



QUOTH THE MAVEN

BY BEVERLY KING POLLOCK

Shul Days

A synagogue small in size has certain redeeming qualities. Not solely spiritual in nature.

For with a small shul you become "involved." You get to know everybody and you develop a sort of "family" concern. You even feel you are going to services with people instead of with numbers of people.

Every Rosh Hashana (when all children are obligated to sit with their parents) you can keep track of who belongs to whom and check for growing family resemblances. You marvel over how little Chuckie has grown; you see that once Marilyn's teeth were straightened and her hair grown long she turned into the beautiful young lady you predicted all along; and you notice that Marvin looks like a real man since he started college.

This Rosh Hashana we had just our younger two children with us. And even though people around commented on how nice the youngsters looked and wished us a Happy New Year, I felt sad. Because I don't know when our whole family will be together again at High Holyday services.

Now all of a sudden I realize why my mother always made me go into shul and kiss my grandmother on the holidays. My bubbeh would beam, "And this is my first Ainikel." And I would smile properly at the "ancient" little ladies while I was wishing I could be with my friends.

Every day I see how far apart were the worlds of my grandmother and me. And every day I realize how alike we are becoming. I keep telling myself I must remember how I felt as a child so I can be more tolerant of my children when they act the same way.

But back to the small synagogue where the Rabbi shakes everybody's hands after the services and everybody crowds in the hall to wish everybody a good year. My son soon to be Bar Mitzvah said it is easy to tell the twice a year Jews from the Friday night services Jews.

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Channel 10 will present a television special that captures the spirit and the meaning of the Jewish high holidays on Monday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The special, "In Days of Awe," explores the ten-day holiday period beginning with Rosh Hashanah -- the Jewish New Year -- and ending with Yom Kippur -- the day of atonement. These days, which fall late in September or in early October, are referred to collectively as the "days of awe." (This year Rosh Hashanah is September 20, Yom Kippur September 29.)

The program, written and narrated by Rabbi Bruce Block of San Antonio, opens with the chanting of Kol Nidre -- a hauntingly beautiful Yom Kippur melody -- by Cantor Zvi Ben Shalom. The cantor sings other traditional holiday music throughout the one-half hour color program.

Scripture readings, holiday stories and nar-

native interpretation as well as music are used in the TV interpretation of the holidays.

Yom Kippur, which Rabbi Block calls "the holiest day of the year for Jews," is the final day of soul cleansing that includes an all-day fast.

Other holiday customs explored on the program are: the reason all Jewish holidays begin and end at sunset; the significance of the Shofar -- the ram's horn that is sounded to signal the beginning and the end of the high holidays; and the significance of the white robes worn by the rabbis during high holiday services.

The program also looks at some of the unusual gastronomic customs that accompany the holidays; the importance of these holidays as a reaffirmation of the biblical injunction to help the poor; and the importance of home life in Jewish tradition.

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"Good Yomtov." But the Friday night Jews from force of habit say "Good Shabbos."

Also in a small synagogue every dues paying member is unofficially a contributor to shul policy (whether requested or not). So after examining the new improvements to the building, I gave my okay to the president of the congregation.

"Very nice," I said, "with the paved driveway and parking lot and the new classrooms. But wouldn't it be nice for the Rabbi not to have to sweat out the services?"

The president said, "H'mm," so I continued.

"What I mean is, I love a warm congregation," I said. "But if we had airconditioning, we would truly have a real cool shul."

In a small congregation you have to be careful about making suggestions. For you'll find yourself heading a new committee to bring about your ideas. As of today I personally am in charge of raising \$10,000 to air condition the sanctuary.

Tell me. Do you ask 1000 people for \$10? Or 10 people for \$1000? Or 100 people for \$100? Or 10,000 people for a dollar apiece?

Like I was saying, it's easy to become involved when you belong to a small synagogue. A happy 5732 to you and your family.

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