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Succoth, 1942.

1) Name means "Tents" - Derives its name

- ① Tents used by our Forefathers - Harvest time - in Palest.
 ② " " " " - 40 years in Wilderness
before they entered P. - 1100 B.C.

2) J. Hist. begins with Tents. - First dramas enacted in Tents.

Ancestors were Nomads - Tent-dwellers -

- { Abraham dwelt in Tent - Hospitality.
To Tent of Sarah, his mother, Isaac brot his bride - Rebecca.
Jacob - פלג'ה זבל, פלג'ה.

Our first Sanctuary was in a Tent - In Desert - 38th 10th

In Slides - David.

Balaam - 12th 11th -

Baths - days of Judges. Jael slew Sisera - Tent-p. 12

3) Long after Israel settled in Pal - city-dweller - Image of the

Tent - and ^{racial} memories of early Tent-life remained.

Became a common figure of speech. - Prose - Poetry

Poets - Prophets - spoke, "the T. of Righteousness" - "helmet"

T. of Peace. Torah. Shem

- * God "stretcheth out the Heavens like a Tent"
 ① God's Protection: "For he will conceal me in His Tent - in the
Day of Evil, He will hide me in the covert of His Tabernacle."
Longing to be with God: פלג'ה זבל, פלג'ה -

② Life - its impermanence: Ezekiel (Ez. 38). "My habitation
is plucked up and carried away from me as
a shepherd's Tent."

③ Exile - defeat - Jeremiah - "My T. is spoiled and all my
cords are broken. My children are gone forth

{from me... There is none to stretch forth my T. any more -
and set up my curtains".

④ Restoration - (Isaiah) Prophets

{ "Enlarge the place, thy Tent
"And let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation
"Long then thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes
"For thou shalt spread abroad on the right on the left"

⑤ Thou art as - on Feet Isaiah - Grace -
אֵלֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵלֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵלֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ

4/. Thus we see that term "Tent" suggested many things
might it do so again for as to-day?

World full, Tents to-day!

① Tents, Refugees! 20th c. Howards of Persecution!

Driven from home - Wandering from - Even Temp. roofs
Sad is the lot of these tent-dwellers of 20c. -
whom no-body wants

Great is the shame of our age.

② Tents of Pol. Prisoners - Concentration Camps!

Defiling God's green earth! Numberless are the men-tories
perched up in these Tabernacles of Torture - subjected
to all manner of cruelty & indignity that -

Free human mind and spirit - humble servants

not in Halls of Learning - Rensselaers - cringing, intimidated
birth-right

There to breed & destroy

(C) Still other T- Soldiers' Tents - improvised shelter of
fighting free men - left home - civilians who built
Booths, Exile - Tahmouk, Tartar -
Vanois - Dug-outs - Fox-holes - Trenches - hill-boxes
underground shelters.

Solomon Islands - Alaska - Deserts of Egypt - (where our fathers)
Stalingrad - Taloud - in all continents - in many lands
in all congested lands - patrols - hills-out - guerrilla

(D) Yes, world full, Tents to-day! Men must leave
permanent homes - builds begin to rain - Temporary
shelters - caves - cellars - holes in the ground

5/ Fifty years our Fathers dwelt in Tents.

How long will our Age?
When will it reach the Promised Land - security -
Peace - order and Tranquility?

We hope that those who are Tending to-day - will help
as reach that Promised Land - where men will dwell
each in his home - under his Vine - come to make his home

I. Prosa 27 - Harvest - God's Bounty -
And Yet - Men are hungry - Rations - Measured
out in fractions as the - Miserably - Famine
Children - under nourished - weak - many - sickly
on our country - Rations - Meat - Oil -

II. Why? Men have substituted their Harvest for food & it
they sowed evil - War - Hate - Jealousy - ^{superstition} (War)
Scorch the earth! Hunger stalks -

III. on our hand - Run under - cotton - Gun
Unjust Distribution -
Men want without jobs - ^{AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVE} ~~also~~ machines -
We could find work for all - in War

IV. a diff. kind of Planting - a Diff. Kind of
Man working with Soil! will ^{multiply} ~~not~~ food
It. for man - and save it -