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Succoth, 1929.

Announcements to be made
Last Day Succoth

1. Kiddush in Succah
2. Distribution of parts of Temple Succah
3. Announce Opening meeting of T. W. A.
4. Announce Tuesday Sewing
5. Sunday morning services - promptness-Prayer books, etc
6. Men's Club meeting Nov. 6th.



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1. Successive one of 3 holidays connected with Exodus. Passover - Exodus
Shavuot - Torch - Grain - 40 years of wandering - It is one
of 3 Pilgrimages. It is also Harvest - completes the
cycle of year's seasons. In each instance - the
idea of going somewhere is suggested - Progress
- movement.

2. We conclude this day the Scriptures. The last, the
weekly cycles, ending from Torch is ended -
+ to, tomorrow - we ~~begin a new cycle~~
again: we read, the death, Moses.
In the end of his leadership - immediately thereafter
we read from first chapter of Joshua - the
story, the rise, the new leader - Joshua. Again
we are made aware of the uninterrupted
movement of life, of the passing of one generation
into another, of one order into another. Now
it came to pass after the death of Moses - P/D

3. Kohélet - Qohelet - Preacher. Perhaps it is
because in generation growth etc. That
the world evolution preacher - "Let one
good custom should corrupt the world."

4. The very Qohelet - symbol of transition. We are
asked to pass from one permanent formulae
to a frail, temporary, impermanent Qohelet to
remind us that not only our people was
a wandering people - but our very lives.
We are meant to pass from stage to stage
in life.

5. Replete a movement in the wandering element
in Jewish history 1. Abraham 2. Jacob to
Egypt, 3. Moses to Midian, 4. Israel into
wilderness + Promised Land 5. First Exile 6.
Return + second exile 7. Into Babylon - again,
Spain - exile - all over the earth.

6. Wandering element (an ^{the Englishman French etc. wrote} ~~culture~~ ^{in Egypt} ~~life~~ ^{in Egypt})
is in the - Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Arabic, Spanish
& in every modern tongue - The very life itself
was time radically changed -

7. It is good to wander - esp. if one moves
forward with a fuller cloud by day etc -
thoughtfulness in pace + reflexes in advent

① Travel with the full war -
② Good to adventure intell. spiritually -
to see 'new beasts + a new faith'

③ It is not wise to stay rooted in the here
now - The beauty of life is that which
has begun the horizon -

④ Does not mean physical travel - One
may travel round the earth & see
nothing - around corner - + America.
God - Travel in values, mind + spirit -
discover new truths, new under. new
beauty, new manners, new values, new
friends, new tasks -

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9. All life is a "gray somewhere" from
infancy to childhood, youth, maturity
old age - who know but what
death itself is not ~~the~~ 210 -
another tabernacle, when we dwell
but awhile & then proceed on the
underlying quest, the pilgrimage con-
tinuing -

10. Autumn comes - the leaves fall - the
cold rain sounds as earth - the
days are shorter - the ~~night~~ longer
the vivid blue ~~light~~ - a
sun, ~~under~~ ^{at} these seasons, until
the end. The cycle closes - The fruit,
the seed, the long winter - death -
- but only a cycle - In the midst, death
~~at~~ we are in life - "If winter
come, can spring be far behind?" -
Is ~~life~~ ^{winter} advancing along its unimpeded
way to its fulfillment. Is our lives
must advance along the chequered
terrain of youth -