him of his money by escalating inflation, deny him his food through prohibitive prices, destroy his dream of peace by following a queer foreign policy, kill his code of ethics by letting crooks get away with crime and despots with mass terror and brutality, and he's bound to develop ulcers from frustration and hopeless depression.

But -

Remember reading about the king in antiquity who, enraged by a storming sea which prevented his navy from winning a (``さとしてしてしてしてしてしてしてしてしてしてしてして

victory, ordered his slaves to administer 100 lashes to the disobedient waves?

Remember Galileo, the eminent scientist, who was forced by the Inquisition to publicly renounce astronomic discoveries because they clashed with the theories then held by the Church?

Remember how Semmelweis, the obstetrician, who discovered that washing hands and sterilizing instruments and dressings sharply reduced the death rate from puerperal fever was vehemently opposed by the medical profession in his day?

Erroneous views and absurd follies held by addle-headed idiots, no matter how forcefully and stubbornly maintained and expounded, will one day collapse into the oblivion they deserve. Hence there's hope that . . .

... one day people will shake their heads in disbelief that there ever was a generation which permitted the free sale of guns to anyone wishing to purchase

. . one day people will consider it incredible that farmers killed their livestock in wanton destruction simply to send skyrocketing food prices still higher . . .

... one day parents will be hard pressed to explain to their children, and teachers to their students, that a civilized world gave its august forum to an assassin organization, in the interest of world peace . . .

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... that R. T. French's Instant Mashed Potatoes are ① but the Gravy Mix in the Bonus Package is not kosher . . .

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... that on Simchas Torah Rabbi Kahn was honored with Choson Torah and Mr. Nat Wild with Choson Breshis, and that they welcomed members and friends at the traditional Yomtov receptions . . .

. . . that the Sisterhood opened its season on October 27th with a well-attended lecture by Rabbi Kahn on "A Month At Home," impressions of the totality of Jewish life as experienced in Israel . . .

... that a Game-and-Card afternoon was arranged by the Sisterhood on November 10th, enjoyed by all who attended . . .

... that in a letter to all ladies of the Congregation, the Ladies' Chevra appealed for volunteers to participate in the sacred mitzvo of Taharo ...

. . . that members of the Congregation received the invitation to the General Meeting on December 1st . . .

. . . that the Sisterhood invites all members and friends to a Chanuko party featuring the Mizmor Shir Orchestra, refreshments and Chanuko spirit on Sunday, December 15th, at 3 P.M. . . .

... that our bazaar will be held on Saturday night, February 8th and on Sunday, February 9th, and all members are urgently asked to make available merchandise and to volunteer to help . . .

... that there is great need for job openings for the over 55 Russian immigrant families who settled in our area; with any information concerning shomer Shabbos employment (all fields, skilled and unskilled, full and part-time, men and women) please contact Jewish Community Council, 95 Bennett Avenue, 568-5450 (Monday - Thursday 9 - 4, Friday 9 - 2) ...

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. . . that the 2nd annual Community Conference of the Jewish Community Council is scheduled for Sunday, March 9th . . .

... that the Teves issue of the "Rabbi's Newsletter" was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Hans Rothschild . . .

. . . that the Shvat issue of the "Rabbi's Newsletter" was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel S. Harwitt . . .

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Hermine Mayer	14.	Teves
Seligman Bacharach	16.	Teves
Ludwig Hirsch	17.	Teves
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Isidore Thurm	18.	Teves
Morris Oppenheim	19.	Teves
Rudolf Rose	23.	Teves
Nathan Hirschheimer	26.	Teves
Salomon Schoemann		Teves
Sabina Feuer	27.	Teves
Ida Siegel		Teves
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PURIM SECTION

(WARNING: The following announcements can only be fully understood and properly digested when under the influence of alcohol. It is strongly suggested not to read this column until Purim afternoon, subsequent to conscientious fulfillment of the talmudic requirement concerning adequate itake of wine.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) Encouraged by last year's successful anniversary dinner, we plan an annual gala \$50-a-plate dinner at the Hilton. Presence of every member with children, grand-children and in-laws is mandatory. A \$250,000 journal drive will be launched. Proceeds will be used to buy out Howard Clothing store and O.T.B.
- (2) Encouraged by the success of a neighborhood congregation in the field of lunch program for the elderly, we intend to establish one too, to be known as "Everest" or "Spitzbergen" (depending on size or ethnic participation). Both, meat and dairy meals will be served daily, with a 6-hour waiting period (3 hours for immigrants from a certain Western European country). We need volunteers for the following jobs:
 - a) carry the elderly up the stairs
 - b) stand guard over the air-conditioners switches
 - c) count money and roll it for bank deposit.

All volunteers must be fluent in English as well as German, literacy aptitude to be established by reading a paragraph from the New York Times and the Aufbau (Jewish Press not acceptable), or by successfully repeating the schedule of services as announced in the synagogue on the previous Shabbos.

- (3) Encouraged by our own ambitions, we have engaged an architect to draw up building plans for:
 - a) new neighborhood Yeshiva
 - b) dormitory for out-of-town nursery enrollment
 - c) new senior citizen day care center
 - d) new Bickford.
- (4) Please note the following changes:
 - a) Bazaar postponed to Sukkos (so as not to interfere with lunch program)
 - b) Rosh haShono scheduled for November (to discourage Shul absence due to hotel reservations)
 - c) Membership dues raised to \$150 a year (\$175 in leap years). Nonmembers must pay \$2 additional.

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We hear His signals, loud and clear, but can we read the message? When famine struck in David's time, he first attempted to decode the communication by himself, attributing it to idolatry, then to immorality, then to social wrongdoing, but in the end he had to inquire of G'd (Talmud Yvomos 78b). If David was frustrated, how much more baffled must we be in our sin-saturated society.

We despair of identifying the cause for the current food shortage with any degree of accuracy. But a biblical passage from the Prophet Amos buzzes naggingly in our mind and refuses to subside before we commit it to paper.

"Behold, days are coming, says G'd when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine for bread nor a thirst for water but to hear the words of G'd." (Amos 8:11)

Ought we not see in our global hunger for food, in the desperate plight of millions, G'd's Own equally desperate desire to nudge us into another kind of hunger, "not a famine for bread nor a thirst for water, but to hear the words of G'd"?

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