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Day of Atonement, 1945.



DAY OF ATONEMENT BROADCAST OF DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
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FOR THE O.W.I.

The ~~solemn~~ immemorial holy day of Yom Kippur is dedicated to the reconciliation of man with his God and with his fellow men. The way of reconciliation leads through repentance, contrition and forgiveness to the peace of heart and mind which are life's richest guerdons.

Yom Kippur comes this year at the end of a long, dark period in human history when mankind knew not peace but the appalling horrors of universal war because it had forsaken the way of reconciliation and turned aside from the paths of repentance, contrition and forgiveness to pride and lust, and greed and hate.

Over a torn and ravaged world now breathes the spirit of armistice. God grant that it be the prelude to enduring peace! But the Day of Atonement reminds us that the way of reconciliation with God and our fellow men is not an easy way. It is difficult for men and nigh impossible for nations to sacrifice pride to humble comradeship in a common service, and greed to eager sharing of God's abundant goodness, and hate to healing and exalting love. But the challenge and the trumpet-call to the undefeated spirit of man are there, as well as the dread alternate<sup>ive</sup> of chaos and horror which our generation was forced to witness and to experience.

We of the household of Israel greet this Yom Kippur with a fervent prayer for hope and renewal. In our heart is also a silent prayer for our six million precious dead of this war who lie unremembered by the world but unforgotten by us in their nameless graves. May we be worthy of their martyrdom and may they plead atonement for us and for all mankind.