

## THE JEWISH PEOPLE TODAY AND THE OPEN FUTURE

*The Religion for all men.*

ON ROSH HASHONAH, WE SPOKE OF THE VALUES WITHIN JUDAISM WHICH MAKE IT POTENTIALLY ~~THE UNIVERSAL RELIGION~~. TODAY, WE SHALL TAKE A JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD TO VIEW THOSE COMMUNITIES WHICH PRACTICE THE JEWISH RELIGION. THERE ARE, PERHAPS, 11,000,000 JEWS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. MOST OF THEM LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, AND IN ISRAEL. FIRST, LET US VISIT THE SMALLER JEWISH COMMUNITIES, AND WE BEGIN IN SOUTH AMERICA, WHERE THERE ARE PERHAPS 600,000 JEWS. STUDENTS OF THIS AREA TELL US THAT A MINORITY OF ~~THESE PEOPLE~~ <sup>South American Jews</sup> ARE TRULY ORTHODOX, WHILE THE VAST MAJORITY MIGHT BE CLASSIFIED AS NON-OBSERVANT ORTHODOX. THAT IS TO SAY, THE SYNAGOGUE TO WHICH THEY DO NOT GO, IS ORTHODOX; THE HOME IS KOSHER; THE COMMON LANGUAGE IS YIDDISH; AND, THE KNOWLEDGE OF JUDAISM IS AT A MINIMUM. SOUTH AMERICAN JEWS, ARE WHAT WE WOULD CALL CULTURAL JEWS. THEY BUILD A MODEST SYNAGOGUE, BUT LUXURIOUS COMMUNITY CENTERS. THEY PRAY LITTLE; BUT, THEY WANT THEIR SOCIAL FRIENDS TO BE JEWS. THEY ARE NOT ATTRACTED TO CONSERVATIVE OR REFORM JUDAISM, AND LIKE THEIR EUROPEAN FOREBEARERS, THEY ARE TRAINED TO BELIEVE THAT THE JEW HAS HIS PLACE, OUTSIDE THE PALE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, WITH LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE TREND OF EVENTS. IN BRIEF, THE VITALITY OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, IS MEASURED IN CULTURAL AND SOCIAL TERMS.

THIS MORNING, AS JEWS WORSHIP IN THE SYNAGOGUES OF ARGENTINA, IT IS NECESSARY FOR ARMED POLICEMEN TO STAND OUTSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE DOORS TO DISCOURAGE WOULD-BE ATTACKERS. IN ARGENTINA, ONE OF THE MORE STABLE OF SOUTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, JEWISH MERCHANTS HAVE BEEN THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, AND THE JEWS DO NOT SLEEP EASILY THERE. MANY JEWS, I AM TOLD, ARE SLIPPING OUT OF THE COUNTRY, PERHAPS TO ISRAEL, WHERE THE ENEMY IS AT LEAST IDENTIFIABLE, AND WHERE ONE HAS A CHANCE OF DEFENDING HIMSELF. IT IS A STRUGGLE FOR SOUTH AMERICAN JEWRY TO SURVIVE, BUT THE KIND OF JUDAISM THEY ARE STRIVING TO KEEP ALIVE, DOES NOT ~~HELP~~ <sup>is vital to</sup> THE YOUNGER PEOPLE.

*a transplantation from Europe*

OLDER THAN THE JUDAISM OF THE EUROPEAN GHETTO, IS THE KIND OF JUDAISM WE FIND IN NORTH AFRICA. HERE, ARE DESCENDANTS OF JEWS WHO LEFT ISRAEL AS LONG AS 2000 YEARS AGO AND MORE. SHORT DECADES AGO, THERE WERE 150,000 THRIVING JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA. TODAY, THERE ARE A MERE 20,000. THE MOSLEMS HAVE RECENTLY MADE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM AFTER HARBORING THEM FOR 2000 YEARS. THE RISE OF ISRAEL, AND THE TURNING OF THE MOSLEMS AGAINST THE FRENCH, HAVE MADE THE MOSLEMS INTOLERANT OF ANY MINORITY. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS HAVE GONE FROM NORTH AFRICA TO ISRAEL; MANY LIVE NOW IN FRANCE, SEARCHING FOR A NEW LIFE.

ON THE OTHER TIP OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTINENT, THERE IS A SURPRISINGLY VIRILE JEWISH COMMUNITY. HERE, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 110,000 JEWS. THERE IS A STRONG ORTHODOX COMMUNITY, WITH ~~GOOD RABBINICAL SEMINARIES~~. THERE IS ~~AND~~ A GROWING REFORM MOVEMENT. PER CAPITA, SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS CONTRIBUTE MORE TO ISRAEL THAN DO AMERICAN JEWS. IT MIGHT WELL BE THAT JEWS WILL HAVE A GREAT FUTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA, BUT THERE IS A THREAT MANIFESTED IN A PECULIAR WAY. THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA IS FRIENDLY TO JEWS, BUT CRUEL TO NEGROES. ITS CRUELTY, MAKES MISSISSIPIANS LOOK LIKE ~~NIGGERS~~ <sup>Niggers</sup>. IF JEWS REMAIN SILENT AGAINST THIS NEO-FASCISTIC PRACTICE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, THEY WILL BECOME BOUND TO A RACIAL PHILOSOPHY WHICH IS ANTAGONISTIC TO THE VERY HEART OF JUDAISM. IF "APARTHEID", THE FORCEFUL SEPARATION OF THE COUNTRY INTO WHITE AND BLACK, CONTINUES, JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL SOON LOSE THE VIGOR OF THE JEWISH CONSCIENCE, AND THEY WILL BECOME PARTICIPANTS BY DEFAULT IN THE DOMINANT NEO-FASCISM. AS WE TURN FROM AFRICA TO ASIA, AND MOVE UP TO ISRAEL, WE CANNOT HELP BUT THINK THAT ~~MOST~~ <sup>most</sup> JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HAVE PURCHASED THEIR ACRE OF GROUND AT A VERY HEAVY PRICE.

IN ISRAEL, OF COURSE, WE SEE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PICTURE. ARAB GUNS MAY HAVE ISRAEL COMPLETELY SURROUNDED, BUT THE ISRAELIS HAVE, ON TWO OCCASIONS, MANIFESTED THEIR DISDAIN FOR THESE GUNS. WITHIN THEIR OWN BORDERS, THE ISRAELIS ARE COMPLETELY FREE TO PROJECT THE JEWISH PREDISPOSITION TOWARDS DEMOCRACY. THE ISRAELI SOCIETY, IS IN MANY WAYS, A MODEL FOR THE WORLD, AND A TESTIMONY TO STRUGGLING MINORITIES THAT ALL MIRACLES DO NOT BELONG TO THE PAST. 2500 YEARS AGO, THE PROPHET ISAIAH CALLED THE ISRAELITES OUT OF BABYLONIAN EXILE WITH THE WORDS, "SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG, SHIRU LA'ADONOI SHIR CHADASH", SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SAGA, A NEW SALVATION! THE MODERN ISRAELIS HAVE EXPERIENCED THAT NEW SAGA. AT PASSOVER TIME, THEY REHEARSE, NOT THE OLD, BUT THE MODERN EXODUS. FOR THEM, CROSSING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA WAS A GREATER FEAT THAN CROSSING THE RED SEA. THEY MAY WELL BE RIGHT.

IN ISRAEL, THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE-AND-A-HALF MILLION JEWS COLLECTED FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH. THESE PEOPLE EAT WELL, AND LIVE IN RESPECTABLE RESIDENCES. THEIR EDUCATION SYSTEM IS AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD. ISRAEL IS THE BASE FOR WORLD-WIDE EXPERIMENTS IN FARMING DESERT LAND. TO ISRAEL, COME THE LEADERS OF MANY SMALL NATIONS WHO WISH TO LEARN HOW TO GOVERN THEMSELVES. YOU HAVE HEARD MRS. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT SAY, IN THIS VERY ROOM, THAT ISRAEL IS THE WESTERN WORLD'S BEST LINK TO THE NEW AND SMALL NATIONS OF AFRICA. *Asia*

THE DOMINANT MOOD AMONG THE JEWS OF ISRAEL, IS ONE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE. THE ISRAELIS THINK THAT WITH THEIR HANDS AND MINDS AND HEARTS THEY CAN BUILD AND DEFEND THEIR ISLAND IN AN ALIEN SEA. THE RELIGION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE ISRAELIS IS A BELIEF IN THEMSELVES AND IN THEIR PEOPLE. THE MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS ARE NOT INTERESTED AT ALL IN THE ORTHODOX JUDAISM WHICH DID NOT INSPIRE RESISTANCE TO HITLER. THE TRADITIONAL RABBIS OF EUROPE WERE LONG-TIME FOES OF THE EARLY ZIONISTS, BECAUSE THE ZIONISTS SAID, "LET'S DO SOMETHING", AND THE RABBIS SAID, "LET'S WAIT FOR GOD TO SAVE US". THIS CORDIAL OPPOSITION CONTINUES WITHIN THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WHICH CAME INTO BEING ONLY BECAUSE THE ZIONISTS WERE NOT GOOD ORTHODOX JEWS. *not* NOT EVERYONE WHO VISITS ISRAEL COMES AWAY COMPLETELY HAPPY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THAT COUNTRY. SOME SENSITIVE OBSERVERS HAVE REMARKED ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF A MIDDLE GROUP STANDING BETWEEN THE INTENSELY ORTHODOX AND THE PROUD SABRAS WHO RELY *on* THEIR MUSCLES. WITHIN ISRAEL, *also* CONCERN IS EXPRESSED BY MEN LIKE MARTIN BUBER, WORLD RENOWNED PROFESSOR AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY. BUBER HAS WRITTEN, "SECULARISM ... HAS IN PRACTICE NO AIM BEYOND THAT OF SELF-PRESERVATION AND SURVIVAL. TRADITIONALISM, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS CONTENT WITH A RIGID GUARANTEE THAT TRADITIONAL FORMS WILL BE PRESERVED, WITHOUT AN EARNEST DESIRE TO INITIATE ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIFE OF SOCIETY ... THESE TWO FORCES, THE FORCE OF SECULARISM, AND THE FORCE OF TRADITIONALISM, STAND OPPOSED TO ONE ANOTHER, BUT THE PRESENCE OF A THIRD FORCE IS LACKING. IT MAY BE THAT THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DEPENDS MORE ON THE RISE OF THIS THIRD FORCE THAN IT DOES ON EXTERNAL FACTORS..."

*who rely wholly on their prayers*

THE PROBLEM WITHIN ISRAEL, IS ONE THAT WE AMERICAN JEWS CAN UNDERSTAND. THE FUNDAMENTALIST RELIGIONS THAT EARLY AMERICANS BROUGHT OVER FROM EUROPE, WERE SOON SIFTED AND REFINED HERE IN AMERICA. THE RELIGIOUS EXPRESSIONS DEVELOPED HERE, REFLECTED THE OPTIMISM AND ACTIVISM OF THE BUILDERS OF AMERICA. REFORM JUDAISM WAS BORN IN THIS STAGE OF AMERICA'S EARLY OPTIMISM. THE JEWS OF ISRAEL WILL ACT AS THE JEWS OF AMERICA DID. THEY WILL REACH BEYOND ORTHODOXY, TO BIBLICAL JUDAISM, AND FIND IN OUR OLDEST TRADITIONS, THE ACTIVISM THAT IS FITTING FOR A DYNAMIC SOCIETY.

WE LEAVE ISRAEL, *hope dominating our hearts,* RELUCTANTLY, TO JOURNEY THROUGH ASIA MINOR, BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, TO THE SECOND LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD.

THERE ARE 3,000,000 JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT A FLOURISHING JEWISH COMMUNITY THERE. THE REVERSE IS TRUE. THE SOVIETS SEEM DETERMINED TO STAMP OUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND IT SEEMS THAT THEY HAVE ALL BUT SUCCEEDED. THE SOVIET TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN SIMPLE. THEY HAVE DISCOURAGED BOTH RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL OUTLETS FOR THE JEWS, AND, THEY HAVE REFUSED TO PERMIT THEM TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. IN SHORT, THEY HAVE ELIMINATED THE BREATHING AIR FOR JEWS WITHIN THE BOTTLE, AND THEY HAVE NOT PERMITTED THE JEWS TO FIND NEW BREATHING AIR OUTSIDE THE BOTTLE.

THE SOVIET OPPOSITION TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, IS BASED PRIMARILY ON ONE POINT; THE JEWS WOULD NOT ASSIMILATE. THIS IS NOT A NEW CRY CONCERNING THE JEWS. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CRY OF THE SOVEREIGN GROUP IN COUNTRIES IN WHICH JEWS HAVE LIVED. THE JEWS REFUSE TO BE LIKE THE OTHERS. WHAT HAS BEEN THE SOVIET PROCEDURE IN BREAKING THE MORALE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY? FIRST, THEY HAVE PERMITTED ONLY A FEW RABBINICAL ACADEMIES TO OPERATE. TODAY, THERE IS ONLY ONE SEMINARY FOR THE TRAINING OF RABBIS TO SERVE 3,000,000 JEWS. SECONDLY, JEWS HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGED FROM ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY, AND FROM ACQUIRING THE KIND OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO HOLD POSITIONS OF PRESTIGE IN THE SOVIET COMMUNITY. IN THE PAST 30 YEARS, THE PERCENTAGE OF JEWS IN THE UNIVERSITIES, HAS FALLEN FROM 13% TO 4%, AND JEWS ARE CONSPICUOUS TODAY ONLY IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE. STALIN'S ANTI-SEMITISM IS NOW A MATTER OF RECORD, AND KRUSCHEV HAS TRIED TO SILENCE RECENT INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM OF SOVIET POLICY TOWARDS THE JEWS BY RE-ACTIVATING, ALL OF A SUDDEN, CERTAIN CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH THE SOVIETS HAD PREVIOUSLY SHUT-DOWN.

*demanded  
by the  
doctors  
people*

AMERICA HAS 1800 SYNAGOGUES FOR ITS 5,000,000 JEWS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS 3,000,000 JEWS AND 100 SYNAGOGUES. THE SYSTEMATIC DECLINE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS BEEN AIDED BY THE JAILING OF COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR NEBULOUS REASONS. RECENTLY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN LENINGRAD WAS JAILED BECAUSE HE WAS THE LEADER "OF A ZIONIST ESPIONAGE RING". SIMILARLY DEPOSED, WERE THE LEADERS OF MINSK, VILNYUS, TASHKENT, KIEV, AND RIGA. SYNAGOGUES IN MANY CITIES HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP BECAUSE "THEY SERVE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE PROPAGATION OF BOURGEOIS POLITICAL VIEWS WHICH ARE ALIEN TO US". CLEARLY, THE SOVIETS ARE DIFFERENT FROM HITLER, THEY DO NOT VIOLENTLY ATTACK JEWS. THEY SIMPLY THROTTLE THE EDUCATORS, AND <sup>limit</sup> THE HOUSES OF EDUCATION AMONG THE JEWS. THEY KNOW THAT A <sup>limit</sup> ~~CULTURE~~ <sup>religion</sup> CANNOT LONG SURVIVE WITHOUT CAPABLE LEADERSHIP.

EXCEPT FOR THE UNDERGROUND CONDUCT OF THE JEWISH RELIGION, WE CAN WRITE OFF SOVIET JEWRY AS A FACTOR FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL. SOMEWHERE, IN THE BASEMENTS OF SOVIET HOMES, SERVICES ARE BEING CONDUCTED TODAY. THE JEWS WHO ARE WORSHIPPING, DO NOT FEAR THAT THE STORM TROOPERS WILL SEND THEM TO JAIL AND DEATH, BUT THEY KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT WHICH REFUSES TO LET THEM ESCAPE TO THEIR BRETHREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT WHICH ~~REFUSES TO LET THEM~~ <sup>discourage</sup> HAVE SCHOOLS FOR THE TRAINING OF RABBIS, WISHES ONLY FOR THE SURRENDER OF THEIR FAITH. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO CONCEIVE OF THE FACT THAT 3,000,000 JEWS ARE FACING A FUTURE OF PROGRESSIVE DETERIORATION AS A COMMUNITY. IT IS WITH MIXED FEELINGS THAT WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THEM, AND RETURN HOME TO AMERICA BY WAY OF FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

*discourage*

THE JEWS OF MOSCOW ARE QUIET AND SOLEMN. THE JEWS OF PARIS REFLECT THE FREEDOM AND FERMENT OF PARIS. THE RUSSIAN JEWS SEEM TO BE THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE. NEITHER THEIR COMMUNISTIC LEARNINGS, NOR THEIR JEWISH ACTIVITIES SHOW VITALITY. THE FRENCH JEWS ARE ARDENT FRENCHMEN; THEIR ORTHODOXY IS PROGRESSIVE. THE COSMOPOLITAN ATMOSPHERE OF PARIS HAS LEFT ITS MARK UPON PARISIAN JEWS. THEIR JEWISH OBSERVANCE IS NOT AT ALL COMPARABLE IN ITS INTENSITY TO THE ORTHODOXY OF PRE-HITLERIAN EASTERN EUROPE, BUT, THEY ARE PROUD OF THEIR JUDAISM. THE 450,000 JEWS OF FRANCE, HAVE HAD THEIR NUMBERS SWELLED BY THE INFLUX OF 100,000 ALGERIAN JEWISH REFUGEES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS AND HOMES. ALL IN ALL, THE PROBLEMS OF FRENCH JEWS, ARE THE PROBLEMS OF FRENCHMEN, AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THERE, IS REASONABLY SECURE AND HAPPY.

THEIR INFLUENCE ON FRENCH AFFAIRS, <sup>their participation in the profession, for example,</sup> FAR EXCEEDS THEIR NUMBERS. ~~THE~~ SEVERAL FRENCH PREMIERS, IN RECENT DECADES, HAVE BEEN JEWS, AMONG THEM LEON BLUM AND MENDES FRANCE.

<sup>Just across the English Channel is another vital Jewish population:</sup> STRANGELY, THE ENGLISH JEWISH COMMUNITY OF 375,000 IS MORE TRADITIONAL THAN THE FRENCH. THE ORTHODOXY OF THE TRADITIONAL ENGLISH JEWS IS CLASSIC. THEY HAVE A CHIEF RABBI, WHILE THE FRENCH JEWS HAVE A CONSISTORY OR CONGRESS TYPE OF BODY. ENGLAND HAS A STRONG LIBERAL JEWISH MOVEMENT, <sup>associated with the Reform movement</sup> WHICH FALLS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN OUR REFORM AND CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENTS, ALTHOUGH ~~IT IS AFFILIATED WITH THE WORLD REFORM MOVEMENT.~~

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, THAT ENGLISH JEWS ARE INTENSE ENGLISHMEN, FROM ACCENT ON DOWN. THE JEW, IN <sup>England or Ireland</sup> THE BRITISH ISLES, IS AS FREE AS HIS COUNTERPART IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA, <sup>as Jewish land majorly, including Ireland,</sup>

<sup>Speaking in a tongue is among the interesting possibilities results of such freedom</sup>

AS WE RETURN TO AMERICA, WE HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING THAT WE ARE JOINING THE LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD. THERE ARE 5,000,000 JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND 275,000 IN CANADA. IN MANY WAYS, OUR PROBLEMS ARE THE REVERSE OF THOSE EXPERIENCED BY JEWS IN OTHER LANDS. WHEN AN ARGENTINE JEW ATTENDS SERVICES ON THE SABBATH, HE HAS CAUSE TO FEAR ATTACK. WE, IN AMERICA, CAN ATTEND SABBATH SERVICES FREELY, BUT WE RARELY CHOOSE TO EXERCISE THIS FREEDOM. IN THE SOVIET UNION, JEWS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO MAINTAIN SEMINARIES FOR THE TRAINING OF RABBIS. IN AMERICA, WE ARE FREE TO TRAIN AS MANY RELIGIOUS LEADERS AS WE WISH, BUT MOST OF US COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT RABBINICAL SEMINARIES. IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE JEW HAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST RACIAL SEGREGATION. IN AMERICA, WE HAVE THAT FREEDOM, BUT WE ARE AMAZINGLY SILENT ON THE PROBLEM. INWARDLY, WE HAVE GREAT SYMPATHY FOR THE NEGRO, BUT OUR FEELINGS HAVE NOT MANIFESTED THEMSELVES IN OVERT EXPRESSION. IN SOUTH AMERICA, AND, IN THE SOVIET UNION, JEWS HAVE TO ENDURE RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION QUIETLY, BUT HERE IN AMERICA, WE CAN TAKE A CASE ON RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND HAVE IT DECIDED IN OUR FAVOR. STILL, MANY JEWS ARE RELUCTANT TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRIVILEGE, FOR, TO BE SURE, THE SUBTLE FIRES OF PREJUDICE BURN EVEN HERE IN AMERICA.

*How many of you for support or appeal for the Hebrew Union College.*

AS WE COMPLETE THIS HURRIED REVIEW OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD, WE CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL A SENSE OF WONDER. JEWS SPEAK PRACTICALLY EVERY LANGUAGE UNDER THE SUN, AND OWE ALLEGIANCE TO PRACTICALLY EVERY FLAG. IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE PRESENT, THEY REPRESENT THE HIGHER INTELLECTUAL STRATA. IN THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES, THEY HAVE AN INFLUENCE <sup>in representation</sup> UPON GOVERNMENTAL ~~POLICY~~ WHICH FAR EXCEEDS THEIR NUMBERS. IN MOST COUNTRIES, THEY ARE AFFLUENT BEYOND THE AVERAGE. THEY ARE INDUSTRIOUS, AND CREATIVE. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE JEW IN ISRAEL-ONLY CONSTITUTES THE ICING ON AN AMAZING CAKE. HOW ODD IT IS THAT A PEOPLE SO OLD SHOULD STILL SURVIVE WITH SUCH VITALITY IN SO MANY DIFFERENT PLACES, WHEN IT HAS ASSUREDLY SUFFERED AN UNUSUAL AGONY.

*And*

*upon the head of significant events*

ARTHUR KOESTLER HAS WRITTEN, "AMONG A GROUP OF WORMS, THE ONE MOST EXPOSED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE ONE MOST RESPONSIVE TO OUTSIDE STIMULAI, ~~IT~~ MIGHT BE CALLED THE JEW-WORM". INDEED, OUR HISTORY FITS US FOR THE ROLE OF HUMAN BAROMETER. WHEN THE JEW IS FREE, A COUNTRY IS AT PEACE. WHEN THE JEW SQUIRMS, TROUBLE IS BREWING FOR THAT COUNTRY. IN AMERICA, THE JEW SQUIRMS LEAST <sup>yet</sup> HIS CONSCIENCE IS LESS KEEN BECAUSE OF THE LUXURY AND FREEDOM IN WHICH HE LIVES. WE MIGHT <sup>say that in the</sup> ~~CONCLUDE THAT~~ TO THE EXTENT <sup>light of</sup> WE ARE INSENSITIVE TO THE INJUSTICES AROUND US, WE <sup>Arthur Koestler's</sup> INDICATE OUR ALIENATION FROM OUR JEWISHNESS. <sup>definition</sup>

SOMEONE ONCE WROTE, "TO BE A JEW IS A DESTINY IN ITSELF". THERE IS A GREAT TRUTH IN THAT STATEMENT FOR THOSE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING ITS MEANING.