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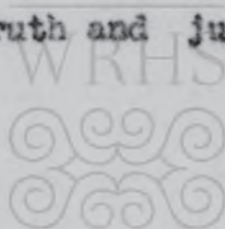
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New Year's Sermon, 1941.

I send ~~you~~ warmest Holiday greetings and best wishes for the New Year to the Jewish community of Cleveland. I pray that the coming year may be a better one than the last one for us and for all mankind.

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Cleveland News

We face a new year, a year of grave uncertainty and of tribulations. The night of war is still dark but there are stars shining in the night. The brutal enemy of mankind has shown himself to be not quite as invincible as he appeared to be a year ago. Rather he seems to be bleeding from his costly victories. In the muck and the mud of the Russian Steppes, he is paying a fearful price for his unavailing triumphs.

The Europe which he conquered is a seething cauldron of unrest and rebellion. Beneath the dark embers of terror and reprisal there glow the fiery resentments of the oppressed but unconquered peoples. Those ashes will soon burst into flames. The military strength of his implacable foes -- the free peoples of the earth -- foremost among them our own -- is growing from day to day and from hour to hour, a veritable avalanche of retributive justice. The Day of Judgment is upon this Kingdom of Arrogance.

With the music of the solemn ritual of this day there reach us the voices of the sorrowful choir of a war-riven world -- sad voices of nations enslaved, of men tortured in concentration camps, of weary refugees tramping the broken highways of the world, of men dying upon the battlefields -- a mighty dirge of martyred humanity. God grant that when next we meet for our New Years celebration, other and happier voices will mingle with the song of our liturgy -- the voices of men and nations redeemed and restored, of people rising in hope out of their ruins and their follies, to build in peace the free and warless society, the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World.

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1) As we assemble - hearts filled with conflicting emotions.
The year now closing - sad year - a hard year - a tragic year
The incoming year is ushered in amidst grave uncer-
tainty, apprehension and the alarms of war.
As we meet here, to-night, we are aware that 1/2 of our people
synagogues - have - gone.
Our burdened spirits will seek outlet in this an Holy
season in Prayer. Earnest, devout prayers for ourselves -
our children - our country and for all mankind.
Prayer that the coming year may bring salvation for
Israel and victory for mankind.

2) And with our Prayers ~~that~~ ^{stronger} will also our hearts will also
make ~~firm~~ ^{stronger} our resolutions to live worthily in these
challenging times, to meet whatever comes to us curo-
sously, to gladly to make whatever sacrifices we are
called upon to make, to do, what our people have done
throughout the ages: "When enslaved, they bore their fate
with dignity; when free, they fought."

3) Our nation, tho nominally not at war, has, after long
heart-searching, finally committed itself to do its ut-
most to help the free nations of the world (to) crush the
deadly foe of human freedom, ^{the foe} who has for so long
ravaged the ~~face~~ ^{heart}, the world. Our total life is being
put on a war-basis. Every thing and every one is being
subordinated to the demands of nat. defence and the
successful assault upon Nazism. The task will
prove long and desperately difficult. Before victory
crown our efforts, much will be demanded of us,
much more than money & as would normally care
to pay, in substance, comfort, labor, ^{perhaps} - by our
very lives or those of our dear ones.

4) Our religion should help us to strengthen our hearts to make those sacrifices willingly, in the consciousness that our nation's hard task is a necessary task, its cause a just cause, and that without freedom and dignity which would be lost to us and to mankind were our nation not to pursue its present cause, life itself would simply not be worth while.

5) ~~The~~ The Amer. people has finally grasped the full significance of inter. cooperation - of that that embodied ^{pull 12/2 2/10 10/1 10/1 10/1 10/1 10/1} "may they all form one band to do they will, wholeheartedly"

- Complete repudiation of moral isolationism.
- Cairns - He, it was, invented this - Covering up many messes - cowardly plea -

The first "interventionist" - 318 - persuaded - smote them for which service refused to accept neither a threat nor a promise as a man of Peace, but he hurled - peace assaulted by brutal aggressor.

It was this same Abraham - intervened - decidedly. ^{11/10} - internal affairs - morally detached inter. diplomacy

6) Very essence - whenever 2 or more - set of mutual obligations a code which all are duty-bound. A crime ag. one - ^{10/10 11/10 12/10}

- Similarly whenever 2 or more nations - when one nation violates - all others are bound to avenge - Chaos!

- There can be no Neutrality for any nation when internat. crimes are committed

- There can be no inter. Peace achieved by Neutrality

- Only by org. to defend peace, & by collective punishment

7/ It is ∴ not the so-called "Interventionist" who is the war-monger - but unmercifully the "Isolationist".

- Every nation in Europe - sought peace thru neutrality. Isolationism deceyed them, one by one, to their ruin.

8/ The Terms - antonyms. The opposite

- The whole series of pol. disasters - if cooperated to check inter. on Germany when it first raised

- If in 1933 - Manchukuo; 1935 - Ethiopia; 1936 - Spain 1938 - Austria and Czechoslovakia - nations in Abyss.

- If Amer. nations start by - watched Hitler grow -

- If outaged moral sense - strong enough - to call a halt - cowardly line of Cain - Retaliated - *old-fashioned*

- Intervention - not unusual in the past - cultured and enlightened age of ours - 200 yrs ago - Bohemia - Empress Maria Theresa - during war, the Austrian Succession - England intervened - so did Holland, Denmark, Prussia and even the Holy See - Under moral pressure - order restored -

- In 20c. such human. considerations no longer valid -

- Monstrous crimes ag. small nations & minorities do not concern them.

- Until they themselves - slightly rejected

9/ No! War cannot be isolated. Persecution cannot be isolated. ~~As for all~~ United, we stand -

10/ There are still Isolationists among us - Urging an - disastrous course - of standing aside - This, in spite -

- Some are out-right Nazis & Fascists - who hope for a Hitler Victory.
- They like the kind of a world - New Order.
- They fear Social Reform, more > Dictatorships - Furchman divide nations - debacle.
- They are Isolationsists only as far as Hitler is concerned.
- In this class belongs - Frankreich - ^{"Wave of Future"} employ same technique - More - having same hate - same lies - proved no success yet - German Republic.

11) Others - who join the Am. Front - hate England > than they love America - Leeds ~~desert~~ - would like to see Eng. destroyed regardless who did it. Isolationism, too, is a cover up for quite other motives.

12) Sincere - Keep Am. out, war - Beliefs that Race We respect their Sincerity - we do not share their judgment Represent a small minority of Am. people.

13) As far as we Jews are concerned - are not - never were - are not for war - Unlike Nazis - Tradition First people - we suffer - But we know what moral indifference does - what it means to have a people martyred - we know that isolationism in peace time we are concerned that wherever & wherever - part of morality - enlightened self-interest - Bible records - great Battle of Tannenberg, by the waters of Uguiddo - "Curse ye Moab, curse ye bitterly its inhabitants, they of because they came not to the help of the Lord, as against the mighty."

14). We Jews believe - Unity, mankind -
 Our Rel. allows no moral detachment or isolation.
 Cannot concede mere dismemberment of society.
 - Decidedly - we oppose - Foreign Policy -
 " " we oppose -
 " " " oppose - all channels -
 Especially Mexico Industry -
 - If this is Propaganda "Uncle Tom's Cabin" -
 - Nazism is an indecent - sp. corrupt - Slavery
 - all who expose -

15). Then were those who objected to an express, Slavery -
 even in the North - Lead to war -
 - 1835 - demanded suppression of Free Speech lest
abolitionism endanger peace of country.
John Greenleaf Whittier - (Read)

16). We Jews have been threatened! War-worries!
 - We have been told that if we do not oppose -
 - Senators - resorted to such infernal tactics -
in their wild
 - An old Nazi trick -
 - We shall not be intimidated!
 - Shall not surrender - open a covert threats -
 - It is becoming quite the thing - such gradations
 - The Jews, Amer. will not repeal

15). We Jews are not visiting our country to soothe
 - But we all know -
 - Americans of all creeds - Traitors -
 - If - this action - Hitler -

If this, is war-morgue - ~~that~~ let an evening not ⁶
the most, it.

16/ We face a new Green. The night, now is all dark. Then
— The brutal enemy - not quite as invincible
— Bleeding from his costly victories.
— In the murk and the murder - unvarying triumphs
— The Europe, which he conquered but not subdued
— Beneath the dark embres -
— The ashes will soon burst into flame.
— The military strength - inplaceable power - growing
— a veritable avalanche of retribution forth.
— The people - is here. The Day of Judgment upon
— the Kingdom, hence and here.

17/ With the music - solemn choir, the united -
— nations enrolled - a mighty charge -
— God grant - other voices - warless society
— the Parliament, Man - Federation, the world -
— God grant - for the world to be at last at peace

Shall tongue be mute, when deeds are
wrought
Which well might shame extremest hell?
Shall freemen lock the indignant thought?
Shall Pity's bosom cease to swell?
Shall Honor bleed? -- shall Truth
succumb?
Shall pen, and press, and soul be dumb?

No; by each spot of haunted ground,
Where Freedom weeps her children's
fall;
By Plymouth's rock, and Bunker's mound;
By Griswold's stained and shattered
wall;
By Warren's ghost, by Langdon's shade;
By all the memories of our dead!

By their enlarging souls, which burst
The bands and fetters round them set;
By the free Pilgrim spirit nursed
Within our inmost bosoms, yet,
By all above, around, below,
Be ours the indignant answer, -- No!

No; guided by our country's laws,
For truth, and right, and suffering man,
Be ours to strive in Freedom's cause,
As Christians may, as freemen can!
Still pouring on unwilling ears
That truth oppression only fears.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

1/ A year ago we met for - under sign - complex of - now known to Hist.
✓ as "Munich" - Just a year ago, yesterday, shrieked
✓ To-day - we meet - sign - a actual war ^{what} Munich was prelude.
✓ But last R.H. - and this - sketches a fateful and stupefying year -
- a vicious and brutal year - ^{for the world,}
- a year of aggressions - invasions & conquests -
- of stident war alarms and feverish war preparations -
- of inter. tensions which men characterized as a War of nerves.
A year of devious and desperate diplom. maneuvering - chimed
by the now notorious Stalin-Hitler Pact.
A year of Tragic import for the world - for Israel.

2/ One need but mention the Dismemberment of Cg - the occupation
of Albania - the bloody finale of the Sp. Civil War and the
destruction of Sp. Republic - and the Japanese War in China -
to realize what sort of a year this has been for World.
That year - 5699 - the last in the 7th century, the 6th millennium -
now closes amidst the roar of cannons, the drone of
bombers ^{rain} planes - the flames of burning cities - the cries
of the wounded and the dying.
✓ The War, long dreaded ^{but} long expected, is on! Armageddon is
here! The holocaust has begun!
For more 720 yrs. the nations of Europe have been sowing the
wind. They have now begun to reap the whirlwind!

✓ 3/ For our people - year 5699. a frightful year.
Fortunes touched to them. 621 38 p.m. 11/12.
Disasters piled up, upon our people Ossa on Pelion.
Area of persecution widened largely, and intensity increased.
as Nazi orbit was extended. To the King of the North - Edgar Geel Stok

- Munich debacle was a calamity of first magnitude for our people
- Consequent dissolution of G. - but another 300,000 Jews under brutal heel of Nazis.
- Annihilationist belugue ^{Since the dissolution of G.} ~~has been~~ ^{has been} applied to G. Jews -
- Organizations - disfranchisement - confiscation - expulsion
- Jews of Slovakia - handed over to pillage of property
- Fiercest and happiest of comm. of Central Europe, destroyed,

as it were over night

- ✓ Poland - see paper
- 4/ Mounting chaos of German Jewry reached their climax
- Nov. 10th - when following assassination - Nazis unleashed
- an attack - unprecedented for brutality - shocked the
- world -

Tens of thousands arrested & sent to Con. Camps

Many killed - see a li

Bus. establishments looted and dismantled - stream-lined

Nordic program

600 young ones breathed & fed

One Billion marks - atonement fine - already imposed

- This was the most staggering blow yet administered to the
- Jews of Ger. - whose numbers in 6 short years have been re-
- duced from 650,000, to less than 300,000, of whom 30,000 are
- still in Camps, 20,000 concentrated in one and 8000
- over murdered.

- 5/ Within the year - Hungary - adopted anti-J. legislation which
- disfranchises them, thousands, H. Jews, drives them from public
- service and severely restricts them in business and professions.
- 600,000 are now second-class citizens.

- 6/ Italy, under pressure of Axis, has continued a policy of
- excluding Jews from the pol. - econ. - social life of Nation.

Poland - which by erasing of history - non fighting Nazis - infected
by Nazi Ant. Virus -

Bills to curb, reduce - violent An. attacks -

Boycott - student riots - Unconvent

Danzig - Corridor question - consideration of nat. unity
and defence in face of war -

✓ 7/ A year of Flight - of Refugees - Wandering - Children
S.S. St. Louis - which began description -
~~Disaster~~ - ZBONSZYN

✓ 8/ Spreading Antis - abroad, at home -
Fostered by Nazis - pol. weapons

Native Bigots - lay and cleric

✓ A Black year - 1938 - One of blackest

9/ And that year, and all brutal
fittingly enough - and inevitably!

- It could not continue so indefinitely!

- The world had become too much of a mad-house!

- So much evil and madness simply could not endure!

- It cried to Heaven!

- A break had to come!

- There is a point - even Satan - chaos - hell!

- Nazi regime - source of evil, this evil -
had to be stopped - a civilization was at an end!

(Web) of intrigue, conspiracy, lies - torn -

10/ How long could nations live in such imminent and
nerve-wracking Fear, war? Strain of perpetual threat -
How long could they stand this dread uncertainty - normal
life, normal human plans and activities impossible?
How long - draining of human substance, energy -
" " make their lives - children - dependent
power-drunk mad man - presumed to dispose
How long - tolerate spectacle of ~~small~~, weak nations -
ground under heel -
Covenants violated cast aside, ^{regions of lies,} ^{deception, aggression} and anarchy
- all decencies flouted
- all human liberties suppressed
- Religions and races persecuted as in Dark Ages
- World handed over to Beast, ^{reckless} mad and desperate
adventures, to international gangsters & black magic

11/ Wald's patience was finally exhausted - The impossible
conflict has finally broken out - and only blood and
fear can now wash away the sin of this generation

12/ There were those who felt that this was not an irrepressible
conflict - North & South - ~~But & then~~
- They deprecated what they called the ideological warfare -
- They preached appeasement - Power fear, held by
constantly yielding to aggressors - successors -
- A man their unsuitable man -
- Chamberlain was on them - League representative
- after feeding part f of - "Peace in our lifetimes"

acclaimed - within 12 months he was confessing in Parliament - (Quote) "It is a sad day for all of us but for none is it sadder than for me. Everything I had worked for, hoped for and believed in during my public life has crashed into ruins... I trust that I may live to see the day when Hitlerism has been destroyed, and a restored and liberated Europe has been reestablished"

- ✓ Ch. now talks, "Hitlerism" - For years he refused to recognize it - as a menacing ideology - as a way of life - as a barbaric philosophy dangerous in the extreme to all that we call civilization - ^{for reasons best known to each}
- ✓ And by refusing to recognize it - and by feeding it & allowing it to grow strong and powerful - in spite of all warnings & clear signs, ~~which~~ by refusing to draw his fangs when the opportunity would have been very simple - Mr. Chamberlain, and his Tory govt, and their double planners in France helped prepare this second world war - and their misfortune went now to atone for by the death of countless men who must die upon the new battle fields of Europe -

- 13/ There is a ^{prop} Day of Judgment for nations as ^{well as} for individuals
- There is a law ^{Reckon} ~~Reckon~~ ^{None can escape it!}
- ~~Spoke movement of garden~~ ^{in the first year of First world war -}
- I began my Ministry ^{Went overseas - Victory Parade -}
- I came to Cleveland -
- July 14 - 1919. ^{Full of hope & visions - Universal Peace -}
- How full of Hope! ^{Right of freedom Movement - hope.}
- Self-determination - ^{Threshold Millennium}
- New World
- A few days ago - had to flee - Europe again torn wide open - a Europe in a "Black-out"

Proud Europe running to Cover - Holes - Cellars - 6
darkness - emptying - burying - shipping
And as one looks back - 1/4 c. War never ended
Never knew Peace - never dreamed

Sept. 1939 - dread continuation - Nov. 1918
For nations repudiated Vision - Contemned
Returned to their Vow - scheming - rivalry
And now - Judgment Day is upon them - and
Terrible

14) No one knows what will come out - prophecy
- The last War destroyed -
- What kind of a world - D. H. Kent - An Era closed
- Much will be destroyed - Much cannot
- We can only hope - pray - Suffering - Rebirth
X Blood-stream - Sanative stream of cleansing - healing
- Return to Vision - Intern. Order
- End of Nazism - Complex - 1135 shown -
- Rights of all peoples - all minorities - all races
Dump of putrefying Race obsessions - cleared away
Peace at last to sorely tried -

15) In older days - 1212 - sounded the alarm in time of War
X 1212 - 1212 - 1212 // In this day of war & alarm
Divine Rule - Refutation - Revelation

'Forces of Truth Will Triumph'

BY ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Rabbi of The Temple

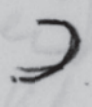
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1) 1 day for Wishes -
 Solomon - dream / wealth =
 Victory. 
 long life.

2) Understanding Heart - 8th 21

① Kind - fair - gentle

"I want to see you game boys,
 I want to see you brave and
 manly, and I also want to see you
 gentle - gentle"



Gentleman - fireworks

allow no man to be a greater
 gentleman > me I am

2) ② Balancing - To eat - all on 1
dress - over - dress. Play - play
 boy. Work - drive. Ambitions =
21 - proud envious

③ Grateful - Admire -

Baskets Grateful for
parents etc

② Charitable - Share

④ God - alone we are weak



Let us be grateful for the
{ Kind - Fair - Evenly balanced
Grateful + desert

1. Solomon - Understanding Heart - 11c. 3

2. Gratitude - How Hard - Adam - Bread
clothes - Anthol. p. 529

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse
never to have tried to succeed"
Thos. Moore

① To be kindly - "I allow no man to be a
greater gentleman than I am"

② To seek right kind success

Metaphor - Financial success - the
man who gains it - has gold in his
pocket, silver in his tongue, ears
in his face, lips in his heart"

③ Grateful - Adam - bread -
clothes