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THE YEAR IN REVIEW
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THE NEWS, ALMOST ALWAYS, INVOLVES A DEGREE OF VIOLENCE;
DURING 1987 THE NEWS WAS MADE LARGELY BY VIOLENCE IN THE
THIRD WORLD; THE IRAQ-IRAN STRUGGLE WENT INTO ITS SEVENTH
YEAR AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN OVER HALF A MILLION LIVES;
THE TAMIL-SRI LANKA ETHNIC STRUGGLE ~~WAS PUT DOWN ONLY BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE INDIAN~~
~~ARMY AS A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE; ERITREA AND ETHIOPIA~~
CONTINUED THEIR LONG BORDER WAR AND IN THE PROCESS MADE
IT DIFFICULT FOR THE WEST TO PROVIDE FOOD RELIEF FOR THE
STARVING PEASANTS AND THE POOR OF SUB-SAHARA AFRICA;

IN NICARAGUA THE SANDINISTA-CONTRA BATTLES CONTINUED.
NO SIDE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO WIN A CLEAR VICTORY. THE
CONTRAS SEEM TO BE MAKING MORE GAIN IN THE MEDIA AND
THE SANDANISTAS HAVE POWER BUT HAVE MADE A BOTCH OF THE
ECONOMY; BOTH SIDES WERE PRESSED ~~BY THE~~ OTHER
NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY; NONE
WAS SIGNED;

IN ANGOLA THE SAVIMBI REBEL FORCES IN THE SOUTH MADE
PROGRESS AGAINST THE RUSSIAN-AND CUBAN-SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT
IN THE CAPITAL, BUT THERE IS AS YET NO DECISION IN FAVOR
OF ONE ~~OR~~ OR THE OTHER; IN SOUTH AFRICA THE RACIAL
STRUGGLE CONTINUED; THE SIDES SEEMED FURTHER APART THAN
EVER BEFORE. THE EMBARGO SEEMS TO HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT
ON THE AFRICAN ECONOMY AS IT WAS BEING VIOLATED ~~BY~~ SO
MANY COUNTRIES AND CORPORATIONS OF THE WORLD;

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THERE WAS AN OCCASIONAL STRIKE ACTION AGAINST THE
~~WHITE MAJORITY~~ ^{POOR PEOPLE}, BUT INCREASINGLY DURING THE YEAR
THE BATTLES WERE BETWEEN BLACKS, AS THE ZULUS OF NATAL
FOUGHT THE BANTU WHO SUPPORTED THE AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS.

LEBANON CONTINUED TO BE A NO-MAN'S-LAND
DIVIDED AMONG THE COMPETING FORCES OF CHRISTIANS,
MUSLIMS, DRUZE, & OTHERS, WHICH WESTERNERS WOULD
DO WELL TO AVOID IN THEIR TRAVELS. IT WAS A YEAR
IN WHICH TERRY WAITE WENT TO THE LEBANON AS THE
SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES---
& WAS HIMSELF TAKEN HOSTAGE & REMAINS A HOSTAGE.

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IN THE PHILIPPINES THE AQUINO GOVERNMENT TRIED BOTH THE CARROT & THE STICK AGAINST REBEL TROOPS IN MANY OF THE ISLANDS. THEY PUT DOWN ONE MAJOR MILITARY ATTACK ON HER REGIME, ^{Thencefore} ~~but others~~ ^{later.}

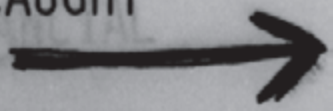
IN KOREA TUMULT, SHOUTING & KILLING PRECEDED THE ELECTION. KOREA HAD ITS ELECTION. HAITI DID NOT. HAITI GOT TO ITS ELECTION DAY, ALBEIT WITH DEATH & VIOLENCE, THEN FINALLY COULD NOT HOLD THE ELECTION BECAUSE OF ~~REDACTED~~ APPARENTLY GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED VIOLENCE.

THERE WAS THE EVER PREDICTABLE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, BOMBINGS AND THE LIKE; THERE WAS THE PLO WITH THEIR PERIODIC ATTACKS ON ISRAEL; THERE WAS THE RUSSIAN INCURSION INTO AFGHANISTAN, ~~NOW IN ITS SEVENTH YEAR~~, A COSTLY MISTAKE FOR THE RUSSIANS WHICH THEY APPARENTLY WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT OF BUT DO NOT QUITE KNOW HOW TO DO. ~~THE~~

DEEPLY

NOT LONG AGO THE SUPER POWERS WERE INVOLVED IN MOST OF THE STRUGGLES OF THE WORLD, FROM EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA TO ~~CHINA~~ KAMPUCHEA AND ANGOLA; TODAY THIS SEEMS NOT TO BE THE CASE; MUCH OF THE NEWS IN 1987 ORIGINATED IN THE THIRD WORLD; THE WORLD IS NO LONGER BI-POLAR; EACH STRUGGLE ~~IN THE WORLD~~ DOES NOT NECESSARILY TRACE ITSELF BACK TO THE INTENTIONS OF A SUPER POWER; THE SUPER POWERS ARE INVOLVED IN MOST OF THE WORLD IN THE SENSE THAT THEIR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS ~~ARE~~ MANDATE CERTAIN POSITIONS, BUT THEY ARE NO LONGER INVOLVED TO THE DEGREE THAT WOULD ENDANGER THE PEACE OF THE WORLD; THIRD WORLD POLITICS DO NOT BEGIN IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON; THEREFORE, **THIRD WORLD** UNREST ENDANGERS ONLY THE PEACE OF A SMALL PART OF THE WORLD;

ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THE THIRD WORLD WAS SO PROMINENT IN THE NEWS ~~LAST~~ LAST YEAR WAS ~~THAT~~ THAT THESE NATIONS WERE SCRAMBLING FOR THEIR DIMINISHED PIECE OF THE ECONOMIC PIE; THE POPULATION EXPLOSION HAS CAUGHT



~~THEM.~~

UP WITH ~~THEM~~ TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN FIVE BILLION EARTHLINGS AND THE WORLD LACKS THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR ~~MANY~~ ^{MOST} OF THEM; THE INCREASE OF PRODUCTIVITY IN THE WORLD HAS DIMINISHED; IN THE 1960'S IT RAN ABOUT FIVE PERCENT; IN THE 1980'S IT HAS RUN BELOW TWO AND A HALF PERCENT, NOT ENOUGH TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ECONOMIC LADDER;

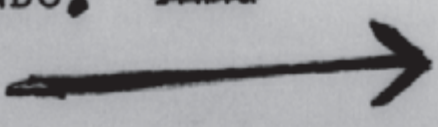
SO WE HAVE THE SAD TALE OF THE DEBT INCURRED BY THE LATIN AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND OTHERS. ~~THEY~~ IN THE 1970'S PERU, THE ARGENTINE, BRAZIL AND MEXICO ALL UNDERTOOK BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF DEBT FOR A VARIETY OF PROJECTS WITHOUT ANY IDEA OF HOW THEY WOULD BE REPAID OR WHETHER THESE PROJECTS WERE WHAT THEIR COUNTRY ^{IES} REALLY NEEDED; AND THERE IS NOW NO WAY FOR THEIR DEBTS ^{TO BE} ~~REPAID~~ REPAID WITHOUT TAKING IT OUT OF THE ALREADY DISMALLY LOW STANDARD OF LIVING OF THEIR CITIZENS, WHO ARE AMONG THE POOREST ^{IN} ~~THE~~ THE WORLD;

MANY OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE BALKING AT REPAYING THEIR DEBTS AND THEIR UNWILLINGNESS AND INABILITY TO REPAY THREATENS ^{STABILITY} ~~THE~~ ^{INTERNATIONAL} OF THE WHOLE BANKING SYSTEM; WHAT IS OWED TO THE BANKS REPRESENTS MUCH OF THEIR CAPITALIZATION; THIS IS A NO-WIN SITUATION ON ALL SIDES; THE COUNTRIES ARE SAYING THAT THEY CAN AND WILL PROVIDE ONLY A CERTAIN ^{THEIR} PERCENTAGE OF ~~THEIR~~ GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AS PAYMENT AGAINST THE LOAN; THE BANKS ARE BEING PRESSED TO MAKE FURTHER LOANS, BRIDGE LOANS—OR TO TAKE GOODS IN PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS;

THE WEST, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, ^{IS} ~~THE~~ FINANCIALLY STRAITENED AND CANNOT THINK OF EMBARKING ON MAJOR FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS; YET, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS BEING CALLED UPON ~~TO SUPPORT ALL OR MOST OF THE EXISTING~~ ^{THIRD WORLD} DEBT;

IT'S A SAD STORY WITH SOME JUSTICE ON ALL SIDES; THE DEBTOR COUNTRIES CANNOT AFFORD TO REPAY THEIR DEBTS/AND MAINTAIN A MINIMAL STANDARD OF LIVING FOR THEIR PEOPLE; THE BANKS CANNOT AFFORD TO SWALLOW ~~THE~~ MULTI-BILLION DOLLARS OF DEBT WHICH THEY INCURRED ~~OUT OF GREED~~ AND OUT OF THE DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE 60'S AND 70'S TO AID THESE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT WHICH ENCOURAGED THE DEBT IN THE FIRST PLACE IS SEEKING A WAY OUT, BUT THE OPTIONS ARE FEW;

WE DON'T THINK OF 1987 AS A WARLIKE YEAR, BUT IT WAS; WE DON'T THINK OF IT AS A WARLIKE YEAR BECAUSE THERE WAS NO WAR BETWEEN THE TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN RIVALS; BUT THERE WAS WAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, ^{NOTABLY} MOST ~~NOTABLY~~ BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ, A STRUGGLE WHICH GOES NOW INTO ITS ^{NINETY-SEVENTH} ~~SEVENTH~~ YEAR WITHOUT ANY SIGNS OF ENDING; THE ARAB LEAGUE, THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS HAVE TRIED DESPERATELY TO PUT AN END TO THIS WAR WHICH HAS DECIMATED THE ECONOMY AND THE POPULATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT SO FAR TO NO AVAIL; ASAD, THE IRAQI HEAD, WANTS TO PUT AN END TO THE WAR, BUT HE ^{STARTED IT.} ~~STARTED IT.~~ AND THE AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI REPEATS HIS ORIGINAL DEMANDS: ~~THE~~



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IRAQ INVADED IRAN. IRAN WILL NOT BE SATISFIED
UNTIL ASAD HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM OFFICE &
FULL RESTITUTION HAS BEEN MADE.

IN 1987 THE WAR BETWEEN IRAQ & IRAN ENTANGLED
THE UNITED STATES & THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.
FIRST THE UNITED STATES, & THEN ENGLAND & FRANCE,
AGREED TO PROTECT SOME HASTILY REFLAGGED
KUWAITI TANKERS CARRYING OIL THROUGH THE GULF.
THE ISSUE WAS THE NEED TO KEEP THE OIL LINES
OPEN TO THE WEST---& THE WAY THE UNITED STATES
CHOSE TO DO THAT WAS TO PUT AMERICAN FLAGS
ON KUWAITI TANKERS.

OTHER SHIPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE NOT. THE GULF
HAS BECOME & REMAINS A TROUBLED SEA, WITH IRAQI &
IRANIAN FIGHTER PLANES CONTINUING TO STRIKE AT TANKERS
& OTHER SHIPS MOVING TOWARD THEIR PORTS.

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¹₆ THE DECISION BEGAN IN A STRANGE WAY.

ONE MORNING IN SEPTEMBER, THE U.S. NAVAL SHIP, THE STARK, WAS HIT BY AN IRAQI FIGHTER PLANE. THE UNITED STATES TOOK THIS AS AN INDICATION THAT THE WATERS OF THE GULF HAD TO BE PATROLLED & ANNOUNCED IT WAS REFLAGGING A NUMBER OF KUWAITI TANKERS, GRANTING THEM THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY SUPPORT.

SO FAR THE PLAN SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED.

AFTER A SINGLE REFLAGGED TANKER WAS BOMBARDED

IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THIS NEW PLAN, AMERICAN-FLAGGED SHIPS HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE STRAITS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

OTHER SHIPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE NOT. THE GULF

HAS BECOME & REMAINS A TROUBLED SEA, WITH IRAQI &

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~~STORY OF THE~~ THE ~~VERY~~ INSTIGATION OF THE PATROLS IS A STRANGE ~~STORY~~ ^{ONE.}
 AN IRAQI FIGHTER PLANE ATTACKS AN AMERICAN SHIP OF WAR AND
 IMMEDIATELY AMERICA ANNOUNCES THAT WE WILL PATROL THE GULF
 AGAINST ~~IRAN.~~ A DEBATE EMERGED
 AMONG AMERICANS AS TO THE VALUE OF THIS PROTECTION AND THE
 DANGERS INVOLVED IN IT; THERE WAS, HOWEVER, GENERAL
 AGREEMENT THAT AMERICAN INTEREST ^{E REQUIRED} ~~WAS~~ READY ACCESS TO
 THE OIL OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES;

^{AS A RESULT}
 IT WAS A QUESTION OF OIL POLITICS AND THE UNITED STATES
 PLUNGED INTO ~~A~~ MORASS OF ARAB ~~POLITICS~~ POLITICS; ALTHOUGH IRAQ
 HAS BEEN A CENTER OF TENSION AND OF TERRORISM FOR THE LAST
 TWO DECADES, THIS WAS QUICKLY FORGOTTEN; BLOWN-UP EL AL
 PLANES AND OTHER ISRAELI TARGETS WERE FORGOTTEN AND SO
 WAS THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE COUNTRIES OF ARABIA TO DEFEND
 THEMSELVES; THEY EVEN REFUSED TO GIVE AMERICAN SHIPS AND
 PLANES DOCKING AND LANDING FACILITIES; ALL THIS DESPITE
 THE BILLIONS OF ARMS THAT WE HAVE SENT TO SAUDI ARABIA
 AND THE ARAB ~~EMIRATES~~ EMIRATES.

REAL POLITIK LED

~~TO~~ AMERICA ~~MOVE~~ MUCH CLOSER TO IRAQ DURING THIS YEAR;
 IRAQ HAD BEEN A PARIAH STATE, THE CENTER OF TERRORIST
 ACTIVITIES FOR MANY YEARS, BUT THIS WAS NOW ^{NOT ONLY} FORGOTTEN ~~AND~~ BUT EVEN
 FORGIVEN; FRENCH, GERMAN, SWEDISH AND AMERICAN MILITARY
 EQUIPMENT BEGAN TO POUR INTO THAT COUNTRY;

IN LATIN AMERICA YOU HAVE AN EVANGELICAL GROUP
 MAKING HEADWAY AMONG A ROMAN CATHOLIC POPULATION.

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THERE IS ANOTHER ELEMENT IN THIS IRAQ-IRAN WAR. THAT IS THE RENEWAL OF FUNDAMENTALISM, SHIITE FUNDAMENTALISM

THE AYATOLLAH REPRESENTS AN INSISTENCE THAT MODERNITY IS EVIL & THAT ONE MUST LIVE AS ONE'S ANCESTORS LIVED IN SLOWER, QUIETER, & AND MORE MEDIEVAL TIMES, IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH THE KORAN AND THE SHARIYAH, THE LAWS OF ISLAM.

FUNDAMENTALISM BECAME A FACT OF LIFE, BOTH EAST AND WEST. IN THE UNITED STATES YOU HAD NOT ONLY THE SHODDY SCANDALS OF THE P.T.L., BUT FROM THE RANKS OF TELEVISION EVANGELICALS EMERGED A SERIOUS CONTENDER FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT, PAT ROBERTSON.

IN ISRAEL YOU HAD A GROWING DIVISION BETWEEN THE BLACK HATS, THE ORTHODOX FUNDAMENTALISTS, AND THE REST OF THE POPULATION.

IN LATIN AMERICA YOU HAVE AN EVANGELICAL GROUP MAKING HEADWAY AMONG A ROMAN CATHOLIC POPULATION.

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THESE DIVISIONS BETWEEN OLD & NEW EXIST IN PART BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSIONS OF MODERN TIMES & THE VIOLENCE WHICH MODERN WESTERN MORALS DO TO TRADITIONAL VALUES. AMERICA MAY HAVE NO POLITICAL ~~INFLUENCE~~ IN/A FOREIGN COUNTRY, BUT AMERICAN MOVIES & TELEVISION PERMEATE THE WORLD. ALL COUNTRIES ARE BEING AFFECTED BY HOLLYWOOD VALUES, WHICH INFLUENCE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AS WELL AS PERSONAL MORALITY.

FUNDAMENTALISM IS ESSENTIALLY A MOVEMENT OF RETURN ---TO THE VALUES OF AN OLDER SOCIETY, ~~AN~~ AN ATTEMPT TO TURN THE COMMUNITY BACK TO THE VALUES OF THE PAST. IT IS/A DENIAL OF MODERN LIFE. YOU SEE THAT IN THE PURDAH OF ISLAM. YOU SEE IT IN THE ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY AND ANTI-ABORTION CAMPAIGNS OF AMERICAN FUNDAMENTALISM. FUNDAMENTALISM SAYS: THERE IS A SCRIPTURE, A TRADITION, & IT IS DETERMINED THAT ITS COUNTRY MUST ABIDE BY THAT SCRIPTURE & THAT TRADITION.

THERE IS A DESIRE FOR A MORE STABLE SOCIAL SITUATION
---THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. ^{ST 51} FUNDAMENTALISM'S ARGUMENT
THAT EVERYTHING MUST GO BACK TO A SINGLE TEXT, THE BIBLE
OR THE KORAN---THAT IS UNTENABLE.

JUST THIS WEEK THE PAPERS REPORTED A WOMAN IN PAKISTAN
PROTESTING THE SENTENCE OF DEATH FOR THE CRIME OF ADULTERY.
[REDACTED] DEATH BY STONING IS THE CLASSIC PENALTY FOR
ADULTERY IN THE KORANIC WORLD.

FUNDAMENTALISM IS PARTICULARLY STRONG TODAY
IN THE ARAB WORLD, WHERE IT VERY OFTEN REPRESENTS
A POLITICAL UNDERGROUND AS WELL ^{AS} A RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT.
THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEIR PRESENT GOVERNMENTS COMBINE
FUNDAMENTALISM WITH POLITICAL ACTION. SO YOU HAVE
BROTHERHOODS OF PIETY AND OTHER SUCH GROUPS IN
ALMOST ALL ARAB STATES TODAY, WITH MANY OF THEIR LEADERS
IN JAIL.

A GOVERNMENT FRIENDLY TO THE SOVIET UNION WAS INSTALLED;

THIS THE AREA WHERE THE EAST AND WEST FACE EACH OTHER MOST IMMEDIATELY IS IN AFGHANISTAN; THE RUSSIANS ~~THEY SAY THEY~~ WERE CALLED IN BY LOCAL LACKEYS, BUT THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN A HORNET'S NEST; THE AFGHANIS DO NOT WANT THE RUSSIANS ~~IN~~ IN THEIR COUNTRY; THERE HAVE BEEN ~~SEVEN~~ YEARS OF ~~INTRUSTION~~ INTRUSTION, A MILLION DEAD, AND A MILLION MORE REFUGEES ~~SWARMED~~

HAVE SWARMED OVER THE BORDERS INTO IRAN AND PAKISTAN. THE RUSSIANS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DOMINATE THE COUNTRYSIDE WHICH HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH THE PROVINCE OF THE REBELS; ~~THE~~ ASYWAR HAS PROGRESSED, VARIOUS TRIBES OF REBELS HAVE BEGUN TO COALESCE INTO A SINGLE GROUP. REBEL ATTACKS HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE SYSTEMATIC, AND SINCE THE UNITED STATES HAS SENT TO THE REBELS GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES WHICH CAN BE HANDLED BY A SINGLE MAN, THE ~~RUSSIANS~~ RUSSIANS NO LONGER HAVE ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE AIR. ~~THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO~~

AFGHANISTAN IS IN MANY WAYS RUSSIA'S VIETNAM; SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT. ~~SHE~~ SHE HAS MADE THAT VERY CLEAR IN HER FOREIGN PRONOUNCEMENTS. BUT THE END OF THE AFGHANISTAN INVASION MUST BE FOR THE SOVIETS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN OUR IGNOMINIOUS RETREAT FROM SAIGON; SHE CANNOT SIMPLY PULL UP STAKES AND WALK AWAY; AFGHANISTAN IS ON ~~THE~~ RUSSIA'S BORDER; VIETNAM IS THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY FROM THE UNITED STATES; RUSSIA CANNOT ADMIT A DEFEAT, AS THE SOVIET THEORY IS BUILT ON THE CONTINUOUS EXPANSION OF THE SOVIET SYSTEM; BUT THERE SEEMED TO BE AN INDICATION DURING THE YEAR THAT THE SOVIETS WERE WILLING TO PULL OUT OF AFGHANISTAN IN A YEAR OR EIGHTEEN MONTHS, PROVIDED

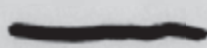
A GOVERNMENT FRIENDLY TO THE SOVIET UNION WAS INSTALLED;
THIS WILL NOT BE EASY AND CERTAINLY NOT WHAT THE REBELS WILL
SETTLE FOR;



IT'S A DOG EAT DOG WORLD; IN MANY PLACES IN THE THIRD
WORLD YOU SAW THE EMERGENCE OF A STRANGE KIND OF VIOLENCE,
CITIZEN AGAINST CITIZEN, COUNTRYMAN AGAINST COUNTRYMAN,
RATHER THAN ONE COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER;

COUNTRIES

WHEN THE COLONIAL ~~LEFT~~ LEFT THE THIRD WORLD, THEY DREW
LINES ON THE MAP AND CALLED THESE LINES COUNTRIES, BUT A
COUNTRY OR NATION IS NOT SO EASILY MADE; THE PRIMARY
DIVISION OF MEN IS ~~TRIBAL~~ TRIBAL, ~~AND~~ AND MANY OF THESE SO-CALLED
COUNTRIES CONTAIN ~~ANCIENT TRIBES~~ ANCIENT TRIBES WITH ANCIENT HISTORIES
OF SUSPICION AND WARFARE; I AM AFRAID IT IS GOING TO TAKE
DECADES BEFORE ~~SOME~~ SOME OF THESE OLD TRIBAL DIVISIONS ARE
WORKED OUT;



MANY OF THE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES SEEM TO BE
IRRELEVANT TO THE AFFAIRS OF THE THIRD WORLD; 1987 WAS THE
YEAR OF THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR IN WHICH IT WAS SHOWN THAT THE
UNITED STATES HAD VIOLATED ITS OWN PRINCIPLES BY SHIPPING
ARMS TO A TERRORIST NATION, IN THIS CASE IRAN; WE SHIPPED
ARMS IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD SECURE THE RELEASE OF
SOME OF THE PRISONERS HELD IN THE LEBANON AND IN IRAN;
THEY DID SECURE THE RELEASE OF A SINGLE PRISONER, BUT
THAT WAS IT; ~~THEY DID NOT SECURE THE RELEASE OF ANY OTHER PRISONERS;~~

THE NOMINATION WAS CHALLENGED BY EVEN SO -12-year in review
IN THE SENATE AND HE WENT DOWN TO IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT, BUT

ONLY TWO PLANE LOADS OF MILITARY EQUIPEMTN EQUIPMENT
WERE SENT, BUT THEY TRIGGERED THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
MISMANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIR, & IT TURNED OUT TO BE
SOMETHING MORE THAN MISMANAGEMENT. APPARENTLY THE
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WENT OUT ON ITS OWN &
CREATED A FOREIGN POLICY OF ITS OWN. IT WAS SAD TO HEAR
THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL CHIEF ARGUE THAT HE HAD
PROTECTED THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FROM
KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLICY LEST THE PRESIDENT BE EMBARRASSED
BY SUCH KNOWLEDGE.

IT WAS A PATHETTC, SMALL-BORE SCHEME, BOUND TO FAIL.
IT CULMINATED IN A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION AND LED
EVENTUALLY TO THE DOMESTIC BROUHAHA OVER THE NOMINATION
OF ROBERT BORK TO THE SUPREME COURT, BECAUSE THE
ADMINISTRATION HAD ERODED ITS CREDIBILITY.

THE NOMINATION WAS CHALLENGED BY EVEN SOME ~~REPUBLICAN~~ CONSERVATIVES IN THE SENATE AND ~~HE~~ ^{BORK} WENT DOWN TO IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT, BUT THE BASIC REASON FOR HIS DEFEAT WAS THE LACK OF PRESTIGE OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION; BORK WAS AN OPINIONATED MAN, A BRILLIANT LEGAL SCHOLAR WHOSE DEFEAT WAS DUE AS MUCH TO THE WEAKNESS OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OVER THE IRAN CONTRA AFFAIR AS IT WAS TO HIS OWN POSITIONS;

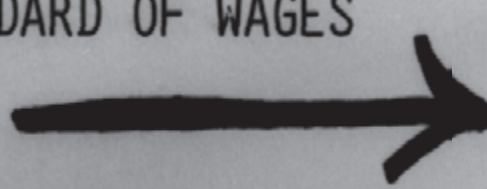
TO BE SURE, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION RECOUPED SOME OF THAT PRESTIGE WITH THE SIGNING OF THE INF TREATY IN DECEMBER DURING MR. GORBACHEV'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON; THE TREATY PROVIDES FOR THE DISMANTLING OF ALL MEDIUM RANGE NUCLEAR ~~MISSILES~~ MISSILES IN EUROPE; IT IS SAID TO BE A FIRST STEP IN A MAJOR ARMS AGREEMENT; ALL THIS IS TO THE GOOD, PROVIDED THE UNITED STATES SENATE PASSES THE TREATY AND WE AND THE SOVIETS LIVE UP TO IT; BUT THERE IS ALSO THE NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR DEFENSES; WE WILL HAVE TO BEEF UP OUR CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE TO MAKE UP FOR THE ~~REMOVAL~~ ~~LACK~~ OF THE INTERMEDIATE MISSILE SCREEN;

THE SOVIET UNION THIS YEAR, FOR THE SECOND OR THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, SEEMS TO BE MORE PREOCCUPIED WITH ECONOMIC ^{WITH} RATHER THAN ~~POLITICAL~~ POLITICAL ISSUES, WITH GLASNOST AND OPENNESS TO THE IDEAS OF THE WORLD RATHER THAN TO CONTROL OF THE WORLD;

~~CONCENTRATED ON THE ECONOMIC REFORMS AND THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND PRODUCE A BETTER RANGE OF GOODS TO DO SO IN ORDER TO GET FOREIGN CURRENCY THROUGH THE SELLING OF GOODS OVERSEAS AND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BETTER AND HIGHER STANDARD OF WAGES~~
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THE SOVIETS FEEL THAT THEY NEED SOME YEARS TO DEVELOP THEIR DOMESTIC ECONOMY AND THEY PROPOSE TO DO SO BY DEVELOPING AND DUPLICATING SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE FAMILIAR FROM THE WEST; ~~HOW~~ FAR ~~THIS~~ THIS PROCESS CAN BE TAKEN IS YET TO BE SEEN; A NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS AND NEWSPAPERS ARE NOW BEING PUBLISHED IN RUSSIA AND THESE INCLUDE, ~~FOR~~ FOR THE FIRST TIME, ~~CRITICAL~~ CRITICAL ARTICLES ON RUSSIAN SOCIETY;

GORBACHEV IS A SYMBOL OF CHANGE, BUT THERE IS A QUESTION AS TO HIS WILLINGNESS TO STRUGGLE MIGHTILY FOR IT; THERE WAS THE AFFAIR IN DECEMBER OF MR. YELTZIN, WHO ~~IN~~ ~~THE~~ PRELIMINARY MEETING OF RUSSIA'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY CONVOCATION SPOKE OUT FORCIBLY AGAINST GORBACHEV AS MOVING TOO SLOWLY; GORBACHEV DID NOT DEFEND MR. YELTZIN; RATHER, HE ~~WAS~~ ~~RE~~ MOVED ~~HIM~~ FROM THE POLITBORO AND GIVEN ~~HIM~~ A MINOR OFFICE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY SYSTEM; ~~W~~ GORBACHEV IS NOT YET IN COMPLETE CHARGE OF THE PACE OF CHANGE IN RUSSIA'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM; THERE IS A GROUP WITHIN THE PARTY WHO ARE AFRAID THAT GIVING LOCAL GROUPS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION WILL INEVITABLY ~~REDUCE~~ ~~THE~~ THE CONTROL OF THE PARTY ITSELF; ~~IT~~ IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE CHANGE WHICH WOULD GIVE MORE CONTROL TO LOCAL UNITS CAN BE ~~MADE~~ ~~BE~~ WITHIN ~~THE~~ ~~EXISTING~~ A CENTRALLY PLANNED ECONOMY; THE SOVIET UNION MUST SOMEHOW INCREASE ITS STANDARD OF LIVING AND PRODUCE A BETTER RANGE OF GOODS; IT NEEDS TO DO SO IN ORDER TO GET FOREIGN CURRENCY THROUGH ~~SELLING~~ ~~OF~~ SELLING ~~ITS~~ ~~CONFIDENCE~~ IN HIM AND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BETTER AND HIGHER STANDARD OF WAGES



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AND OF LIVING TO ITS POPULATION, WHICH HAS SEEN ITS STANDARDS FALL EVERY YEAR FOR THE LAST 10 OR 15 YEARS.

IF THE SOVIET UNION WAS TROUBLED BY GLASNOST, WE AMERICANS WERE TROUBLED BY THE 1988 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, WHICH BEGAN EARLY IN 1987. THIS IS A CAMPAIGN WITHOUT AN INCUMBENT, & THEREFORE THERE IS A WIDE VARIETY OF PROTAGONISTS ON EACH SIDE. THEY CAMPAIGN WITHOUT GREAT POPULAR SUPPORT FOR ANY CANDIDATE.

THE CANDIDATE WHO HAS MADE THE BIGGEST SPLASH IS DEMOCRAT GARY HART, ^{HART} WHO HAS MADE THIS A DEMEANING CAMPAIGN. HIS ARGUMENT THAT EVERYBODY IS ALLOWED A PRIVATE LIFE IS A TRUTH THAT CANNOT BE GAINSAID. BUT EVERYBODY IS NOT GUARANTEED A SHOT AT THE PRESIDENCY. MR. HART'S FAILURE OF MEMORY & HIS OWN PERSONAL HABITS ARE HARDLY THOSE THAT WOULD INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN HIM AS PRESIDENT.

FAMILIAR

THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY WILL BE CONTESTED IN A MORE FASHION; SENATOR DOLE AND VICE PRESIDENT BUSH ARE BOTH ABLE POLITICIANS; ONE COMES FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE TRACKS, PREP SCHOOL, IVY LEAGUE COLLEGE, YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT; THE OTHER ^{A ONCE-POOR BOY} FROM THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE WORLD OF STATE POLITICS AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE; A MAJOR INTEREST IN THIS RACE IS THE DAMAGE THAT CAN BE DONE BY PAT ^{ROBERTSON} WITH HIS HARD-CORE OF RELIGIOUS EVANGELICALS AND FUNDAMENTALISTS. TO THE NORMAL REPUBLICAN VOTE;

TO MANY THE GREATEST EVENT OF 1987 WAS THE OCTOBER 19th FINANCIAL COLLAPSE ON WALL STREET; IN ONE DAY, TWO-AND-A-HALF TRILLION DOLLARS IN SECURITIES WAS WIPED OFF THE MAP; IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THIS FAILURE WAS DUE TO THE OVERHEATED AND OVEREXTENDED MARKET OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR; THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK OF 1929, BUT THE MARKET TODAY RESTS ^{PRECARIOUSLY} AT THE POINT THAT IT DID AT THE BEGINNING OF 1987; THE ECONOMY FOR THE MOMENT SEEMS TO BE FAIRLY SOUND, ALTHOUGH AMERICA HAS BEEN LIVING BEYOND ITS MEANS WHICH CAN BE SEEN IN THE FOREIGN TRADE DEFICIT AND IN THE BUDGET DEFICIT; RECOGNIZING THIS EARLY IN THE YEAR, THE ^{-HOLLINGS-} GRAMM-RUDMAN BILL WAS PASSED WHICH MANDATES A SERIES OF GRADUAL REDUCTIONS IN THE BUDGET; THE BILL WAS TESTED IN THE COURTS; MOST OF IT SURVIVED AND BECAME THE BENCH MARK OF ^{CUTS MADE AT} THE END OF THE YEAR.

THOSE CUTS WERE MADE

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TOO FEW

IN A TOO EASY WAY, I AM AFRAID; THERE WERE
NEW TAXES;
CLEARLY,
THIS MASSIVE BUDGET DEFICIT CAN BE FINANCED ONLY OUT OF
INCOME, WHICH MEANS HIGHER TAXES;

THERE

COMING UP

WAS AN ELECTION SO THE JOINT CONGRESS
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, APPOINTED AFTER THE OCTOBER 19
DEBACLE TO CUT THE BUDGET, WITH AN EYE ON THE
CAMPAIGN ITSELF; THE DEMOCRATS PROTECTED THE WELFARE
LEGISLATION; THE REPUBLICANS PROTECTED THE DEFENSE BUDGET
AND CONTINUED THE PRESIDENT'S ADAMANT REFUSAL TO RAISE
TAXES; THE RESULT WAS A RELATIVE STANDOFF; 32 BILLION
DOLLARS WAS CUT FROM THE EXCESS OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET,
PARTLY BY USERS' FEES FOR VARIOUS FACILITIES OF THE
GOVERNMENT AND MATTERS OF THAT KIND;

DURING THE YEAR THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR SLIPPED
CONSIDERABLY; IT WAS HOPED THAT THIS WOULD MAKE A CHANGE
IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS; IT DID NOT; THE BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS REMAINED AT 15 TO 17 BILLION DOLLARS A MONTH.

IN THE RED THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT
WILL ULTIMATELY MAKE A DIFFERENCE; THE CURRENCY EXCHANGE
RATES HAVE ALREADY MADE A DIFFERENCE WITH OUR TRADING
RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOME OF OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS,

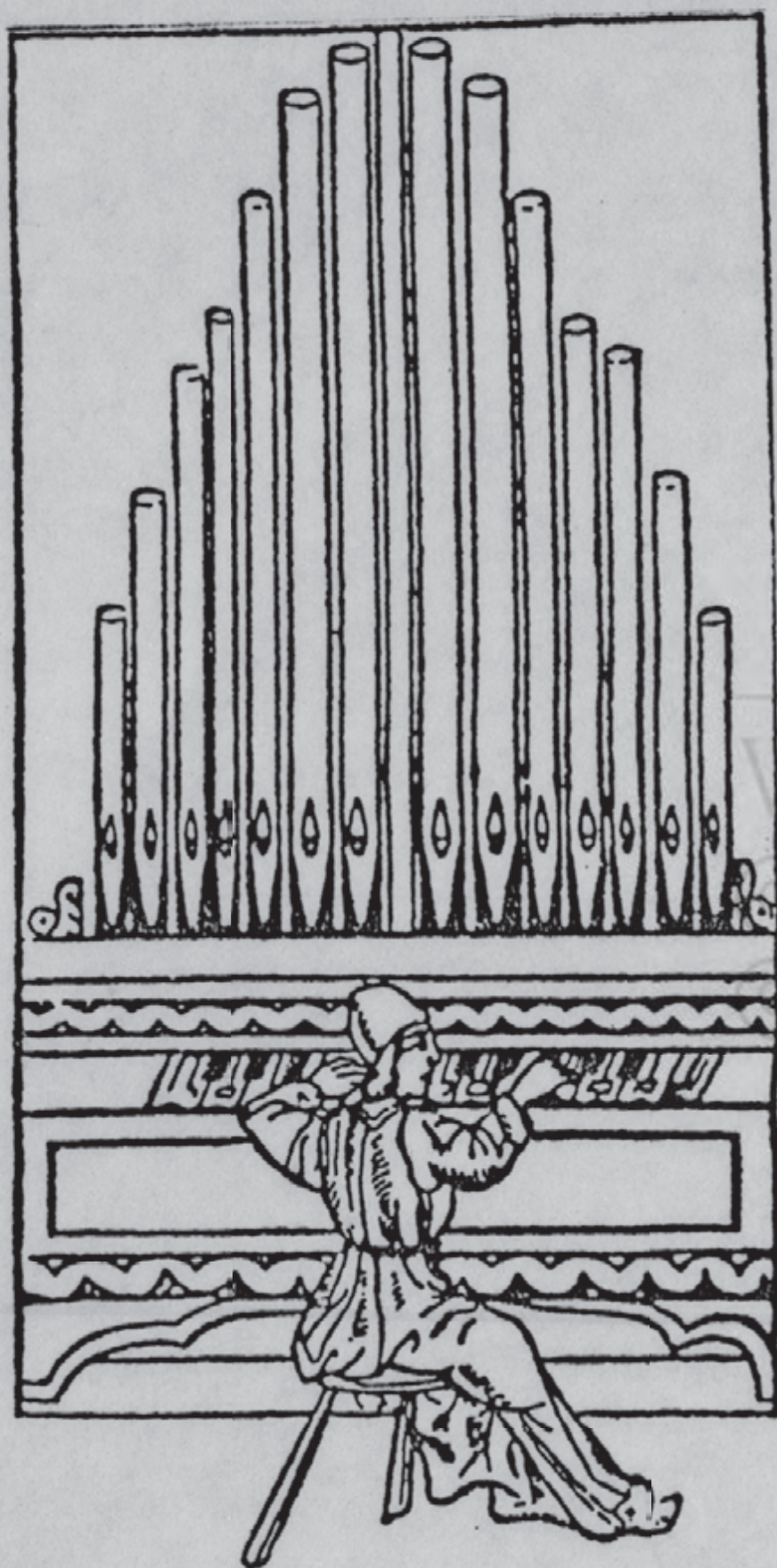
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PARTICULARLY WITH JAPAN AND GERMANY; THERE IS A PRICE:
INFLATION; ~~THESE~~^{IM} REPORTED GOODS HAVE INCREASED IN ~~THEIR~~ COST
~~AND~~ AMERICANS WILL BE ABLE TO GO ABROAD MUCH LESS
BECAUSE IT ~~HAS~~^{HAS} GOTTEN MUCH TOO EXPENSIVE;

DESPITE IT ALL, 1987 SEEMED TO BE A YEAR IN WHICH THE
WORLD WAS MOVING A LITTLE BIT MORE TOWARD ACCOMMODATION;
TRIBAL WARS HAVE TO BE FOUGHT. FEUDALISM MUST BE OVERCOME.
~~THE~~^{SUPER} POWERS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THEY WERE BEING BLED
WITH THE HIGH COST OF ARMAMENTS. -- THEREFORE, THE ARMS
CONTROL AGREEMENT. CHINA AND RUSSIA ARE BOTH EXPERIMENTING
WITH SOME WESTERN CAPITALIST TOOLS; THE WEST WAS WILLING
TO BEGIN TO TAKE THE SOVIET UNION AT ITS WORD, ALBEIT WITH
CAUTION; IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR, A YEAR IN WHICH THE SPOTLIGHT
WAS TAKEN OFF ~~THE~~ EUROPE AND, TO SOME EXTENT, OFF THE WEST AND
TURNED ON THE THIRD WORLD;

THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED IN 1987 WAS THAT WE NO
LONGER HAVE TO WORRY THAT ANY AND EVERY STRUGGLE IN THE
WORLD MUST INVOLVE THE SUPER POWERS ON OPPOSITE SIDES
OF THE FENCE;

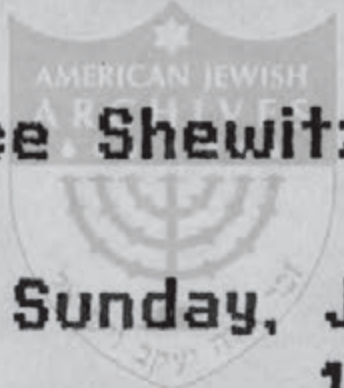
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| JANUARY 17 COFFEE HOUR 9:30 am Branch SERVICE 10:30 am Branch Lecture - Recital Mr. Bruce Shewitz | 18 M L KING, JR, DAY NO TRS | 19 TWA BRANCH 10:00 am Activities 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 Noon Luncheon SCHOOLBOARD MEETING 7:30 pm Branch | 20 <i>SAM</i> <i>School</i> TMC BOARD MEETING 8:00 pm Branch | 21 | 22 SERVICE 5:30 pm Main Temple | 23 BAT MITZVA Dauri Rosenfield 11:00 am Branch |
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"PRAISE GOD WITH THE SOUND OF THE PIPES"

A Lecture/Recital on the
Organ in Jewish Worship

Works by Rossi, Lewandowski,
Bloch, Freed, Adler, and
Castelnuovo-Tedesco

 Bruce Shewitz, director of music

Sunday, January 17, 1988
10:30 am

The Temple Branch
26000 Shaker Boulevard
in Beachwood

Kaddish

Friday

Sunday

JANUARY 10, 1988

Those who passed away this week

SANDRA HERTZ

DINAH GIBBS

BEATRICE WALKER

Yahrzeits

SAMUEL W. SCHAUL

EUGENE H. GOODMAN

SAMUEL H. KLEIN

JACK HOLSTEIN

KENNARD E. GOODMAN

LEONARD TASK

RUTH NEIGER PALLER

EDITH ALPER NEIGER

LOREN B. WEBER

ROBERT JASKULEK

ALBERT L. ROSENBERG

BERTRAM J. KROHNGOLD, JR.

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ADELAIDE SEMPLINER WEITZ

MOSES J. GARSON

HATTIE GERSON LOEB

MARJORIE W. LIEBERMAN

BEN BIALOSKY

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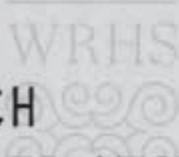
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FREIDA BERK

RALPH I. BASS

HARRY B. HIMELFARB

THERESA SIEGLER





RABBI DAN -

IF YOU LIKE, I
WILL ANNOUNCE THE
NEW HYMN, HINEI
MA TOV, THIS MORNING.

Bruce

Classical Notes



THE TEMPLE CHOIR

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
The Temple Branch--10:30 amBruce Shewitz
Music director

DJS

Date January 10, 1988

Service no.

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UP

GOP

(SOLO)

Opening
anthemBraun: Ma tovu

Bar'chu

Trad.

Sh'ma

Trad.

V'ahavta

Braun

Mi chamocha

Weiner

Tzur

yisraeil

Trad.

Avot

C. Smith

K'dusha

SulzerMay the
wordsJanowski (CHOIR AMEN)H. Henderson~~TORAH SERVICE**~~Anthem/
~~Solo~~Steinberg: Shalom rav

Aleinu

Trad.

V'ne-emar

Trad.

Amen

#1 TO CONG.

Hymn

HINEI MA TOV

Amen

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REMARKS