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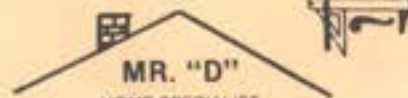
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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Due to numerous requests for copies, we are publishing Rabbi Warmflash's sermon from the second day Rosh Hashanah instead of his column this month.

This morning we read the Akaida, the Torah story of Abrahams near sacrifice of Isaac in obedience to Gods command. It is a portion appropriate to these days on many levels.

First, because reading it calls to mind the connection between the shofar, the rams horn which we sounded here today and the ram which Abraham offered as a sacrifice of thanksgiving in place of Isaac nearly four thousand years ago.

Secondly, the Akaida embodies the concept of Zechut Avot, the merit of the Fathers. We read of Abrahams dedication and ask to be forgiven our sins, if not for our sakes, then for the sake of the giants of righteousness, our ancestors who preceded us.

The final reason, is the most basic of all. Simply put, we read the Akaida for inspiration. The story serves as a profound example of religious commitment, of a father and son ready to sacrifice everything for God.

Ironically, it is precisely on this level that the story seems most difficult. Much as we try, most of us find it hard to empathize with Abraham. It's not just that his extraordinary commitment seems fanatical or frightening. Its more than that, many of us have difficulty identifying with him because we are unaccustomed to making religious sacrifices in our lives.

I can't tell you how many times someone has come up to talk to me after services and said how much they enjoyed coming to

synagogue. That they always mean to come more often, but somehow it never happens. Or how many times people have said to me "I have always wanted to learn Hebrew, there never seems to be enough time."

I don't think these people are just being nice, I know they are sincere, the fact is, we all have a problem with commitment. Sometimes, I'm not even sure we know what the work means.

Let me give you an example: Our religious school has a policy of requiring children who have missed school to bring in an explanation from their parents when they return. Last year, one student who had missed a great deal of school brought in a note the day after Halloween. It said: "Please excuse my daughter from school yesterday, she had trick or treat commitments."

I guess her mother meant to reassure us that when she is neglecting her religious education, she keeps her commitments. It is not just in our religious life that we have trouble with commitment. This inability to stay focused, to follow through on what is important to us is endemic to our whole culture.

Have you noticed how our national agenda seems to shift almost weekly from issue to issue: one week we are obsessed with the crisis in education, the next it is the environment, drugs, homelessness, civil rights or crime. Our efforts lack focus, they lack commitment.

MONTH		NOVEMBER		YEAR		1990	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
10 MEN'S CLUB SOCIAL HALL. 9:30 - 1 p.m.	11 11 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON	12 12 ELECTION DAY	13 13 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON KADIMA - YOUTH LOUNGE 7:30 - 9 p.m.	14 14 RACE TO SCHOOL, NIGHT NURSERY SCHOOL SANCTUARY, ROOM 1, 2, 6, 3 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.	15 15 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON	16 16 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON	17 17 JUNIOR COMMUNICATION ROOM 2 10:15 - 12:15 TOING OUTFILES CLUB
18 18 ROSH MOESH	19 19 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (OUTSIDE)	20 20 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON	21 21 INTERVAITH TRANSCIVING SERVICE 8 p.m. HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON	22 22 TRANSCIVING DAY	23 23 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON	24 24 MEN'S CLUB DINING OUTSIDE	
25 25	26 26 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON	27 27 FIFTY PLUS 1 - 3 p.m. YOUTH LOUNGE	28 28 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON SISTERHOOD SOCIAL HALL. 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.	29 29	30 30 HONRY & HE ROOM 2 9 a.m. - NOON		



We are like the guy who watches t.v. with a channel changer in his hand, he watches six shows at once and wonders why nothing seems to grab him.

Remember the energy crisis in the 1970's? We responded to endless gas lines by lowering our thermostats, reducing speed limits, and buying smaller more efficient cars. We pushed to find alternative fuels and offered tax credits for energy saving home improvements. And then what happened? As soon as the lines disappeared, our attention shifted to other things. Never mind that our foreign policy continued to be driven by a pathological dependency on petroleum. Or so called commitment to energy self sufficiency passed as soon as the immediate crisis was over and now, suddenly, we find ourselves sending tens of thousands of American boys to the deserts of Saudi Arabia and we are again beginning to talk about conservation.

When it comes to confronting social issues, we are dabblers and dilettantes who love grand symbolic gestures, but lack the commitment to the difficult solutions which will really make a difference.

Remember hands across America? A human Chain from coast to coast. A nation united in its resolve to end hunger and homelessness. And now, a few years later, what is the outcome, what difference did it all make? Well, we all got the tee shirts. Meanwhile, the infant mortality rate in our nation now surpasses that of some third world countries. Not that it troubles us much, we've moved on to new concerns, like the war on drugs. Remember that? Our solution was easy, all the addicts had to do was "Just Say No." No need to fund the drug rehabilitation centers with their year long waiting lists that would take money, that would mean commitment, and besides drugs are old hat, the real problem is aids.

And so it goes. As we move from one cause to the next. Like a small child does in a room full of toys, our attention span lasts so long.

It is not just the general community, that is superficial in its commitments. The Jewish community doesn't do much better.

Look at our so called commitment to Soviet Jewry. Let me ask you a question, forget about all the symbolic schmucky stuff, the bar mitzvah twinnings and the new years cards in Russian, let's talk about commitment. Let's talk about money. We have an opportunity to bring hundreds to thousands of Jewish to freedom in Israel, to rescue them before the virulent anti-Semitic cancer which is even now taking root in Europe has an opportunity to spread and destroy them. So I ask you, beyond all the rhetoric how many of us have made a commitment to helping them? How many people in this room today have made a significant contribution to operation Exodus, to the purchase of Israeli bonds. We say we are committed, but our actions say something else.

And what about Jewish education? We say we care but then we grumble about having to schlepp the kids to Junior Congregation and complain about having to come home from work early on a Friday night for a class Shabbat dinner.

Increasingly, we are a society unable to make commitments, not even to one another.

Have you noticed that fewer people are getting married these days? And that when we do it isn't always a whole hearted commitment, frequently, it is a carefully negotiated deal in which both sides leave themselves an easy exit with their assets protected. I know of couples who go out for years, who wouldn't dream of seeing anyone else, but somehow they just can't bring themselves to do it. They just can't make a commitment.

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Our school year has gotten off to a fine start. We hope you will work with us to build a warm, comfortable, and positive climate for Jewish experience and Jewish learning for our children.

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2. Help your child understand the importance of attending classes regularly by arranging prompt transportation to and from religious school.

3. Foster an attitude of respect and seriousness by sending a note with your child in case he or she needs to be excused prior to the end of a session or is absent from school. Be sure your child makes up any work that was missed.

4. Instill in your child a positive attitude towards religious school by supporting special events through your own personal attendance and participation.

5. Show parental interest by reminding your child to prepare for religious school and to bring his or her supplies and completed assignments to class.

6. Enrich your child's educational experiences in the school by sharing with the educator and your child's teachers information pertaining to his or her special needs.

7. Make formal religious education relevant to the life of your child by celebrating Shabbat and Jewish holidays and by making your child an active participant in rituals and ceremonies at home.

8. Help your child supplement the classroom experience by encouraging the reading of Jewish books.

9. Help your child develop a positive attitude by helping him or her to understand the need for proper attire and good manners in religious school.

10. Help your child understand the importance of performing mitzvot and good deeds with a reminder to bring tzedakah and by designing a plan within your family which will encourage your child to perform good deeds.

My staff and I would be happy to speak with you about any matter that will add to your child's Jewish education and identity.

Shalom,  
Randy E. Solomon



And even when they do, more than half of the time it doesn't last. Even in the Jewish community, the divorce rate is soaring. Some sociologists have come up with a new theory which they call serial monogamy explaining that our species isn't really meant to marry for life, but instead to have a series of relationships one following another. Or sometimes even two at the same time. After all, they say, we aren't really built to be faithful anyway.

I don't buy it. Sure there are marriages that don't work out, and there are people that shouldn't be married any longer. But, I am convinced that for many marriages that fail, the real problem is that the couple is unwilling to make a real commitment to making the marriage work.

Time and again, someone comes to see me because they are unhappy in their marriage. When I suggest counseling, I'm told: "I would go but he won't, or she says its my problem, or we just don't have the energy any more."

And so, the marriage fails because one or both partners isn't committed to its continuing. And who bears the burden? The children, who wind up getting shuttled from house to house, fought over one minute by parents who feel deprived of their visitation rights, and resented the next by the same parents who feel tied down and want their freedom.

Did you see the movie Baby Talk? Early in the film a woman who is carrying on an affair with an older married man becomes pregnant. When she goes to him and asks for help, he says "Gee, I'd like to help you out, but I have already raised my own kids and right now I am into a selfish faze. I have to concentrate on me now."

You know, that really is the core of the problem. Our whole society seems stuck in a selfish phase right now. We are so narcissistic that the only commitments that most of us ever talk about are to the things like losing weight, and getting exercise. Even then, we frequently fail to follow through.

We are all so busy, we talk about being over committed, but we're not. The truth is, that in reality most of us are over scheduled, but under committed. We frit our lives away on trivial pleasures. It is any wonder that they so often seem empty of significance, we lack depth of commitment with which would imbue our lives with meaning.

But it need not be that way. These High Holidays offer us the possibility to do Teshuvah, to make a change, these days of dedication a time to renew our commitments and resolve to keep them.

This morning, I would like to suggest three levels of commitment, three new years resolutions which, if we would only keep them, can transform the quality of our lives.

The first has to do with our relationships with one another. With our parents, children, spouses and friends. Let us commit in the new year to actively work to nurture these relationships.

Let's not kid ourselves, this is by no means easy. Many of us have relationships with others, particularly with family members which can be difficult, at times even painful. Sometimes the temptation can be overwhelming to say: "To hell with it, if they are going to be that way, who needs them."

It can be enormously difficult to hold your tongue. The desire to give into anger can be overpowering, but if we do so we will say things that we regret and build walls which can become nearly impossible to tear down.



The key to most relationships is a commitment to really listen to one another. To listen not only for the words that we say, but for the unsaid things, the inner fears and resentments, the feelings of being unloved, and taken for granted which lie behind the words.

The second commitment has to do with another kind of relationship in our lives, our relationship with God. Let us resolve in the year ahead to really make a commitment to cultivating and developing that relationship.

The beginning of that process is to start with more realistic expectations about the level of spiritual commitment necessary on our part. If we want God to be a part of our lives, we must leave time for Him. You can't simply waltz into synagogue once or twice a year, open the prayer book and expect to have a powerful spiritual experience. It is possible, but is not very likely.

Like all marriages, our covenantal relationship with God is nothing we can take for granted. It requires time, effort, perseverance, sacrifice and commitment.

This morning I would like to suggest that you invite God into your life this year by making a serious commitment to some new area of Jewish observance. If your home is not already kosher, make a commitment now to kosher it. If you don't observe Shabbat, start this week to do so. If you come to synagogue infrequently or only occasionally, start coming regularly. If you don't study Torah on a regular basis, register with a class right after the holiday.

The final level of commitment is to Tekun Olam, making this world a better place for those who live in it. Here to, the key is not to pay lip service to doing everything, but

for each of us to make a real commitment to doing something, to giving generously to Soviet Jewry, or to feeding the hungry, or protecting the environment or housing the homeless. To give seriously of our time and money not just a token \$18.00 once a year if we feel like it, but to give significantly, real money on a regular basis because tsadaka is a obligation we are committed to fulfilling.

Some 4,000 years ago on a mountain top in Judeah, our father Abraham and his son Isaac, demonstrated their unswerving commitment to God and then offered up a ram in sacrifice. The shofar we sounded today, evokes the memory of that moment and summons us, their distant descendants to live lives of commitment. May we, like our ancestors before us, answer the echoing call of the shofar with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our might. And let us say Amen.

**Rabbi Warmflash**



## **BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PROJECT JOSEPH**

Want to help prevent intermarriage? PROJECT JOSEPH, New Jersey's Jewish organization for intermarriage prevention and coping, will hold a benefit concert Saturday night, December 8, 8:00 pm at the Fort Lee Jewish Center in Fort Lee.

Joel Caplan, Cantor of Congregation Agudath Israel of Caldwell, will feature a new and original program of modern Jewish music in English. Ranging from witty to poignant to just plain funny, Caplan has personally commissioned Israeli composers to write new works for this program, in addition to writing several himself. "I always donate all my concert proceeds to Tzedaka," he says, "and given our current intermarriage rate, I'm certainly eager to support PROJECT JOSEPH."

PROJECT JOSEPH is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Region of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America.

**For ticket and patron information, call 925-3836 any time (24-hour tape) and leave a message with A Group of Jewish Singles, a program of PROJECT JOSEPH.**

## **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Ten years ago, I contacted the other religious leaders in North and South Brunswick, and suggested that it was time for a community-wide Thanksgiving celebration. The response I received was enthusiastic, and a new tradition was born; an annual Thanksgiving Service.

All of the services which have been held so far have been extremely well-attended by members of the Jewish community. They have been deeply meaningful experiences through which we have built new spiritual ties with our neighbors and strengthened old ones. These services have clearly led to better understanding between the religious groups in our community and have fostered a deeper sense of common purpose.

This year's service will be held at our synagogue on Wednesday evening, November 21, beginning at 8 P.M. As we are the host congregation, it is particularly important that this service be well-attended by members of our congregation. I hope that you and your family will make every effort to attend.

With best wishes for a Happy Holiday.

**Shalom,**

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I recently had the opportunity to attend the regional meeting of United Synagogue of America, the organization for Conservative Synagogues which we are a member of. The purpose of the meeting was to elect their new Board of Directors and to vote on change in the member contributions. I wanted to find out just what United Synagogue does for us.

Surprisingly, I found out that they do a lot more than I was lead to believe. They are the main supplier of teacher training and course material for the teaching of conservative Judaism. They have a full time staff devoted to the support of youth programs, such as USY, and sponsor regional dances and meetings. In addition, they sponsor and support many other outreach programs within the community such as resettlement for Soviet Jews, intermarriage counseling and the Solomon Schechter program. Internationally, United Synagogue helps promote the cause of conservative Judaism in Israel and defend it against the forces that are trying to change the makeup of the government.

Finally, United Synagogue offers help for any of it's members in all aspects of running a synagogue. These include such items as assistance in setting up fund raising campaigns, running a temple office and finding a computerized member billing and tracking system. All in all, I found that they had much to offer us.

As for the results of the meeting, a resolution was passed to have all member synagogues ask each congregant to voluntarily contribute \$10.00 per year to be used to

fund a program to support the Solomon Schechter schools in our area and to continue the Project Joseph program. Project Joseph is a special program targeted to the problems relating to intermarriage including counseling, conversion, and other related issues. This contribution is strictly voluntary and will appear on your next billing. All monies collected will be passed directly to United Synagogue.

Finally, I wish to thank the Ritual committee, headed by Mark Binder. I wish to also thank House and Grounds, and especially Jack Mailman, for the excellent job that they did over the recent High Holidays. Because of their efforts, everything ran very smoothly.  
**Gary Tinkel, President**

## FUND RAISING

The fund raising committee has scheduled a variety of events for the new year. If you are a new member who is looking for a way to meet other members and become involved, you should consider volunteering to work on one of our projects. Call Lisa Seidman at 297-6950 or Alan Kane at 418-1913 and we will be happy to tell you about our projects.

We are considering having a New Year's Eve party catered by Classical Caterers. A decision to schedule the party must be made this month. If you want to attend, give Susan Kleiman a call at 297-2562.

**The Entertainment 91 Books will be arriving soon! It is not too late to call Bill Greenberg (297-6583) to reserve your copy.**

Food store vouchers are a convenient way to make cash donations to the synagogue without it costing you a penny. **Call Alan Kane for details.**

We welcome following new members who have joined our synagogue between January - September of this year.

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**Any questions please call Joyce 837-5114 or Blanche 297-0272.**



## ABOUT US

**ISRAEL:** The Israeli Debating Society has announced an international video public speaking competition open to school children from all over the world. There are two categories according to age: under 12 and over 12. Entrants submit a videotaped speech, not exceeding five minutes, in either English or Hebrew, discussing any issue relating to immigration and absorption in Israel. Israel Scene magazine tells us the deadline for submissions is December 1990, and entries are to be submitted directly to the Israel Debating Society, P.O.B. 109, 47100 Ramat Hasharon, Israel.

**CHINA:** Kaifeng, China, was once home to approximately 1,000 Jews of Persian origin. A 13 year old Chinese American girl recently changed the prayers for China's first bat-mitzvah in this Chinese town. The ceremony had been scheduled for last year, but was postponed after the crackdown in Beijing.

**MOROCCO:** Fifteen Jewish dentists from the United States, Canada, and France have volunteered to staff a mobile clinic in dentistry and expect to treat and educate in dental hygiene 40,000 Moslem Moroccan children.

**BURMA:** According to World Jewry, the newsletter of the World Jewish Congress, a group of Burmese Jews was discovered living in the jungle, practicing their Judaism with remarkable devotion. Khan Za Thang, son of the group's leader, which studies their prayer books and rabbinical texts daily, recently made the four week, 450 mile trek from Rangoon to meet the Israeli ambassador.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** A senior diplomat has been quoted as reporting that the Soviet Union is joining with Israel and the U.S.A. in plans to build a new passenger

airliner. Soviet Ilyushin-96 planes, he said, will be brought to Israel to be fitted with American made Pratt-Whitney engines and Israeli avionics systems.

**ISRAEL:** Rabbi Pinhasi, who is ultra orthodox, is the new communications minister of Israel. He does not own and will not watch television. Nevertheless, he is insistent that he will fill his job with no trouble....Shades of our own CNN's Ted Turner who could not even locate strategic areas in Israel on a map and admitted it!

**NEW YORK:** And shades of the old Jewish newspaper, the Forward, or "Forvitz", as many of us fondly remember it being called. Wonder how many of us still around remember that popular Yiddish daily? For those of us that are interested, and find it a sign, not a remnant, of the revival of that language, there is now going to be an English version published along with the Yiddish one. How strange, to read the new "Forvitz" in our own American "mamaloshen"....

**ISRAEL:** Which reminds us of a true happening which we experienced during our early travels in Israel just after the 67 war. We'd stopped during tour for rest and refreshments in Ashdod. An elderly man came over to some of us at the tour bus and inquired "Ich Zich ehmetzah fun mein shtet". Several of us knew enough Yiddish to interpret, "I'm looking for someone from my hometown." Thinking he was looking for an old landsman from Europe (surely you know what a "landsman" is?), we replied by asking where he was from? We collapsed in laughter when he replied, "Milwaukee". There was no mystery about it, he was an American who had moved to Israel and steadfastly refused to return despite the rigors of war. We guessed he just wanted to hear a little "mamaloshen".... American English. **L'hitroat, Mili Rosloff**

## SISTERHOOD

Entries are now being accepted for Sisterhood's second annual calendar. This year's calendar is new and improved. It will list birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, bar and bat mitzvahs. It will also have holiday facts, recipes and just some nonsense. Each entry will cost \$3.00. **Please send your entries to the synagogue office or call Bobbi Binder at 274-2797. The deadline is November 11, 1990.** Please be sure to put your name and phone number along with your entry. All members of the synagogue will receive the calendar.

### SISTERHOODS' LOX BOX

Sisterhood's Lox Box will be Sunday, November 18, 1990. Each box contains 4 bagels, lox and cream cheese. We will deliver breakfast to your North or South Brunswick house. You can send your orders in to the synagogue office. **Make all checks payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood. Orders must be received by November 4, 1990.** For those living in areas outside North and South Brunswick who wish to order please call Bobbie Binder at 274-2797 to make other arrangements. Cost per box is \$10.00.

## PROJECT SUCCAH

We are pleased to report that "Project Succah", the Succah building and visitation campaign launched by Rabbi Andrew Warmflash at Kol Nidre, was an overwhelming success. Over 75 people participated in one phase or another of this program.

## NURSERY SCHOOL

School started, along with the tears, with learning about Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. The children ate apples and honey, made decorations for the Sukkah and consumed their snack there. They all shook the lulav and smelled the sweet etrog. All were encouraged to attend Simchat Torah services at B'nai Tikvah.

A trip to a turkey farm was planned in October for most children. Our photographers will be taking class and individual pictures, as well as delightful candid shots that decorate the school wing. The Fall Mommy & Me session began in October, as well as the pre-school lunch program.

### OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

When the teacher asked Stephen how many fingers he had on his hands, he answered "all of them".

Daniel exclaimed, "I can't wait until Rosh Hashana so I can sing the *Manishtanah*".

Ryan proclaimed that he was sick in the head. When further questioned, he exclaimed, "because my throats".

When the teacher asked the class why they say the Hebrew prayers before eating the snack, Gabriel answered, "because they are wearing yarmulkes".

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## **WE REMEMBER: EDWARD MURROWS' WALK THROUGH BUCHENWALD**

Ed Murrow has been called the "Walter Cronkite" of the 1940's and 1950's. But Murrow was never really a newscaster anyway. His more than five thousand reports, hundreds of major awards, including the Medal of Freedom, testify to something more than the typical TV or Radio personality.

Murrow brought the sights and sounds of World War II into nearly every American home. He reported from battleships, minesweepers, and even the rooftops of London during the Blitz. Murrow's reports on the Blitz were accomplished at great personal risk since the Luftwaffe's bombs were aimed at the very rooftops from which he was filing his reports. He was also known for not just providing news but presenting its "feeling." Despite the fact that newscasters were expected to be objective, a listener to any of his broadcasts instantly knew where he stood on any given issue. During the closing days of the War Murrow attached himself to Patton's Third Army as it rolled through Western Germany to become one of the first armies to liberate a deathcamp. In what many consider one of the finest and most telling radio reports of the war he detailed the atrocities of the notorious Buchenwald deathcamp. As he entered the barbed-wire gate with liberating American troops he noted that death had already marked many of the masses around him. For those who were aware of the liberation in progress however, one could see them smiling with their eyes. Some excerpts from Murrows report follow below:

As we walked out into the courtyard, a man fell dead. Two others--they must have been over sixty--were crawling toward the latrine. I saw it but will not describe it. In another part of the camp they showed me the children, hundreds of them. Some were only six. One rolled up his sleeve, showed me his number. It was tattooed on his arm. D-6030, it was. The others showed me their number; they will carry them till they die. An elderly man standing beside me said, "The children, enemies of the state." I could see their ribs through their thin shirts. The old man said, "I am Professor Charles Richer of the Sorbonne." The children clung to my hands and stared. We crossed to the courtyard. Men kept coming up to speak to me and to touch me, professors from Poland, doctors from Vienna, men from all Europe. Men from the countries that made America.... Murder had been done at Buchenwald. God alone knows how many men and boys have died there during the last twelve years. Thursday I was told that there were more than twenty thousand in the camp. There had been as many as sixty thousand. Where are they now?... I pray you to believe what I have said about Buchenwald. I have reported what I saw and heard, but only part of it. For most of it I have no words. Dead men are plentiful in war, but the living dead, more than twenty thousand of them in one camp. And the country round about was pleasing to the eye, and the Germans were well fed and well dressed...

As Murrow left the camp an inmate came up to him and said, "You will write something about this, perhaps?" And he added, "To write about this you must have been here at least two years, and after that--you don't want to write any more." For Jews today and the world at large the challenge *is to remember--to read, to write, to talk about the Holocaust.* To do otherwise runs the dangerous risk of seeing philosopher George Santayana's observation become reality--"Those who do not remember the past are condemned to relive it."  
**Steve Mekler, Assistant Editor**

## **LETTERS**

To the Editor:

Recently a Rabbi in New Jersey received a phone call from a woman who was not a member of his congregation. "Rabbi, please help me," she said. "My son who is a medical student will soon marry a gentile nurse. Would you please phone him and using your best powers of persuasion dissuade him from marrying this girl?"

Soon thereafter the Rabbi was able to contact the young man.

"Rabbi, I believe you're wasting your time. Sure, I had a Bar Mitzvah. However, we did not have a Jewish home. There were no kosher meals, no candle lighting on Friday nights, nor do I recall that we celebrated the various Jewish holidays. Yes, we did go to Synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for a few hours."

It is known that one out of every three Jews in the U.S. marries a gentile.

Unfortunately, it seems that after the Bar Mitzvah and Bas Mitzvah too many Jewish teenagers are permitted to do as they please on Shabbat mornings. It is the duty

of Jewish parents to attend Shabbat services with their children. Why send a child to religious school for five or six years and then have them gradually forget how to read Hebrew? The most intelligent teenager will forget how to read Hebrew if they do not attend services.

Too many Jewish parents do not encourage their children to continue with Torah studies and Jewish history and culture.

Every Shabbat and holiday morning Rabbi Warmflash presents a discussion with questions pertaining to the Torah portion for that day. It is an excellent lesson in Torah learning for both youngster and adult.

It is hoped that members of this congregation will give serious thought to the above comments. On the Shabbat or holiday morning don't let your child frit away his or her time with nonsense. **Get them to Shull!**

**Herb Feldman 297-3411**

P.S. The Rabbi's name? - Dean of the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown.

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