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Yom Kippur, 1958.

Yom Kippur is the holy day of human freedom. Men have a great deal to say about freedom today. It is frequently on their lips - and it is glibly uttered. In the political cold war which is now being conducted so heatedly each side claims a monopoly on it - and chides the other for suppressing it. Neither side suggests a clear meaning for the term "freedom" and certainly neither side demonstrates any consistency in upholding or defending it.

and merciless hand every demand for freedom in their satellite countries shed bitter tears over the threatened freedom of the people in the Middle East. The leaders of the West, of the so-called free world, provide arms and financial aid to dictators and reactionary governments in the RMMM RMM fond hope that the freedom which they set forth will be served well by its enemies.

Conscienceless economic exploiters, on the one hand, and labor racketeers and corruptionists, on the other, claim immunity for themselves from government interference in the name of freedom.

Racists and segregationists defying the constitutional guarantees of citizens, and the rulings of the U. S. Supreme Court, will invoke the principle of freedom, and other sacredtenets of morality in their war on integration. (Quote) One wonders what just cause it is that Governor Faubus alludes to! And what is the nature of this God that he puts his trust in! The governor would do well to reflect on the words of the Great Emancipator, a Abraham Lincoln, who went through the agonies of KNE Civil War brought on by self-righteous and self-deluded men of the Faubus ilk - "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it".

The purveyors of all sorts of hate literature and of lewd and indecent literature will rush to take hold of the horns (?) of the NXXXXX
sacred altar of freedom and demand sanctuary and immunity for (--)

Sometimes a whole generation of young people and often of older

people who have never grown up, among them so-called intellectuals and the smart set, will cut adrift from all social moorings and go on a rampage flaunting the established XXX disciplines of group living, and when challenged or condemned, will take their stand on the inalienable right of freedom. It is freedom that they are seeking! Forgetting that it is XXX only in virtue and in self-discipline that men find freedom.

Judaism wanted men to be truly free and Yom Kippur is the holy day of true human freedom. It is significant that in ancient Israel Yom Kippur was chosen as the day upon which the jubilee year was proclaimed. At the end of each 49th year on the 10th day of the 7th month, i. e. as Yom Kippur, the shofar was sounded. And we read in the book of Leviticus: "You shall hallow the 50th year - and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. When each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his family...the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is Mine". Real freedom for men, our religion tablught, is based on social justice. There is no real freedom when the faces of men are ground down into the dirt because of pverty, and there is oppression and exploitation in the land. "No amount of political freedom will satisfy the hungry masses," declared one who was convinced of thes truth, masterminded the Polshevik revolution - Nikolai Lenin.

yom Kippur reminds us that the element of social justice is indispensable to all human freedom. The message of this day as clearly stated (Hebrew-see mass per)
in the . "Is such the fast that I have chosen? The day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush and to not spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Is this Xthe fast that I have chosen?
...To loose the fetters of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke. Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thysdif from thine own flesh?"

Yom Kippur is a day which is set aside for the confession and the forgiveness of our sins. And therefore it is a day which proclaims and exalts human freedom. To confess our sins is to unburden ourselves, to lift the weeght of guilt from our hearts. It is to MERK regain our spiritual spontaneity, for to restore to our soul the spring of its fine coils. To be forgiven our moral transpressions is to be given a chance to make a fresh start. To be freed from the tragic mistakes of our past, and their rust of corrosive remorse. Yom Yippur assures us that in the sight of God nothing is irreparable, nothing is unpardonable, and that while it is always later than we think, it is never too late!

The wisest of all men, King Solomon, prayed for forgiveness

tangled skein of his own moral being, and his soul's defects. What then? If all men sin - are they forever doomed to wrath and punishment? Is there no respite RMXXXXX from guilt-laden memories?

Ebenelle - see mss

Even as a loving father forgives and rejoices when his child returns from the dark and perilous ways of sin and error, even so and more so does the universal Father of all men. Nay more! In our beautiful service we read:

Yom Kippur gives Judaism's asswer!

"Thou givest a 'helping hand' to those who go astray" "and thy hand is stretched out to those who want to return".

For God is not God only of the righteous but of the sinners also.

A man may MEXEMINENTAL forsake God. God never forsakes man! And when the

Herring and the sinful are ready to return to Him, in true repentance, after

having been bruised and beaten and humbled by life and by their misseeds, God

receives them even more tenderly than the perfect man who may never have known

the bitterness of guilt and remorse.

R. Alexandroni said: An ordinary human being does not like to surround himself with marred MNM or broken vessels and utensils for daily use. They are a mark of poverty and shame. But the Holy Ohe, Blessed be His name, All his favorite human vessels are broken and marred. For so XX XX written:

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"God is near to the broken-hearted! And helps those who are crushed in spirit". And again it is written: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise".

(Nebrew see miss pro)

In this same service is a remarkable prayer.

"Thou hast distinguished man from the beginning and hast siggled him out" How? In what manner? Wherein is the (----) and the Thy destruction of human life? The answer is given: "In KNEX love hast Thou given us the Day of Atonement for the remission and pardon of all our sins".

Man can make himself free! God helps man to be free!

Yom Kippur teaches us how we can become truly free. What are commanded (Mebreur see mass of to fast on this day. It is the one fast day ordained in the (Toyan), Now,

God does not need our fasting! And Judaism is not a joyless religion of mortification and asceticism. It is as great a (Mebreur mass of)

as it is to fast on Yom Fippur. The fast of Yom Kippur is intended as a symbol for us, to remind us not to surrender our lives utterly to the appetites of our bodies, to transcend, and to master when necessary, the demands of the physical, the material, the animal, the earthly, and so make oursleves free in our spiritual lives.

We are commanded on this day" to afflict our souls".

Here agin, we should bear in mind that God does not delight in human affliction.

(Nebrew mss (17)

The same (170) commands us to rejoice on all other holidays. (Hebrew - mss. (27)

Only on this day, which is freighted with the heroic message of human freedom, we are asked to Nafflict our souls", to remind ourselves that affliction and suffering is also part of man's destiny on earth, and that we must learn to master and surmount them, too. And in so doing, we assert our spiritual freedom and invincibility. To be free we must never accept the cabins of failure and defeat. The strong and KNEXfree man never loses the faith of the Psalmist: "Thou who hast made me see mony sore troubles wilt revive me again. From the depths of the earth Thou wilt bring me up again. Thous wilt increase my honor and comfort me again.

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What does Yom KMMXX Kippur tell us about freedom? It is based on justice and social responsibility. And on personal responsibility, on self-mastery and self-discipline.

To be free is to possess the habit of right moral choices and to train ourselves through long practice to do what we ought to do. To be free is to be unafraid of what others may do to us but afraid of what we may do to ourselves. To be free is not to stand in need of many possessions and not to man base our soul's security on them. A MMN is free when he has a worthy MXXMXX roam errand on earth and is eagerly engaged in pursuit of it. Just MXXMing and drifting & is not to be free - only to be useless, even to one's self!

And so Yom Kippur from sundown to sundown, for the prayer
when we ask of God to release us RMX from the cahins and bands of impossible
commitments which we made to Him - thoughtlessly or under duress - to the

prayer, when we aske God to open unto us the gates of a new day and a new life, now that %% the gates of the old day and the old life are closing

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to the sovereignty of his soul and his unseverable kinship with Almighty God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yom Kippur Morning Severance Hall

- A children's service will be held in The Temple only today beginning at 1:30.

 Parents are invited to accompany their children and to sit with them

 during the service. Children under school age should not be brought to

 this service.
- Services for the Day of Atonement will continue at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

 Note the change of time.
- Memorial services for the Day of Atonement will be held at 4:00 this afternoon.

 The congregation is reminded that the doors of the synagogue will be closed at the start of the Yiskor service at 4:00 o'clock and will remain closed until the end of the Concluding service.
- Because of the limited parking facilities today, members of the congregation are requested to arrange car pools wherever possible for the services this afternoon.

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The eyes of the nation are upon us; the hopes, the prayers of millions of our fellow citizens of our sister states are with us in our efforts.

With deep and abiding faith in our Creator and in the people of this Republic, I recall these words from our National Anthem: Then conquer we must

our cause, it is just; this be our motto, And God is our Trust.

STATE CRASH HURTS 30 ON BUS

to Pass Driver in Critical Condition After Ramming of Truck

COOK, Ind., Aug. 26 (UPI)— A Greyhound bus smashed into A Greyhound bus smashed into the rear of a truck loaded with encyclopedias on a four-lane highway near here today, injuring at least thirty persons.

The Miami-to-Chicago bus did not overturn, and most of the

not overturn, and most of the passengers suffered only cuts on the donville. Pryor, a house years old, of Indianapolis, driver the house years old, of Indianapolis, driver

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rammed a semi-trailer driven by Doris Howell, 46, of Chicago, old him on U. S. Route 41 just before the with dawn. The truck was pushed yor said down the road about 500 feet. Mr. Howell was hurt slightly.

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YLUM District Attorney Questioning Contestants on TV Show

The District Attorney's office said yesterday it was continuing (UPI) its investigation into the unex-Czech plained termination of the telehaps a vision quiz program "Dotto."

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