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The measure of a man's worth, 1960.

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THE MEASURE OF A MAN'S WORTH

A Spanish-Jewish scholar of the middle ages by the name of Hasdai Halevi once wrote a letter to Moses Maimonides, inquiring as to whether a Gentile, a non-Jew, could ever reach a state of blessedness and have a share in the world to come. Maimonides, the foremost Jewish scholar ( ) of the middle ages, replied in a lengthy response in which he summarized the whole subject by saying: "Know that the Lord desires the heart, and that the intention of the heart is the measure of all things".

No truer words were ever spoken and Maimonides might also have added: "The intention of the heart is also the measure of all human worth".

What really is the intrinsic merit of a man? By what standards shall we measure a man? - I mean all men, not merely the exceptional, the great, the ideal, the famous man, but I mean all men, including the average man, the unpublicized man, the man who lives out his life in a small and limited circle of family and friends, who is engaged in some average and sometimes very humble occupation earning a very modest living. By what standard shall we evaluate him and all other men? By what standard, too, shall the man himself evaluate himself; for that is even more important than the value which others place upon him. For a man always lives with himself and if he once comes to the conclusion, if he once comes to think of himself as of little worth, worthless, that man is completely lost - completely destroyed.

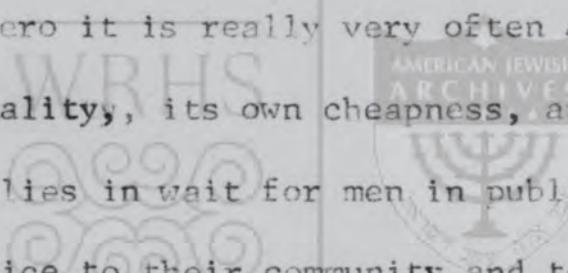
Sometimes quite unconsciously, in judging others and ourselves, we confuse the success of a man with the worth - just as we often fail to distinguish between the price of a thing and the value of that same thing. We see successful men in business or in any other walk of life, and quickly we are inclined to attribute to them some substantial worth. They are worthy because they are successful. Actually, of course, there exists no essential relationship between the two. Success is not the infallible test, the guage of character. Character and achievement do not always follow one another as cause and effect.

Of course, a man's intelligence, his training and ability are tremendous factors in achieving success, whatever one's chosen field may be, but there is much else, there are many other things which enter into a man's personal success or failure and the successful man is inclined to overlook that - not to think of it because it does not feed his pride, his self-satisfaction. There is chance, there is luck; there is the element of opportunity which favors one man and may by-pass another man. Just as there are accidents, unforeseen accidents, which may kill the strongest and the healthiest, so there is chance and luck and opportunity which may advance one man or retard another, make one man or break him.

You and I know of many a failure who deserved to be very successful and of many so-called successful men who deserved to be failures. You and I know of the vast fortunes some so-called successful men have accumulated through corrupt methods, through piracy and exploitation - or, such vast fortunes may represent simply the un-earned inheritance of children who have been wise in the selection of their parents and who in all other things are considerably stupid. On the other hand, you and I know of men who remained poor, or what people called unsuccessful, because they were strong enough to withstand certain temptations, to withhold their hands from corruption.

No! Financial success is not always a true measurement of man's real worth. Nor is popular acclaim, for that matter. Most men never get into the spot-light to receive any popular applause. Their lives are far-removed from the stage upon which the spot-light is cast. But even those who do move in a world and in a situation where they are seen and noted and spoken of, how often is their popular acclaim due, not to real worth or merit, but to certain fortuitous circumstances. They happen to come at the right moment in the right situation where the confluence of circumstances favor them - or, they were shrewd enough, or they were unscrupulous enough to manipulate these circumstances at hand to their own advantage. This is especially true of men in political life. Many of our acclaimed political heroes have feet of clay. Nevertheless, they evoke from the uninformed populace loud praise and hero-worship. They forget that when the mob applauds a political hero it is really very often applauding itself, its own inner, commonplace banality, its own cheapness, and its own weakness. The greatest danger which lies in wait for men in public life is that ~~they may come~~ to evaluate their service to their community and to their country, and accordingly also their own worth in terms of the manner of their reception by the public. It is recorded of a famous Athenian statesman, who one day addressed a great throng of people in Athens, at one part of his oration was loudly applauded by the crowd. Thereupon he turned to one of his friends and said: "What have I said amiss that the people are applauding?"

And just as financial success and popular recognition are no true measures of a man's worth, neither is the mere accumulation of knowledge of learning. Now most men never move into that small, select group of the intellectual elite. Many men and women have not had the advantages of much book-learning or of higher education but their worth, their worth to themselves, to their groups, to their circle in no way is diminished by this fact. Sheer amassing of learning,



and information is in itself no evidence of moral excellence. It is only when one's learning becomes ethically compulsive, socially dynamic, when knowledge is translated into wisdom and wisdom into loving-kindness, it is only then that it becomes a true manifestation of human worth. Our Rabbis had an apt phrase for the pundit loaded with a lot of learning, a lot of erudition but who was innocent of social deeds of socially beneficent acts - they had an apt simile for this kind of a man - they called him - a donkey that hauls books. It was a great Christian mystic, Thomas a Kempis, who said that "on Judgment day we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done."

What then is the true measure of a man's worth? If you will permit me I will give you my own opinion. There are three things by which I always like to judge a man - if I am ever tempted to judge him - the best thing is not to judge anybody - to judge ourselves, and that not too often because we might get dis-  
couraged. But, when in some moment I am inclined to ask myself: "What is this human being really worth?", there are three guages which I employ - three which are in a way really one - they all have to do with what Maimonides called the intention of the heart - inner impulses - inner attitudes - inner dispositions.

*Beg. N* In the first place I ask myself, has that man a ~~real~~ open mind - not a great mind, but an open mind. Is he ~~willing~~ and eager to learn? - not how much has he learned, but does he really believe, does he really think of life as a quest, as a pilgrimage? Is he ~~really~~ ready to welcome and to accept truth from whatever direction it might come or is his mind shut tight by prejudice or bigotry or sloth or indolence? Is he ~~really~~ stubbornly refusing to accept a new idea which may put him to the inconvenience of revising ~~the~~ old ideas, and ~~his~~ old conceptions? Is he ready, if necessary, to surrender his peace of mind in order to consider a new idea? Is he ready to complicate his life by new

problems? And having found a new truth, is he ready to be true to it? Has he the strength of conviction to live by it and for it? Such a man, regardless of what station of life he is in - banker or ~~bus-boy~~, it makes no difference - such a man is of golden worth. He need not be a scholar ~~or a rarely gifted man~~ - he may be a very humble man but he is of sterling worth, ~~of golden worth~~. If he has an honest mind he is of the chosen children of God. For with such men, mankind can move forward, civilization can advance! There are no road-blocks with such men in society. Such men will never be recruits for the agitator, for the social conspirator. Such a man will never be a blind tool in the hands of the enemies of society - he has an open mind. ~~He may be a poor man but to me he is a man of tremendous worth.~~ And lacking the open mind, he may be a millionaire, but to me he has no worth at all.

*TP And then I ask myself has there been a*  
Now, my second gauge of a man's worth - next to the open mind is the stout heart.

Is that man strong in adversity? Has he the stamina and the fortitude to rise after he has been thrice beaten down by misfortune? Has he the strength to endure defeat, and not to yield to it? Does he remain steadfast and loyal? Does he abide by whatever he believes in - ~~whatever he believes in, does he abide by it in spite of all the taunts of men, in spite of all the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune?~~ That's a test of a man's *real worth.* My dear friends, life has a way of sending its arrows deep into the deepest soul of every human being. Life brings to all of us sooner or later its pain, its loss, its bereavement, its frustration of purpose, unfulfilled ambitions, unrealized hopes. The older one gets, the more one realizes how few of his cherished dreams will ever entirely, or even partially come true. A teacher of mine, many years ago, told me of a famous Rabbi who said to a group of his disciples words which so plumbed the depths of human experience they remained with me these many years. This old Rabbi said: "When I was young, I thought

(over 1) In an world of bitterly conflicting ideologies, and the onslaught of propaganda, and attempts at brain-washing of all sorts, it is important for a man to think up his mind, and then stand resolutely by his conviction. A stout heart means a capacity for leadership as well as faithful friendships - this is as important as the other.



that I could reform the whole world - I was so strong - I felt so strong - so full of ambition - so confident. I thought I could reform the whole world. A little later in life I realized that it would be enough if I were to improve my own little community - but I soon found that I could not do even that. As I grew older, I said to myself: 'If I could but improve the lives of the members of my own family I would be a fortunate man', but I found that even that I could not do. And now that I am old, I say to myself: 'It would be a wonderful thing if I could only improve myself', but even that I find tremendously, incredibly difficult."

The real measure of man's worth is how he reacts to the inevitable limitations, disappointments and disabilities of life. Does he grow bitter, does he grow resentful, does he crumble, become dis-spirited - or does he, like some of those rare birds and flowers, who yield up their rare sweetness, their fragrance only after they are crushed? That's a real test of a man's worth.

*WRHS*  
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
*And finally look myself is this man had a*  
*My final gauge of a man's worth, next to his open mind, next to his stout*  
*heart - is his helping hand. How is this man using the gifts of his life, his*  
*talents, his position, his power? How is he using it? Little, or more - how*  
*is he using whatever he has - for himself alone or also for others? Does he*  
*go through life with a hand that only grasps - that only takes, holds, accumulates?*

*Again I am not only thinking of the great, the rich, the powerful - nor am I*  
*thinking exclusively of charity! I am thinking whether this man's whole life is*  
*a dedication to goodness in life. Every man, whatever his circumstances, within*  
*his family, within his circle of friends, acquaintances, every human being can*  
*to the and*  
*or cannot - does or does not contribute ~~with~~ graciousness, kindliness of human*  
*existence. Every human being may or may not, by his unselfishness, ease the*  
*burden of others - bring lightness <sup>into</sup> dark corners - cheer and comfort to tired*

*hearts. A helping hand means good citizenship.*

In his famous debate with Douglas, Abraham Lincoln said: "There is an eternal struggle in life. That is the real issue. That is the issue that will continue in this country when these poor tongues of Judge Douglas and myself shall be silent. It is the eternal struggle between these two principles - right and wrong - throughout the world. They are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time, and will ever continue to struggle. The one is the common right of humanity, and the other the divine right of kings. It is the same principle in whatever shape it develops itself. It is the same spirit that says: 'You work and toil and earn bread, and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to beset the people of his own nation and live by the fruit of their labor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrannical principle." I want to know on what side of ~~this~~ struggle this particular human being stands. I don't care what he has. I don't care what his position in life has been. I want to know whether he helps men or is indifferent to them, or even their exploiters. is on the side of those who are good and true and have tried to help - on the side of the angels in this eternal struggle, or on the side of those who are indifferent or those who may belong to the forces of Satan. Has he a helping hand?

In our synagogues this Sabbath we began the reading of the Book of Exodus and the story of Moses - the greatest figure in human history. Now, Moses was raised in the palace of the Pharaoh - the King's palace. He was surrounded by all the luxury, the wealth, the splendor and the pleasures of the Egyptian court - and he could have remained there and men would have called him a very successful man - a says the Bible. When Moses grew up, he didn't remain in the palace - he went out to his brothers to the slave-pens where they were engaged in forced labor, in building the fortresses for the Pharaoh under the whip of the taskmaster! This prince who had the world at his hand left all that he had

and saw the heavy labor that they were under and he cast

his lot in with them. Thereafter, his life was one of struggle and suffering. The very people he redeemed from slavery turned against him, sought to kill him. For years he wandered through a terrible wilderness with a host of discontented erstwhile slaves and he died a lonely man in a lonely grave somewhere outside of the promised land. What was the worth of this man, Moses, to himself, to his people to mankind? What determined this worth? Simply this, which for lack of a better term I call the helping hand. He wanted to be wherever people needed him or where he thought he was needed. Wherever there was weakness he wanted to give of his strength. That's what makes a man worthy. A man doesn't have to be a Moses, a leader of men. In the humblest walk of life a man can demonstrate the same qualities of wanting to be a radiant source of helpfulness.

So good friends, when you are inclined to measure your neighbor or yourself, do not judge him by the number of things which he has accumulated or the wealth which he has amassed or the popular esteem in which he is held, by the harvest of knowledge which he may have garnered. Judge him, judge yourself - judge him rather by these three standards of criteria - all of them in the realm of intent. One of the great Rabbis said that "He who intended to do a good deed but was forcibly prevented, that man is given credit as if he had done it" - the intentions of the heart. Judge a man by these three things: The open mind - the stout heart - the helping hand. Give me such a man and I'll say of him: "Verily he is a child of God - a man of great worth. He can stand in the court of the King".

With such an equipment - the open mind the  
stout heart and the helping hand - you can face  
tomorrow's uncertainties. You can spread wide  
your adventure sails and plan resolutely  
with ~~you~~ the unpredictable future - confident that  
your high hopes, will from time to time find their  
anchorage in your bland harbor; your heart divine.

Sermon 953 (1)

1. A Spanish-Jewish scholar by the name, Hasdai Haketz once wrote ~~a letter~~ to Maimonides, inquiring as to whether a gentile, an non-Jew, could ever have a share in the world to come. Maimonides replied:

"Know that the Lord desires the heart, and that the intention, the heart is the measure of all things."

2. No true thing was ever said. He might have added: "it is also the measure, all human worth."

3. What really is the intrinsic merit of a man?

By what standards shall we measure ~~a man~~? By what standards shall we measure ~~a man~~?

all men, not merely the exceptional, the great, the ideal, the famous.

But all men, including the average man, the un-

publicized man, who lives out his life in a

small town ~~community~~ and engaged in some humble occu-

ption, a modest living

By what standards shall we evaluate him?

By what standards shall a man exalt himself; for that

is even more important than the value which others

put upon him:

For you live with yourself always! And if you are ~~ever~~ <sup>cross</sup> to think of yourself as worthless or leading a useless and meaningless life — you are ~~completely~~ <sup>lost</sup> and destroyed

4. Sometimes, quite unconsciously, we confuse the means<sup>(2)</sup> of a man with the worth of a man, even as we often fail to distinguish the value of a thing from the value of the thing.
- We see successful men in business or in other walks of life, and we quickly attribute <sup>somewhat</sup> substantial worth.
- They are worthy because they have succeeded. Actually there exists no essential relationship between the two.
- Success is no infallible test of character.
- Character and achievement do not always follow ~~but~~ & the as cause and effect.

5. A man's intelligence, training and ability are, of course, tremendous factors in achieving success in one chosen field, but there are other things which enter into a man's success or failure.

There is chance, there is luck; there is <sup>the element of</sup> probably what favors ~~extended~~ to me man, and ~~hand-crafts~~ pauses by ~~him~~ and him.

Just as accidents <sup>in life</sup> may kill the strongest and the healthiest, so there is chance, and luck and fortune which may ~~not~~ advance <sup>a man</sup> in ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> make or break ~~the~~ him.

6. Tom and I know many a failure who deserved to be successful and many a called successful man, who deserved to fail.

- You and I know <sup>the</sup> vast fortunes of so-called <sup>3</sup> ~~honorable~~ <sup>honorable</sup> men, which were built up through ~~greed~~ corrupt methods, piracy and ~~oppression~~ <sup>rewards</sup> simply the unearned inheritance of children who had been ~~were~~ in the selection of their parents, though they may be ~~rather~~ stupid in all other regards.

- On the other hand we all know of ~~men~~ who remained poor, or what we call "unsuccessful" because they were strong enough to withstand temptation and to withhold their hand from corruption.

7. No! financial success, is not always a true measure  
ment of a man's worth.  
Nor is popular acclaim - ~~but men~~ never fit into this  
shot-light to select <sup>any</sup> popular applause.  
But even those ~~who do~~ know of this is their popular acclaim  
~~are~~ not to real worth ~~as~~ ~~as~~ ~~wishes~~ aren't, but to  
certain circumstances; they ~~happened~~ to come at the  
right moment, when the ~~confusion~~ circumstances  
favored them, as they were shrewd enough to ~~use~~ <sup>manipulate</sup> ~~their~~ circumstances to their  
own advantage.

This is particularly true when in political life.  
Many of our acclaimed political heroes have feet of clay.

but they will worth from the unfeared at popular ~~success~~<sup>loud.</sup> 4  
prais and hew-worshope.

- When the ~~not~~ applies a political line it is really often  
applauding ~~itself~~ its own inner, consumable bounty,  
its own cheapness and its own weakness.

- The greatest danger which lies in wait for men in public life is that of evaluating their service to the nation and ~~accord~~ <sup>their</sup> own worth, by the manner of ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> reception by the ~~public~~ <sup>people</sup>.

- It is recounted by T. A. Landon, Athenian statesman, who  
~~was addressing~~ on day a great ~~mass~~<sup>chorus</sup> of people in Athens,  
and who, at one part of his oration, was loudly applauded  
by the crowd. He turned to an old friend and said:  
"What have I said ~~unless~~ that the people are applauding me?"

8). And just as financial means are popular ~~and~~<sup>representative</sup> as the measures of a man's worth - with 5 to 10 ~~more~~ ~~descriptions~~ knowledge and learning. Most men never move into the ~~small~~ ~~select~~ groups of the intellectual elite; many men and women have not had the advantages / much body - bearing, or high education. But their worth to themselves and to the ~~intimate~~ <sup>cult</sup> world in which they move, is not diminished because of it.

The sheer amount of beauty and information is in itself the end in itself.

It is only when ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~teaching~~ becomes thoroughly comprehensive<sup>is</sup>  
spiritually dynamic, when knowledge is translated into wisdom  
and wisdom into loving-kindness, that it becomes a true  
manifestation of human worth.  
((a) The Rabbi had an apt sign for a pundit, who a week later  
- It was a great Christian teacher Thomas à Kempis,  
Who said: "On Judgment day we shall not be asked  
What we have read, but what we have done")

9. what, then, is the true mark of a man worth?  
- If a will permit me; I will just say, my dear Queen.  
- There are 3 things by which I always like to judge a  
man - if I am tempted to help him at all - this is bad, then  
to avoid the temptation, to help other people - better to judge  
yourself - and (that) not too often - in order not to  
care too discouraged:

10. In the first place, I ask myself, has that man an open mind  
- Is he willing and eager to learn - not has much bias  
he learned? Does he look upon life as a quest and a pilgrimage?  
- Is he ready to welcome and accept truth from whatever  
direction it may come?  
Or is his mind shut tight by prejudice, a hasty, a  
stolid and inadhesive, stubbornly refusing to accept a  
true, new idea - which may lead him to the most re-

me of revising his old ideas?

- Is he ready to renovate his place, mind <sup>in order</sup> to consider new ideas, and, if necessary, complete his life by new problems?
- And having found a new truth, is he ready to live to it?
- Has he the strength & conviction to live by it and bid farewell to the old?
- Is he a man of golden worth. He may belong to the humblest walk in life. — He need not be a scholar, or a very gifted man.
- If he has an honest mind — he is, the chosen children of God.
- For with such men — ~~the world~~ can move forward.
- civilization can advance — no road-Rocks break the recruits for the optician, & no blind fold the eyes, save for the social conspirator.

ii). His second ~~grace~~ <sup>grace</sup> is a man's worth — next to the pure mind is the strong heart.

- Does man stand in adversity?
- Has he the stamina and the forbearance to rise after he had been thrown beaten down by ~~adversity~~ <sup>affection</sup>?
- Has he the strength to endure defeat, and not to yield to it?
- Does he remain steadfast, and loyal, does he abide by whatever he believes in, in spirit, as spirit, all the talents and hearts of men; in spirit; & also the stings and arrows

g in his own fortune!

(7)

(6) life has a way of sending its arrows deep into the deepest soul of all, us.

- life brings to all, us - some or later - ~~its greatest~~ ~~its~~ pain  
and ~~the~~ losses - its frustrations & sorrows - its unfulfilled ambitions, its unrealized hopes

- The older one gets, the more one realizes how few of his cherished dreams will ever ~~ever~~ entirely, or even partially ~~fully~~ come true.

(7) ~~as teachers~~ ~~are now recognized~~ <sup>as spiritual</sup> winds which plumb the depths of human

ethics!

WBHS



"When I was young, I thought that I could ~~reform~~ <sup>reform</sup> the world,  
~~I was not strong, but was~~ so full of ambition, <sup>so</sup> confident

a little later in life, I realized that it would be enough

if I were to influence my little community.

- but I soon found that I could not do, even that.

- As I grew older, I said to myself, If I could but influence  
the lives, the members of my own family - I would be a  
contented man. ~~every that~~  
But I found that <sup>every that</sup> I could not do. ~~even that~~

- Now that I am old, I say to myself, it would be a  
wonderful thing, if I could only improve myself.

But I find even that to be an incredibly ~~difficult~~ hard.

→ A real weaver, ~~a man~~ worth is how ~~a man~~ hosts to (8)  
his inevitable disappointment and humpbacks  
→ Does he grow bitter, resentful, or ~~crumpled and~~, or does he,  
at the same plants ~~is~~ hearts or flowers <sup>whole</sup>, set up their  
weaknesses only after they are covered, gives forth the best  
that is in him, when in sore tribulation

13) by final stage, a man worth - next to the open hand,  
the shut hand, is the helping hand.

How is this man using the gifts of his life, his talents, his  
horizon, his power - for himself alone? or also for  
others?

Does he go through life with a hand that <sup>only</sup> grasps wealth  
a hand which also gives and upholds and uplifts.

Here, again, I am not thinking only of the great, the rich,  
the powerful - and not exclusively charity! But of a man  
who makes his whole life a dedication to Justice in the  
Every man, in his own limited circle, to his own family  
among his own circle of friends and acquaintances,

can contribute to the Graciousness and Kindness of

human existence - can by his unselfishness ease the

burden of others

"The Eternal struggle" (Lincoln) - I want to know on what side, the Hostile  
this man is this man is the 13th - 14th - 15th - 16th - 17th - 18th

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- Could have been more receptive of his bad remarks
- But, what would have been his wants - to himself -  
to his people - to understand!

15.1 And so - When you are inclined to ~~forget~~<sup>forget</sup> your neighbor  
~~or yourself~~ worth or your own (or) an own property being  
not by the number of theirs which he has accumulated  
by the wealth which he has amassed  
by the popular esteem in which he is held  
Nor by the ~~amount~~<sup>heart</sup> of knowledge what he has learned  
To property him (and yourself) rather by those three unknowns  
all them in the nature of intent and despotism -

for the Robbin declared: "He who intended to do a good deed  
and was ~~foolishly~~ prevented, is given credit as if  
he had done it"

WRHS

The 3 ~~on~~ fingers are (1) The open hand (2) The closed hand  
(3) The helping hand



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## THE NEXT DECADE—FROM THE RABBIS' DESK

All of us have enjoyed reading the various predictions for the 1960s—predictions of astonishing scientific advances, of amazing medical discoveries, of increasing productivity and prosperity for man. The new decade ought to be a grand and glorious one. But will it? Change and progress are not always synonymous. Life changes, everyone admits, but not everyone agrees that these changes are always for the better. We gain new insight into the composition of matter, and in so doing develop new and more frightful instruments of destruction. Our science improves, but human nature seems to remain the same.

Some philosophers have argued that progress is impossible. You cannot change the human beast. Yet we ought not overlook our technology. Our science has made it possible for man to conceive a world without misery and without want. Science places within our power the domination of nature, the control of disease and the production of sufficient food to provide for a self-limiting human race. Before our day no one could realistically conceive of a world of plenty and prosperity. That is why so many of the hopes of men centered on some Messianic intervention in our worldly affairs.

The problem which faces man today is no longer "can we" but "will we". Our science gives us reason to hope, but the human equation cannot be solved by some vast electronic computer. Science cannot teach men to be generous or great-hearted or understanding. Science creates

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possibility, but it cannot guarantee that man will avail himself of that possibility.

All agree that the 1960s will be a decade of rapid change. If progress is also to take place in our new world we shall have to bind ourselves closely to some ancient truths. "Establish justice in the gates"—not justice for some men but for all men. "Proclaim liberty unto the land"—not liberty for the privileged few but for the many. "Love thy neighbor as thyself"—and include the whole world as thy neighbor. "Relieve the oppressed"—extend personally the hand of charity and compassion.

Looking ahead, I do not share the unbridled enthusiasm of some, for man has yet to prove himself. Looking ahead, I cannot share the unbounded

pessimism of others. After all, civilization has progressed to its present high level only through man's creative powers and spiritual vision. Looking ahead, I thrill to the challenge and I pray.

*Daniel Jeremy Silver*

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Opening Psalm—Mah Tovu	Lewandowski
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Mi Chomocho (Congregational)	Sulzer
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## THIS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meldon will be hosts at the Social Hall coffee hour preceding the worship service. Mr. Meldon is a member of The Temple Board of Trustees.

The flowers which will grace the pulpit are contributed in memory of husband and father, Louis E. Levy, by Mrs. Ray C. Levy, Norman Levy, and Lillian Feder.

## SISTERHOOD FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Temple Women's Association will participate in a Midwinter Fellowship Meeting co-sponsored by the Cleveland Council of United Church Women and the Women's Organization of the Jewish Community Federation. The meeting will take place in Severance Hall on Friday afternoon, January 29th, at 12:45 o'clock. The speaker will be Miss Mary Cannon, of the Department of Labor, who will discuss "A Changing Planet—Women's New Responsibilities". The Cleveland Heights Girls' Glee Club will present musical selections.

Mrs. Leo W. Neumark is coordinator of the Committee of Temple Women's Association Representatives, which has been working with the Council of United Church Women in planning the meeting. Mrs. Karl Tobias and Mrs. Stanley Morgenstern represent our Sisterhood as hostesses.

The early hour of the meeting was planned to assure an early adjournment.

## THE MR. AND MRS. CLUB

### AN EVENING WITH DR. WESLEY FISHEL

Sunday, January 24, 1960 8:15 P.M. Luntz Auditorium and Social Hall



### THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Dr. Wesley R. Fishel, professor of political science at Michigan State University, has traveled, studied and taught extensively in the Far East for the past twenty years. Dr. Fishel received his B. S. degree from Northwestern University in 1941 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1948. In 1953 he directed a classified research project in Korea and Japan for the Operations Research Office of Johns Hopkins University. In 1956-58, he headed a Michigan State University advisory group on public administration in Vietnam. Dr. Fishel is the author of several books and articles, one of the most recent being "Free Vietnam Since Geneva", Yale Review, autumn issue.

Social Hour

featuring

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An unprecedeted array of tempting desserts that will satisfy  
the most discriminating gourmet.

Chairmen: David and Rita Pearlman

Co-Chairmen: Howard and Mary Ann Newmarker  
Dr. Franklin and Patricia Plotkin

Admission free  
Members and guests

## THE TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

Junior High Department  
(Sixth through ninth grades)

Wednesday, January 27th  
8:30 P.M.

The Temple School Building

Classroom visits

Social Hour

Book displays

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Sunday, January 24 — Sunday Morning Services  
Mr. and Mrs. Club "Evening With Dr. Wesley Fishel"

Monday, January 25 — Adult Hebrew Classes

Tuesday, January 26 — Temple Women's Association Tuesday Activities

Wednesday, January 27 — Parent-Teachers Meeting — Junior High Department  
Adult Hebrew Classes

Sunday, January 31 — Sunday Morning Services

THE TEMPLE LIBRARY is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Saturday and Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

THE TEMPLE MUSEUM will be open at the close of Sunday morning services in addition to all occasions of organization meetings. Arrangements to view the Museum by special appointment may be made through The Temple Office.

THE ISRAELI GIFT SHOP is open during all Tuesday Activities sessions. Selections can be made at all times from the display case in the lobby through The Temple Office.