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ROSH HASHONAH

5707 — ITS MESSAGE

By Rabbi Uri Miller
Baltimore

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This year 5707 is passing into history. It leaves us with a long list of potential ideals unfulfilled; it leaves us a dream turned nightmare. And in the disappointments with which it is replete, there is a message for Israel — a pertinent significant message indeed.

In the "Journal of Kibbutz Buchenwald" the Jewish Concentration Camp inmates tell how quickly they were disillusioned with the idea that the victory of the United Nations would bring them salvation. Almost the day after victory they found themselves neglected by a world busy with its own problems, and in some instances their suffering even was exaggerated in the post war era. So they soon came to the conclusion: "In our own hands — our own efforts — lies our salvation".

This truth should be impressed on the entire Jewish people by the events of the year 5706. A year of victory, one in which the democratic ideals of the victorious allies should have been implemented in every phase of the life and one in which we hoped for the triumph of Justice and Right, has turned out to be a confused medley in which the patterns of tyranny, we thought defeated, are heavily accented by the victors themselves. "The still small voice" of justice is drowned out by the clamor of selfish, conflicting, power-clutching, national groups. To the Jew it has been a year of frustrated hope, a year of ascending anti-semitism, a year of tragedy for our unfortunate brethren knocking at the gates of Palestine, which were closed by a "liberal" Socialist Labor political government.

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PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles, Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thursday and Friday evenings at 6:26

Rosh Hashonah Schedule

Wednesday before Mincha,

Eruv Tavshilin

Wednesday Evening Service 6:15

Thursday Morning Service 7:45

Junior Congregation Service 10:00

Mincha 4:00

Followed by Tashlich and

Reading of Psalms

Thursday Evening Service 6:30

Friday Morning Service 7:45

Junior Congregation Service 10:00

Mincha Service 6:00

Saturday Morning Service 9:00

Junior Congregation 10:00

Rabbi Hurwitz's Pilpul 5:20

Mincha Service 6:15

Sunday Morning Fast of Gedaliah

Selichos at 6:15 and 8:15

Sunday Morning Services at

6:45 and 8:45

Daily Services

Mornings 6:45, 7:45, 8:35

Selichos Services at 6:15 and 8:15

Mincha 5:15

Followed by Explanation of the

Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Goldstein

Friday Morning, Erev Yom Kippur

Selichos and Morning Services

6:30, 7:50, 8:20

Mincha Services from 2 to 3:30

Kol Nidre 5:15

SUCCOS RESERVATIONS

Regular meals and breakfast will be catered in our Succah throughout the holiday. All reservations must be made immediately.

ROSH HASHONAH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

At sunset on Wednesday Evening Jews all over the world will begin to observe the Rosh Hashonah Holiday in a solemn and reverent celebration of our New Year. All over the world prayers and meditations will be offered for a peace that has not yet been achieved though hostilities have long ago ceased; prayers that those interned at Cyprus may yet find their way to the Holy Land; prayers that those wandering homeless in Europe may terminate their endless trek.

The deep significance of Rosh Hashonah is expressed in the many beautiful 'piyutim' (poetic prayers) found in the Machzor. On this day we acknowledge G-d as King, Creator of the universe. G-d's sovereignty will be firmly established when all nations will be united in carrying out His will with a perfect understanding of mutual love and respect. The Jew, as a member of Israel, bears the great responsibility of proclaiming the sovereignty of G-d, through his unique way of life, as prescribed by His Torah.

G-d proclaimed Rosh Hashonah as a day of Reckoning and a Day of Memorial, when every individual may regard his actions of the past with the purpose of making improvements which will return him to his proper way of life in the light of G-d and His Torah.

The New Year Greeting

At the conclusion of the services on the first evening of Rosh Hashonah
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YISKOR SERVICES

On Saturday, October 5th, Yiskor services will be recited at our Synagogue in memory of our departed ones. Please fill out the form below and mail to us.

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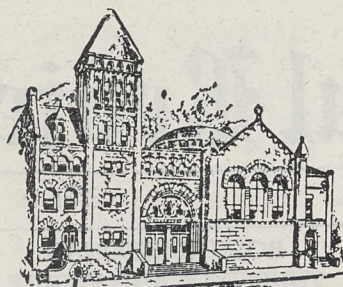
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THE NEW YEAR, ISRAEL, THE NATIONS AND G-D

Throughout Jewish history whenever Israel had to make an appeal to the nations for help, its representatives fasted or said some Tehilim (psalms) before making their petition. While seeking human aid, they first prayed to G-d that they might receive His blessing and accordingly they were generally successful. The fault of modern intervention, is that we depend upon the nations, and not upon G-d. We look to England and to America and to the Republican or Democratic party for our salvation. They have all failed us. No nation sincerely wants to help us. A political leader said the other day that Jewry has been shown "too much conversation and too little deeds." If we will intercede with G-d and pray to Him, then our appearance at conference tables with the representatives of the various governments will be so strongly spiritual that we will, as did our Patriarchs, make friends out of enemies.

May our people in Palestine and everywhere else be blessed for the coming year with spiritual vision which will bring redemption and salvation.



258th COMMANDMENT CONCERNING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

I

We may not cheat in our measure, liquid or in dry, nor in our weights, for it is written in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 35: "Ye shall not do any unrighteousness in judgment in meteyard, weight, or in measure". The first is the measure of length, the second of weight, and the third of capacity. Although in regard to all matters of robbery, one must steal a pruta (a very small amount) to be guilty, in regard to measures, the Torah makes us guilty of robbery if we cheat the very smallest amount possible. Thus, the Bible says that we may do no unrighteousness even within the law because less than a pruta is no money and not regarded as of any value. The Bible thus

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indicates that one who does such an act, no matter how infinitesimal the amount is, is a cheat. The gravity of this, our commandment, "Thou shalt not do any unrighteousness in judgment", is tremendous. In other words, the man who weighs anything is in the category of a judge, and therefore, if he falsifies in any way his measure or his weight, it is as a perversion of justice and he is called "unrighteous", despicable, cursed and abominable. G-d abhors unrighteousness, namely dishonesty in business, as we read: "For all that do such things are an abomination unto the L--d", Deut. Chapter 25, Verse 16. We read in the "Ethics Of The Fathers", Chapter 5, Mishna 11: "The sword comes into the world for the delay of justice and for the perversion of justice". In other words the violation of our commandment is regarded as conducive to disintegration of national ties and to ultimate ruin. As the Rabbis say: "The one who breaks our commandment causes the five things to come to pass. He defiles the earth, profanes the name of G-d, removes the Divine presence from Israel, causes Israel to fall by the wayside, or to be exiled from their land."

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Once we disabuse ourselves of outside help, we shall not have to despair when our so-called friends do not understand and when the apparent liberal turns out to be basically reactionary. We shall not grow flabby in the self-deception of an emancipation given by others but shall grow strong in the fulfillment of our own destiny.

The year 5707 calls for courage, for hope, and for cation. It challenges us to conceive concepts to meet tragic situations. It calls for Israel to rise to the height of historic Jewish idealism and self sacrifice in action. May we live up to its challenge.

For we realize, too, that "In our own hands — our own efforts — lies our salvation". Jewry must **redeem itself**. This truth realized and implemented by our heroic brethren travelling the underground to Palestine, implemented by our Halutzim giving their lives against tyranny in our Holy Land, this truth **we** must realize. We must realize it as a call to battle, as a stimulant to action, as an incentive to courage and hope.

SUCCOS DONATIONS

Any contributions of wine, cake, fruit, and vegetables will be gratefully accepted for the kiddush to be held in the Succah following Services.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

The first meeting of the Men's Club will take place sometime in October, the exact date to be announced in the future. Those who are interested in becoming members should talk to the President, Moe Altarsh, during the High Holy Day Season.

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nah, beside the usual greeting of "Good Yomtov", we utter the additional phrase of "L'shanah Tovah Tikosev V'sichosem L'altor L'chayim — May you be inscribed and sealed immediately for life", which is said to friends and relatives.

The New Year Feast

The Holiday is ushered in with a spirit of solemn joy and the Jew emerges from the Synagogue, his heart filled with hope and trust that he will be inscribed for a good year. And thus, upon his return home he endeavors to express this feeling by partaking of a fine and sumptuous meal. To symbolize the expectation of a happy and a sweet year, it is customary to make the blessing for bread — 'Hamotsi' — dipped in honey. After this, a piece of sweet apple is dipped in honey and the blessing "who created the fruit of the tree" is said thereon. This is followed by expressing the wish "May it be Thy will, O G-d, to renew unto us a good and sweet year."

The Shofar

G-d's command to the Israelites to blow the Shofar on this awesome day was given with the purpose of instilling in every Jew the desire to rededicate himself to the fulfillment of G-d's will.

Yahr-Zeit

Please take note that we would like to be sure that every member of the Congregation who has a Yahr-Zeit should receive an Aliyah on the Sabbath preceding the Yahr-Zeit. Those who have Memorial Plaques are taken care of automatically because of the dates we have in the office. However, we would also like to serve those who have no memorial plaques. We therefore take this means of urging all our members to fill in the form below and mail same to us. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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Hebrew Date

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Dear Rabbi Goldstein:

I recently came across several of your synagogue bulletins and found them exceedingly interesting and informative. Especially was I impressed by your column on Mitzvas — "As Rechash Sees It", which gives a clear, logical, and inspiring interpretation of our many Torah commandments.

I discussed them with Mr. Hoenig, my editor-in-chief, and we both felt that it would be a wonderful idea to include these brilliant comments and explanations in our VIEWPOINT very frequently.

I would be deeply appreciative, in behalf of Young Israel, if you would send us the back copies of the bulletin where this column starts so that these interpretations could become a regular and frequent feature of our VIEWPOINT.

Trusting to receive these bulletins in the near future and thanking you most sincerely for your interest, I remain,

Respectfully and gratefully yours,
MORRIS J. ROTHMAN
Managing Editor

BUDDY FRIEDMAN POST

The first meeting of the season was held by the Buddy Friedman Post No. 297 of the Jewish War Veterans on Wednesday Evening, Sept. 11, 1946, at which time many new members were added to the roster. Plans are beginning to take shape for a very eventful season. All veterans of the recent war are invited to participate in and enjoy the work this Post is doing.

A gala affair is being planned for Election Eve, to which all veterans, their families, and their friends are invited to attend. Don't forget to follow this column in the future for all news and future events of our Buddy Friedman Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron J. Mirski,
formerly directors of Tunis and Oquago Camps and now residing at Margareville, N. Y., wish all their friends and relatives a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

OTTAWA, CANADA

West Side Institutional Synagogue,
To all our friends:

We sincerely regret not having had the opportunity to bid you farewell personally, before setting out for Ottawa, Canada and therefore take this opportunity to greet you and express our fond wishes and prayers on your behalf for a year of Health and Joy. May the problems of World Israel find their solution in the speedy moral regeneration of mankind.

Rabbi and Mrs.
Emanuel L. Lifschutz

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

With the appointment of a Social Director, our social department is already functioning. It is expected in view of the fact that most of our young men and women have returned from Service, that this will be the most successful Club season we have had in many years.

All the young folks of the Congregation are invited to participate in, and enjoy the activities that the Synagogue has to offer. Our Social Director, Mr. Lester A. Lazarus, will be at the Synagogue, with the exception of the Holy Days, of course, every evening except Mondays and Fridays, from 8 to 10 P.M., to receive those young people interested in our Social Program.

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CHATS ABOUT W.S.I.S.

By Morris Jablow

A gentleman visited our office last week and had quite a chat with me on the subject of decorum in Synagogues in general, and the decorum in our Synagogue in particular. I think that you, our readers, will be interested in the following remarks.

"I come to this Synagogue because I like the way the services are conducted. I like most of the people who attend the services. However, I am impatient with and almost resentful at, the few who disturb the decorum by constant and loud talking, or by walking in and out at frequent intervals.

"It seems to me that you should publish in the Weekly paper an appeal to your seat-holders asking them to help decorum. Request each individual to maintain order, and frown upon any attempt of his or her neighbor to disturb proceedings in any way. Call the attention of the congregants to the fact that if each one will do his share and cooperate, the result will be a perfect service."

Don't you think we ought to heed the advice of this friendly critic?

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to all

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GETTING PERSONAL

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stein upon the birth of a daughter Sue Blima, and to the grandma, Mrs. I. Stein. . . . It was nice to see Paul Newman at the Synagogue after a long absence. Also nice to see Danny Weiss at the office last week. Seemed like old times again. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Feinstein, mother of Leonard Feinstein, Post Commander of the Buddy Friedman Post, has been very ill in England. We wish her a "gute besserung". . . . Birthday greetings to Etta T. Gertz, one year old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gertz (nee Mollie Gerstein), George Samuel Greenstein, grandson of our Director and Mrs. Maurice Greenstein, and also to Sylvia Jacoby, daughter of our Director, Eli Jacoby. For the first time since we are at this building, John Gell will be missing from our holiday services because of ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him with us again very soon. . . . Our thanks to Leon Weiss for his help, enabling us to get this issue out early. . . . Our best wishes for a happy birthday to our Director Julius Bayer, whose birthday comes on Rosh Hashonah. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Colin on the birth of their son, John Marshall. How happy the grandmother, Mrs. Tillie Rosenthal must be. . . . A very happy birthday to Saul Bergman who has just finished his first Jubilee (See Leviticus, Chapter 25, Verse 10, "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year . . . it shall be a jubilee unto you.) . . . Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson and their daughter, Naomi and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landowne and their son, Louis. . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Siegfried Bendheim, National President of Yeshiva University Women's Organization upon her debut as a radio speaker this week. . . . We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Benjamin Morsoff, and pray that she will have a speedy recovery. . . . Congratulations to Judith Cohen on her marriage to Marvin Stang, and to Eric Stoltz on her marriage to Dorian Robert White, whose wedding took place at our Synagogue.

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