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Yom Kippur, 1946.

1) We call our House of Death - House of ^{YK-46 21177 x12} Life. (1)
And the first word of our Prayer for the Dead
is Remember - a prayer for Remembrance.

2) It is memory which makes the dead live. It is then
Rolls away the stone from their Tombs.
As we recall them longingly their return to
us, bringing gifts.

And, though long since dead, they are living
presences still. The choir invisible ~~of those immortal~~
3) They never die. ~~who live again in words made~~
I recall a little Heb. poem - ~~better by their presence - whose message is~~ ^{1X11} - ^{the} ^{presence} ^{of the} ^{world}

"Only the dead do not die" - 6 lines.
"They alone remain to with me. Let them alone
Can death not thrust his knife.
"At the turn of the road, at the close, the day
"Silently they surround me, quietly they escort me.
"There is a lasting covenant between us, a
bond which none can break.
"That which I have lost - abides with me
Forever" 30 f 1211P - 1, 32 1/4 2611P

4) In a real sense - that is ^{permanently} ~~long~~ time.
~~Those who are~~ ^{irrevocably} lost to us become an ^{inalienable} ~~inalienable~~
possession ^{though} the ^{unchallenged} ~~uncontested~~ claim ^{of the} ~~of the~~
the older we get, the more we come to live in
2 worlds - the world, then who live ^{about} ~~in~~ life
" " " " " in death.

that 2nd word - ~~no~~ p 118 = ~~No deception~~ - false offerings

Only true love, true affection, can people that
will for us, and can open its gates for our
near one to visit us, when we call for them.

Memory unlocks those gates.
By + my those who live true lives can inherit it.
But we must ~~deserve~~ ^{earn} the memories which
we must earn them during our days
upon earth.

5/. Memory is a precious gift. (Postcardy) (quote)
Somewhere I read this legend: "In his last
agonies, the dying person sees before him the picture
of his whole life. If his memory can live on a
single deep emotion for the twinkling of an eye,
the person does not die."

6/. Certainly great memories will save us from
spiritual death in life. They will also ensure
our immortality.

Are you building memories - for yourself - when
you will need them - to feel as - when you
are old, to warm your hands at their glowing
coals. A man is terribly lonely without
memories -!

Are you building memories for you after this
so that you will not be forgotten?
A lonely grave and a mouldering stone?
Or will you live forever - alive in memory.

7/ Nathan too - Judea - Pine - Carthage -

(3)

Survivor death + defeat.

8/ - Death atones for all sins
- So does life - heart
strung -



YK-46 4

1) Rabbin - pondering and brooding - Always rewarded -
new insight - stimulating suggestion - overtone.
Masters - לרנן - שר צדק -

2) Thus when 4 men - singled out - Abr. Abr. - their
Midrashic curiosity ^{was} challenged. - Why? Occasion?
There were other occasions - Ford for that - Range.

3) Discover at least 2 rooms - Sp. Affections Urgency -
ג'ר'ג' / ל'ב'ל ש'ר'נ' / ל'ב'ל

Draw sp. attention to sig. 7 occasions - what it takes.
ל'ב'ל / ל'ב'ל / ל'ב'ל - a land-mark - deeper meaning -
It is by way of alert to the ages - Please pay heed

4) Each one, these 4 - a decisive & dominant figure -
It was thus these heroic figures - revelations -

5) After each revelation - God's promise & Blessing -
if the lesson, that event could be remembered -

6) When was Abr. called twice? at the moment -

- Abr. stood by his faith and gave proof of it by his
- Only such as have the strength - are worthy & capable
- Immediately there follows the promise & blessing - פ'ל
- Such great souls - bless mankind -
- ל'ב'ל / ל'ב'ל - ל'ב'ל / ל'ב'ל

① This is the first of the 4 Truths - The Truth of Sacrifice
- It applies equally - private - national life

those who wish to succeed great & nobly - endow mind - Soe⁽²⁾
Love is built on Soe - So is Friendship
The home is founded on mutual respect
The nation is preserved - Religions are nurtured -
What ideal ever triumphed on earth - die for it?

(b) - Israel's secret of survival - revealed - Lincoln
The modernism of our forefathers - ^{- this - manifest}
What was the proud, the tragically heroic, the gloriously
"noble assertion - wandering - > 101 prob 62 -
how we have become a scorn and a derision
- as sheep - 'to be slain and destroyed - to be
smitten and degraded - xhs 621 -

- (c) They did not waver at the foot of any Soe altar -
at the stake - auto-de-fu - facing death or exile
proclaimed their faith - 612 - Sanctified - justified
His ways - 103 x 101 10 - 115 712 -

= (d) From the challenge of sacrifice - wine of courage
Such a people, unafraid to die, will live immortally

(e) 614 - perished in our day - Holocaust - Did we
they were Jews - Over their nameless graves
reverberates - Ah. Ah. - & the history -
- 2010 712 10 -

(f) Herzog - leaders - 201 x 100 - gift -
Soe - all that the past generations - our Schools -
Take their symbols - Martyrs - suffering - Faith!

7). And when was Jacob called twice — On way to Egypt (3)
- descendants would become slaves — First Exile. Then
was to be ~~many~~ others — In Egypt — cruel oppressors

Jacob was afraid. He intuitively discerned the future —
וְיָסַף אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו וְיָסַף אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו
This is the Second Truth — The Truth, ^{coming} ~~from~~ the

Faith, Hope, and Optimism

① Centuries later — Baby. Exile — Threatened with Exile
from the — from mouths of prophets

"Fear them not, O Jacob, my servant, saith the Lord, neither
be thou dismayed, O Israel. For I will save thee from afar
and they seed from the land of their captivity."
Thus saith the Lord who giveth the sun for a light by day,
and the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light
by night. If these ordinances depart from me, then
the seed of Israel also, shall cease from being a
nation before me forever."

② Israel must never despair — Our religion is
= Messianic — Assured Progress — ^{לְבָרְכָם} לְבָרְכָם —

= "All thy waves and billows have passed over me,
וְכָל גִּלְגָּלֶיךָ וְכָל מַגְלֵיךָ

= Our days have been dark days — ^{לְבָרְכָם} לְבָרְכָם —
Nevertheless we must remember — "Israel" — ^{לְבָרְכָם} לְבָרְכָם

8/ ^{And when you} ~~those~~ - In the wilderness - flock - Bush - camp at ^{pro} (4)

"I will go near and see this strange sight - why the Bush

God called > ~~he~~ - ~~she~~ - ~~she~~ - ~~she~~ -

"I have seen the affliction - heard their cry - known their
sorrow - I am come down to deliver them -
Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that
thou mayest bring forth my people out of Egypt -

→ This is the 3rd Truth - Vision & Mission -

→ The ^{bush} ~~2nd~~ is not the mightiest - Small, Scumbly

- But when the flame of Vision & the voice, Mission
comes from it - it is undestructible - ~~still 2nd~~

- Stand up and the mightiest - ~~2nd~~ of

- But as long as it remains faithful to Vision -
~~2nd~~ ~~3rd~~ - ~~seems~~ further -

= (a) Personal lives - If you want something undestructible

- have a Vision - an ideal -

- If you want a flame in your heart - Mission

= Tied in with liberation - liberation - ^{you don't have to be} ~~a~~ ^{disciple} ~~disciple~~ ^{very old} ~~blind~~

9/ Samuel - was a young man ministering - Eli - ^{very old} ~~blind~~

- Eli's sons who were to succeed him - unworthy - Sinners

- desecrated - polluted -

- The life of nations had decayed - "The word of God
was rare in those days, there was practically
no vision of God."

YK-46
1) 4 ways in which students of sacred lore interpreted Bible
(a) literal (b) homiletical (c) allegorical (d) crystal.
For to them B. was the inexhaustible mine from which
all truth could be quarried.
The surface meaning of a B. text was only one of its
meanings - and, perhaps, not the most important.
The more they pondered over ^{every} ~~the~~ verse, the B. - ~~the~~ ^{every} phrase -
^{every} ~~the~~ single word or even ^{every} ~~the~~ single letter, the more
insight they derived - deeper implications - lovelier
over time.

2) Thus when 4 men of the B. are singled out to have their
names called out twice in succession - Ab. 10b - only
these 4 - and only on ^{one} ~~a~~ specific occasion in their lives -
the homiletical curiosity of these students - challenged -
Why ^{only} these 4? And what were the occasions? They were
intrigued - and their imaginations ranged wide. ^{probed} ~~to~~
to ~~reach~~ ^{find} the esoteric truth - beneath the layer of the text.

3) There was affection in the manner in which Joel addressed
but also vigilance.

The occasions were so significant - that special attention -
there were land-mark events - which ^{went to} ~~have~~ deep meaning
not only for the 4 men involved - & for their generations
but for all subsequent generations.

> Once they were called ^{once} by name to alert them ^{about} ~~about~~ a
second time to alert all future generations to the
profound lesson, the event which was about to
take place.

4/ Each one, these 4 was a dominant & decisive ^{of his people} ^{in history}
than these heroic figures - great revelations - ~~at~~ ^{on} these 4 occasions
Each revelation - followed by God's promise - ^{that} a rich blessing
would follow if basis would be heeded & remembered.

5/ When was Ab. called twice? At the moment - God called.
Ab. was tested - was his faith in God so strong -
He was to be the Founder of a new Faith - ~~renewed~~ ^{renewed} -
only such as have the strength to Sacrifice - ^{was} [>] ^{his} ^{chief} -
Ab. stood the Test - gave proof - He was the stuff
And so quickly comes the promise of the blessing - ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸²

6/ This is the first, the 4 truths revealed - the Truth of Sacrifice.
Applies equally to ^{personal life} ~~private~~ - national life.
Love is based on Sacrifice - So is Friendship -
The Home is founded on mutual Sacrifice -
The Nation is preserved thru Sacrifice -
Religions are maintained in sacrifice.
No human ideal ever so unfulfilled as the values -
One man's name about all comes to mind this week - who
bore the name of Abraham - Lincoln - that man & rough-hewn
man of deep compassion who was martyred in his own
death ^{who knew how to Sacrifice} ^{for a noble human ideal}
Only those who will not waver at the foot of any Sac. Altar
and who, from the choice of Sac. will devote the lives
of courage - will bring the ~~the~~ blessing & the promise
to a suffering world.

9 Israel - אִשְׂרָאֵל -
 "To wrestle with Gods and with men -" and win through
never to succumb to despair - to overwhelming odds -
 "all ^{this} ~~the~~ waves and billows have passed over me - and yet
in the night his song is still with us"

And though such a courageous faith his turned
to perfect oneself & society — that is 2nd Truth
revealed to me to saw ahead only slavery
and darkness.

→ And the promise was there - 2/15 p 77 d/c 25/1

8/ And when was Moses called twice? Flock - Bush - Caught fire - "I will go near + see -" God called sh, sh
Lb - "I have seen the affliction - heard their cry -
know their sorrow - I am come down to deliver them
(Come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that thou
mayest bring forth my people from Egypt"
→ This is 3rd Truth - Vision + Mission
The 'bush' is not the migrant - Small - scrubby - Mission
But when it is enveloped in flame, Vision + Voice, Mission
comes from it - Indestructible - 2103

- (a) What is unkindly + indestructible in our present
lives - is an ideal - unensured -
What makes us indestructible is a servant, Mission
(b) Israel tied up with "Liberation" - Twisted -
One does not have to be a chosen leader - a
Consecrated disrupt -

9/ And when was Samuel called twice? Was a young
man with Samuel - Shilo - Eli, very old + blind
to his sons, who were to succeed him, unworthy, Sinners
desecrated - polluted.
Sp. life of nation had decayed - "The word of God
was rare in those days. There was no vision
of God."

But ere the lamp of God went out in the Temple - God called unto Samuel - Sam. Sam - and said: "I will judge the House, Eli - for their iniquity - for his sons made themselves vile"

— Samuel was to take care - to purify that Vileness - to purify the life of the people - to restore the quality of Holiness to life.

→ This is the 4th Truth — Moral cleanliness of Holiness

Holiness means the whole moral life of man - and more!
= It implies a striving after Perfection - the imitations of God
~~and a perfect thought~~ ~~for perfection~~

~~life must be~~
= There are sanctities in life which must not be desecrated by coarseness, vulgarity, and impurity.

~~1st principle - 2nd principle -~~

— There are human relations - which ~~are~~ ^{are} holy ground - ~~the~~
only ~~1st principle~~ ^{Reverent humility} and decency and delicacy keeps those relationships - holy ground.

"Sanctify thyself even in that which is permitted to thee" -

Self-restraint, moderation, clearness in act and thought and speech

(a) There is unfortunately for little that ~~holiness~~ ^{holiness} is breaking up - divorces cheapens - ~~cheapens~~

