

Another Year, Another Chance

The response of Judaism to the contemporary human predicament is spelled out in the message of Rosh Hashanah. While our generation suffers from a failure of nerve in the face of stupendous technological advances, Rosh Hashanah offers morale and morals.

In contrast to the philosophies of worldwide despair, philosophies of Being and Nothingness, "growing up absurd," effects symbolized in Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" which has its characters wait for a redeemer who never

comes and they disintegrate as their hope is blasted, the liturgy of Rosh Hashanah calls upon us to renew our faith that "iniquity shall shut its mouth, wickedness shall vanish like smoke, when thou wilt abolish the rule of tyranny on earth" and proclaim "may all thy children unite in one fellowship to do thy will with a perfect heart."

Because of this indomitable belief, the Jewish people, familiar with tragedy, seasoned in sorrow and acquainted with grief has shown remarkable redilience that today, phoenix-like, it dominates the headlines. Judaism insists on praying for ZOKHRENU LECHAYYIM to ELOHIM HAYIM, the living God. We pray not for life after death, but for life after birth.

The search for a better life is part of man's curiosity. As stated by David R. Scott, the astronaut of Apollo Fifteen, "his curiosity makes man alive, ever moving and seeking. It is as simple as the small child asking why this and why that. It is as complex as the motivations for exploration, for moving into the unknown, for our going to the moon."

Rosh Hashanah provides an infallible prescription for our spiritual enchantments. It adds a new dimension to our unfolding spirit and directs our quest into the realm of HESHBON

HANEFESH, taking stock of where we stand and pointing to the direction in which we should move in the coming year of 5732.

WASHINGTON (WNS)--Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Jerry Friedheim told the press that General Yariv, chief of Israeli military intelligence, met with Pentagon officials, but not with Defense Secretary Melvin Laird as reported by Washington Post columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, who said that Laird was firm against supplying Israel with more Phantom jet planes; Friedheim refused to answer newsmen's questions on that point.



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