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- 2- its literal meaning - Jewish calendar (all observances dependent on it) determined by Jews
- 3- its deeper meaning - that Religion made not for G-d but for man
that Torah not be left for angels but for us to do & obey.
that Jsm genuine not when we talk about G-d & Time
& Torah, but only when we live it & observe it scrupulously.
- 4- is a vital, urgent comment on Am-J smnty which has become the "TALKINGEST JUDAISM" in history - Rarely before so much writing & talking re: Jewish values, philosophy, theology. And rarely before so little genuine change-to-better in lives of masses of Jews.
- Almost every perceptive thinker same criticism "Return to Religion" - which even if second-rate better than nothing. But born joining, construction, writing, display, talk, talk, talk - and yet remains an extremely superficial phenomenon.
5. An Example of warmest, most J. talk - w. least reality behind it: New Hassidism
- a) some values added in trad. J. values: warmth, insight, ecstasy, uptr.
 - b) real need to preserve these in modified form.
 - c) New Hassidism in practice: preempted these elements but cast aside its foundation & substratum - Torah - Halacha
 - d) Babel - worried out of faith
 - e) Disciples of all kinds - created neurosticity - talk of prayer & miracles - but little devotion in talk of G-d & revelation - but instead of taking Torah from G-d, have returned it to Him. specialize in psychic religion - but nothing remotely resembling way-of-life of P'p' 123.
- 6- Is not psychic religion - is returning Torah to G-d, whereas J's Trad. teaches Talk w/o Torah - a travesty. Hassidism w/o Halacha - a horror;
- 7- Talking Religion w/o practicing it is psychic religion - a return to Religious Slavery - spiritual bondage - freemen act; slaves only drate.
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8- story of פסח ושלח - after Roman conquest - colleague went to
 21. the פסח ושלח. But he (prob. guided by Mrs. Elazar b. Arach)
 went to פיקסין פיקסין... the ritzy suburbia of ancient
Judea - in time so retrogressed that called to Torah &
 instead פסח ושלח read פסח ושלח....

9. No doubt he a loyal Jew - No doubt was "proud to be a Jew" -
 No doubt spoke glowingly & even more eloquently than a Heschel
 about TIME and SPACE and WONDER and RADICAL AMAZEMENT.
 But in a פיקסין פיקסין which was NOT a פסח ושלח,
 he could not longer grasp פסח ושלח, had his talk
 out-of-touch with his real life, this פסח was not his -
 no balking פסח, no burning פסח, no reading of it or selling it,
 no coming to stand for something & for the פסח....
 AND SO - פסח ושלח - HEART MUTE; WHILE HIS
 TONGUE TALKED, HIS HEART HARDENED BY SILENCE.
 This is not Torah. This, he suddenly realized, is a bluff.

10- "Jewish content" & "J. values" at centers.... פסח ושלח
 as פסח ושלח - else פסח ושלח

11- to H.S. pupils & school in 1982 - either/or.....

12- פסח ושלח - This month, friends, is ours. This is a month when, even
 more so than פסח - High Holidays - we are involved in doing, in practicing,
 in living Torah. פסח ושלח. We can make of Torah a Tree
 of Life or a Tragedy of ~~Dialectic~~ and Talking; we can make it
 ennoble our lives or just eloquent dialectic. We can make of our
 association with Torah a פסח ושלח - or a פסח ושלח -
 a small, still voice which will spare the sound but sanctify the soul.
פסח ושלח - it is up to us. Let us make the right choice.