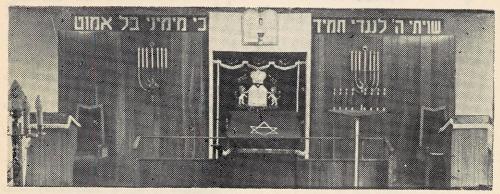


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SOME FRANK TALK

RABBI SHLOMO KAHN

Picture a "man with soul so dead" as to merit this indictment: He pollutes the land, desecrates the Name, causes the Divine Presence to withdraw, brings military defeat and exile to Israel. Surely this must be a national traitor, an outcast to be shunned and despised, bringing dishonor and disgrace on himself and his people.

In the catalogue of the Torah's sins, there is one that merits all this: dishonesty in business!

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"You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure." (Leviticus 19:35)

"This teaches that one who measures (in business) is called a judge; if he defrauds he is deemed perverted, hated, abominable, outcast, and loathsome, and causes these five: defiling of the land, desecration of (G'd's) Name, withdrawal of the Divine Presence, defeat of Israel in war, exile of Israel from their land."

(Sifro, Rashi ibid)

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Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Manfred Rothschild on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wolf on the Barmitzvo of a grandson.

Mazeltov to Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Braude on the wedding of a daughter.

Mazeltov on the engagement of Miss Sharon Feigenbaum and Mr. Barry Weinberger.

Mazeltov on the wedding of Miss Sandy Mayer and Mr. Larry Fried.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Adolf Ullmann on their daughter's appointment at North Seattle Community College.

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"I'm against it," said Kupsie vigorously.

"You're against what?" Tassie wanted to know.

"Against fasting. I think it's a strain and a bother."

Tassie laughed. "Silly boy," he said to his friend. "Of course it's a strain. That's the whole purpose."

"Purpose for what?"

Wise Tumbler was eager to explain: "Yom Kippur is Day of Atonement, when hopefully sins are forgiven. People must show that they're sincere when they say: we're sorry that we did wrong and we promise not to do so anymore in the future. If they abstain from eating and drinking and spend the whole day in serious thought and prayer, their sincerity is showing."

The two young Kiddush cups understood. But then sharp little Kupsie asked a question.

"That's all right for Yom Kippur, Tumbler, but that doesn't explain the other fast days, like Shivo osor bTamuz and Tisho bAv. They're not for atonement, are they?"

"Oh, Kupsie," said Tassie reproachfully. "They're fast days for sadness."

"So what? How does that answer me? Why fast when you're sad?"

Once more Tumbler explained: "They're for repentance too, in a way. The events which those fast days commemorate, the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, were caused by the sins of the people at that time."

"At that time!" cried Kupsie. "But what has that got to do with now?"

"Good point," said Tumbler, "but let me finish. Only those who deserve the Temple will get it. It was destroyed on account of sins. When the cause of its destruction is gone, it will quickly be built again."

"You mean all the generations since then were not worthy of it?"

"Exactly. Not having the Temple rebuilt is the same as having it destroyed," said Tumbler. "Fasting today on Tisho bAv is for repentance."

Kupsie fell silent. But soon he began to mutter to himself.

"Still don't like fast days. No wine!"

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Are we really prepared to shrug off the seemingly small? Is man competent to pass judgment on laws promulgated by the Creator?

"To differentiate between the unclean and the clean (animals) . . ."

(Leviticus 11:47)

"Surely this cannot mean between donkey and cow — the distinction is obvious. Rather between unclean and clean refers to the difference between a properly executed Shechito and one improperly performed. Often the difference is not more than a hair's breadth."

(Sifro & Rashi ibid)

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SOMEHOW I WAS IN JERUSALEM!

Somehow, I was in Jerusalem — in thought only, of course. Physically I was in New York at our Yom Atzmaut services.

Another milestone in our joint congregational venture. We conducted the services on Yom Atzmaut eve, in dignity and festivity, in the synagogue of Congregation Beth Hillel.

Mincho. Rabbi Hartstein's moving reminder of Israel's wars and sacrifices (in Israel, Independence Day is preceded by Memorial Day). My own words about Yom Atzmaut and Yom Yerusholaim. Maariv in Yomtov chant. Hallel (without brochos). Tastily prepared refreshments at the end of services. But it was during Hallel that somehow, I was in Jerusalem.

What triggered it? The beautiful hymn of praise to G'd, thanksgiving and prayer, sung to the melody of Hatikvah, the Song of Hope. I remembered standing, five years ago, in Heichal Hagevurah, Jerusalem's small, modest Hall of Heroism near the municipal police headquarters.

Small, modest but awesome and staggering. One treads softly, and speaks in whispers. Barred cages, raised from the stone floor, reminiscent of a zoo, once held Jewish boys captured by the British. They had fought for a Jewish homeland

for death camp survivors. Now they awaited the hangman.

A short walk away the gallows still stands, its rope swaying gently, ominously, trap door swung open over yawning space that once spelled death.

Simple plaques are there, listing names and dates. And they tell how each walked to the gallows singing, his comrades singing with him, Hatikvah—Song of Hope.

When we sang it that Yom Atzmaut eve, sang Hatikvah in praise and thanksgiving to G'd for the realization of their dream, I thought of them, who worked and fought and dreamed, but never lived to see it.

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... that ticket sale for the High Holidays begins Sunday, August 12th; any change in seating arrangement or purchase of additional seats must be made well in advance . . .

November 10th-12th; that everyone is urged to make merchandise available for a successful bazaar . . .

... that our Congregation's members responded generously to our annual Pesach appeal, providing meaningful assistance and simchas yomtov to those in need ...

... that several of our members participated in the 11th annual Gemilus Chessed dinner at the Palisades Gardens on May 6th . . .

... that many of our members participated in the community supper for the Hebrew Institute for the Deaf on May 13th, which was co-sponsored by our Sisterhood . . .

... that the 31st anniversary of the State of Israel and the 12th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem were commemorated with traditional special services on May 1st and 25th . . .

... that the Tamuz issue of the "Rabbi's Newsletter" was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Hans Rothschild, in honor of their son, Dr. Jeffrey Rothschild . . .

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... that during the "3 weeks" (July 12-August 2) national mourning for loss of Temple restricts us from weddings, music, hair-cut, purchase and wearing of new garments and Shehecheyonu over new fruit (latter permitted on Shabbos)?

. . . that during the "9 days" (July 25 -August 2) meat and wine are forbidden (except on Shabbos), swimming, avoidable laundering, painting and renovating house?

... that on Tisho bAv (August 2) not only eating and drinking are prohibited but also body grooming, wearing leather shoes, marital relations, greeting and Torah study (all beginning prior evening) and sitting on chair (until noon)?

HAVE WE DONE IT?

If it wouldn't have come from outsiders, we would not have put much confidence in the tribute paid to Washington Heights' recent accomplishments. But there is frank and open admiration on the part of other community councils in New York City when they point to Washington Heights as a showcase.

Last May 6th Fifth Annual Leadership Conference, sponsored jointly by the Washington Heights-Inwood Preservation and Restoration Corporation, and the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights-Inwood, was the setting of much stock-taking. Under the theme, "A Community in Action — Rediscovering Washington Heights-Inwood", the conference listened to Dr. Donald Feldstein (Executive Director, Federation of Jewish

Philanthropies), James Capalino (Commissioner of General Services, New York City), State Senator Franz Leichter, State Assemblyman Edward Lehner, Edgar Lampert (President of local Community Preservation Corporation), as well as Judge Herman Cahn, Rabbi Ralph Neuhaus, and Elizabeth Wurzburger (Jewish Community Council) and Professor Eric Erlbach, who in summarizing the proceedings, pointed to:

An increase of our Jewish population, a demand for apartments by young couples desiring to move into Washington Heights, a sense of determination to strengthen our area, large-scale funding (federal, state, as well as local business firms), cooperation from police, parks, and sanitation departments, as well as local landlords, a harmoniously working coalition which comprises the entire area —Jewish, Catholic, Greek and Spanish communities.

Needless to say, there is still much room for improvement, but the gloom and threat of panic prevailing only a year or so ago have given place to cautious optimism and hope.

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Some questions rise in my mind: Why is this never mentioned by those overcome with zeal for G'd and Torah? Why do eminent rabbinic bodies confine their vituperative directives against Shabbos desecration, conscription of women into Israel's army, autopsies, abortions, Shmitto violations?

Why do renowned grand rabbis limit their castigating publications to the subject of Zionism and Israel?

Why is the fire and brimstone, poured thunderously from the pulpit on Shabbos Shuvo, restricted to topics of Kashruth and modesty in attire?

Please do not misunderstand; all these are important matters, some touching on pillars of Judaism. But, in the light of the quotations above, how are we to understand the conspiracy of silence on the part of those distinguished rabbis, or at best their rather paltry treatment of this subject?

"Teach us, oh masters!" ילמדנו רבנו

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