



## Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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Succoth, 1933.

1. End of 3-week cycle - what a variety of emotions  
 we begin on the grave, solemn - gloomy somberness  
 On the 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

What a superb thematic unity -

The soul is made to pass - all stages - see panorama  
 odyssey, happy, peaceful haven of soul rest

2. Hancock Ellis - distinction bet. classic - dead-end  
 By this definition.

No one word monopolizes

No one emotion given exclusive sovereignty.

No one-sided truth - entire - Kingdom, Spirit

(Read)



sided truth is ~~made~~ <sup>allured</sup> to entrance itself in  
 the Kingdom, the Spirit. # Jud. stresses the totality  
 of life even as it proclaims the unity, the world.  
 It is neither a ~~philosophy~~ <sup>discipline</sup> of asceticism or of ~~epicureanism~~  
~~neither~~ It is neither a philosophy of mysticism  
 or of rationalism. It does not degrade man  
 nor does it make him the measure of all things.  
 It does not shut its eyes to the broken, evil  
 and suffering. Neither does it question the reality  
~~but values~~ joy and happiness. It estimates the  
individual but not at the cost of society.  
 It proclaims man's freedom but within the  
 limits of <sup>social discipline</sup> ~~freedom~~ and the inevitable circumstances  
 of <sup>all</sup> ~~man's~~ nature and human life. It wants  
men to be pure but not innocent, holy but not  
vain. It sees life tracily and sees it whole.  
 This is the remarkable genius of Judaism - its  
 classic quality.

3. Tale of our Bible - which gives the name to the  
 portion נחמה - It is dear to us. It is so  
complete + totally human - The whole of life is  
 there - not merely a segment - a broken fragment.  
Stripes + tears. Conflict - evil - terror - sins  
and disciplines. But also life triumphs joy,  
~~and~~ is. It is a far-cry from Kohelith - to  
song & joy - yet both are in the canon -  
 for both are authentic works, life.

4. נחמה נחמה - נחמה נחמה }  
נחמה נחמה - נחמה נחמה }  
 And has has their meaning value - but also laughter



and mourning the soul most sometimes mourn - but  
it should also sometimes dance for joy.

5. This capacity to envisage life ~~as~~ in its totality  
has given a remarkable sanity to the whole  
discipline which our rel. presents for human  
life. כו המצב הישוא וזה אינו מלך הלק או נפלאה  
היה מלך או כחקה היה - אינו זלמן היה אינו נלה או  
הלמנה וקדקד אינו אימיתו וזה אינו - אינו מלך או  
היה אינו נלה או נלה אינו אינו וקדקד אינו וקדקד  
אין - כ כולב ולין העכר גזר עכיר ולעזר אלה

We are not asked to do the impossible - to  
become recluses or hermits - to deny ourselves  
the normal satisfactions & joys of our  
lives. We are not asked to prep this world  
for the next - ~~to~~ to hold cheap and meaningless  
this life ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~some~~ future life -

We are asked to live a balanced well-  
rounded, properly poised life - free from  
excesses and extremes - for every excess and  
extreme whether of a physical or a spiritual  
nature is a form of deadness.

6. אדם אחד = a complete man!  
The word אדם does not mean perfect but  
complete - perfect in the sense, it ~~is~~ "perfect" -  
to carry through to the end the plan of life  
without deviations or disturbances - digression  
- deflected - אדם אחד - אדם אחד - אדם אחד - אדם אחד is opposite אדם אחד  
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we are victims of extremes, of ab-surdities, of ~~spiritual~~  
~~fragments~~, of centrifugal tendencies. we have no  
conception of the Total life. we are deadend.

10.

