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By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

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our greatest American rabbis like Schechter, Abba Hill<sup>el</sup> Silver, and the three Wise men (Isaac, Stephen and Jonah).

Finally, we have a splendid self-history by a rabbi. He's Dr. Stanley Brav, of Temple Shalom, in suburban Cincinnati, and his book is called "Dawn of Reckoning," published by his congregation.

A sixtieth birthday present to himself, Rabbi Brav's book is a thrilling account of a busy life. Influenced by a Conservative rabbi, Max Klein, of Philadelphia, trained in Cincinnati at the Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Brav has had an across-the-board career. He was once a young assistant in a big congregation (that of the late Dr. David Lefkowitz St., in Dallas), then with a small temple in Vicksburg, Miss., then an associate rabbi at Rockdale Avenue Temple, Cincinnati, and finally, with a temple which he helped to found, where he still is cozily enconced.

A staunch pacifist, Rabbi Brav refused to get into uniform even in the face of Hitlerism. He tells why in his book. An early visitor to Palestine, he was resisted enrollment in Zionist ranks and he tells why.

In the miasma of Mississippian bigotsville, he battled with a Bilbo bilbul, and the account in his book of that hassle is exhilarating.

Rabbi Brav is one of the nation's leading experts in interpreting Jewish family life and he has written several times on that subject,

### RUSSIAN JEW GETS 10 YEARS

NEW YORK (WNS)-- In the harshest sentence to be merered out since the 1970 Leningrad hijack trial, Isaac Shkolnik, a 37-year old Jewish mechanic in Vinitsa, Ukraine, was sentenced April 11 to ten years imprisonment on charges of treason and anti-Soviet propaganda, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

The NCSJ said Shkol-

nik's defense attorney warned him to confess to the charges or he would be sentenced to death.

The original charge of spying for Britain was changed shortly before the trial to spying for Israel. Shkolnik, who had applied for a visa for Israel, went on trial March 29 in a closed courtroom set up in a local brick factory.

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all engrossing. A cue to his stimulus here is his devotion to his own wife, and the one message that alone would make this book worth buying is his salute to his spouse and sweetheart. When he saw her at the age of 18, he was instantly smitten and never thereafter did he have any personal interest in any other woman save his beloved Ruth, whom he extols so lyrically.

Rabbi Brav is also in love with his own congregation, which he helped to create.

Believe me, this love story is better than the one which has become such a rage. Read it and leap!

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