

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (NWS) A charge that Rabbi Morris Appleman, spiritual leader of the East Nassau Hebrew Congregation in Soysset, Long Island, was conducting a "bar mitzvah factory" and kosher catering business under rabbinic cloak was made by a group of Soysset residents in a complaint they filed with the local Town Board.

ALBANY (WNS) Fourteen tombstones were overturned and a number of others were smeared with defamatory slogans at the Workmen's Circle cemetery on the outskirts of this city, it was reported by an official of the Jewish fraternal order.

THE HAGUE (WNS) Dr. Hans Bloemendal, noted biochemist who has been serving as chazzan of the Ashkenazic Jewish community in Amsterdam since 1957, has been appointed to full professorship by the Roman Catholic University of Nijmegen, according to an announcement by university officials.

NEW YORK (WNS) Disclosure that two Soviet Government officials in charge of religious affairs had promised him certain concessions to meet the religious needs of Soviet Jewry was made by Rabbi David B. Hollander, president of New York Metropolitan Board of Orthodox Rabbis.

FRANKFURT (WNS) One of the longest criminal trials in the history of West Germany concluded with the conviction of seventeen of twenty defendants accused of complicity in the killing of some 4,000,000 Auschwitz death camp inmates in Poland, most of them Jews, between June of 1940, when the notorious camp was opened and January of 1945, when the camp was taken by the Soviet forces.

NEW YORK (WNS) A 1965-66 budget of \$9,488,000 for programs in Israel and the United States was adopted by Hadassah at its four-day national convention at the Waldorf Astoria, whose high-water mark was presentation of the organization's 1965 Henrietta Szold award to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

PITTSBURGH (WNS) St. Francis General Hospital, a Catholic sponsored institution, has named an ordained rabbi and psychiatrist, Dr. Abraham Joshua Twerski, as the clinical director of its department of psychiatry, it was announced by hospital administrator Sister Mary Adele.

california temple relents on serving non-KOSHER MEALS

NEW YORK (WNS) The Pasadena Jewish Temple, one of two California congregations that had been expelled from the United Synagogue of America for permitting non-kosher meals to be served on their premises, has relented the practice and applied for re-admission to the parent organization, it was announced here by Dr. Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) Reports and rumors of an undercurrent of anti-Semitism in the Negro riots were termed "not quite accurate" by a prominent member of the local Jewish community.

CHICAGO (WNS) Two eighteen-year-old hoodlums were sent to jail here for painting swastikas on the walls of synagogues.

JERUSALEM (WNS) The Central Bureau of Statistics this week released figures showing that the total world Jewish population in 1964 was 13,121,000, some 2,239,000 residing in Israel. A highlight of the report was disclosure that one third of the population in Israel is under the age of fourteen.

Leading Citizens, serving the American Jewish Committee's 1965 Appeal for Human Relations, who will participate in a fund raising dinner Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Sahara. Gov. Grant Sawyer will receive this year's Distinguished Service Award.

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ROSH HA SHANAH FEATURE

IN HONOR OF ROSH HASHANA, JEWISH NEW YEAR OF 5726, THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH A SERIES OF STORIES TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLIDAY WHICH FALLS ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH OF TISHRI, MONDAY, SEPT. 27 AND TUESDAY, SEPT. 28. ROSH HASHANA MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE 10 DAYS OF REPENTANCE, AWE-INSPIRING DAYS, CULMINATING AT YOM KIPPUR, ON OCT. 6.

REPENTANCE IMPLIES FAITH

By Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins
 The great majestic theme of the Rosh Hashana-Yom Kippur season is the Hebrew concept of Teshuva.

We are all in the debt of Professor Max Kadushin who has crystallized in three books about the Jewish tradition the basic ideas of the rabbinic theological heritage. In a recent book, WORSHIP AND ETHICS, Rabbi Kadushin, professor of theology at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, reiterates his fundamental thesis regarding "value concepts."

Dr. Kadushin points out that there are certain key words in the language of all cultures which signify their quintessence in a short phrase, or a word. Americans jointly possess such value concepts as "democracy," "majority rule," "civil rights," "Freedom of speech," etc. These words or phrases point to the values of a civilization.

According to Prof. Kadushin there are over 200 such value concepts in Judaism, terms pointing to the ideals and values of the civilization of Judaism. One of these is Teshuva.

Thus Teshuva is not merely an act of asking forgiveness. Its technical translation is "repentance," to be sure. But as with all value concepts, it is beyond definition. One could write a book about democracy, and maybe the reader would get the idea of what it means after reading it. But this is the point. It takes the time and effort of immersing oneself in a culture or civilization to fathom its value concepts. No simple

definitions are accurate or helpful. This is true of Teshuva as well. Teshuva is more than repentance. Teshuva is teshuva is teshuva. How then can we define teshuva? By reading and studying the scores of books which make up Jewish tradition, and seeing the work in its context and coming out with an understanding of the values it expresses.

The next best way to understand Teshuva is to try to define what it implies. What are the cluster of Jewish values which constitute the underpinnings of Jewish theology, and can help us define Teshuva?

Here we must assume that the concept implies that man is a protean, constantly improving animal. He is flexible enough to bounce back after defeat. He is strong enough to overcome past weaknesses. He is courageous enough to combat former mistakes, innate inadequacies, and unfortunate mishaps in his life. In the phrase used today by the civil rights movement, he can "overcome." In fact, one way of stating the meaning of Teshuva is "we shall overcome."

There are many phrases in the English language which spawn a pessimistic view of the nature of man. "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Or, "you can't change human nature." "Once a fool, always a fool." These expressions imply the opposite of Teshuva. For if Teshuva implies anything it is that mankind must have a deep faith in itself. Teshuva means that you can teach an old person new interests, that you can improve human character, and that once a fool, perhaps tomorrow a sage.

Teshuva means that God created basically a good world, and that man is a good creature. His bases propensities are for good. He can err, he can slip, he can backslide. But he has within him a built-in corrective system known as conscience. He has within him a divinely given (continued on page 6)

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HYPNOSIS

by Ewart L. Rogers
 This is the first publication of a new question and answer column on Hypnosis and it's applications. Your questions will be answered by Ewart L. Rogers, Director of The Clinic of Prescription Hypnosis. Mr. Rogers is a veteran of over 30 years practice in the field of Hypnosis and is a licensed teacher of Scientific Hypnosis and it's Ethical Applications.
 Q. Dear Mr. Rogers: I have heard and read a great deal about Hypnosis and the marvelous results that are being accomplished with it. I would like very much to try hypnosis; but I'm just scared to death of being "knocked out" or losing consciousness. Is there any way that I can be hypnotized into a light sleep that will not cause me to lose consciousness completely and, yet, allow me to derive some benefit from the hypnosis? Veda Mills A. There is no "knocked out state" in hypnosis. There are many depths of hypnosis, but none of them are characterized or associated in anyway with unconsciousness. You are never unconscious in hypnosis. The truth is that the deeper stages of hypnosis are characterized by increased

attention to the operators' suggestions. The profound concentration achieved is one of the principal reasons for the use of hypnosis.

Actually, hypnosis has little resemblance to true sleep. The eyes are closed to facilitate concentration. Have you ever noticed how a music lover often has his eyes closed while he is listening to the music? Even though he looks relaxed and asleep, he is really more alert; he can even follow a single theme

through many variations. The hypnotist hopes that you hear and understand 100 per cent of what he has to say.

Q. Dear Mr. Rogers: Am I likely to reveal personal secrets while under hypnosis? Anne Greene.

A. You most certainly will not, if they are secrets you want to keep. You are aware of everything while hypnotized. People have even been known to lie to protect themselves while being questioned in hypnosis.

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