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JHC - "Unsavory aspects of the County Festival:  
Reflections on some practices of the  
American-Jewish community"  
TEL AVIV '52

March 29, '52

- 1- In beg. of Sidra, וְלֹא תַּעֲבֹר, רֶכֶב, נִפְנָה, פְּנִימָה  
י'נ' can find atonement; priest must be wary, leader unfriendly.  
Great problem is י'נ' - תְּשִׁיבֵת, such obviously  
incorrect + wrong actions that they're overlooked.
- 2- Above used as not as text, but as pre-text, for communal  
Sins, both י'נ' + י'נ'.
- 3- The Sins: (י'נ' ח'נָה)
  - a) פְּנִימָה - "Abrahamic rite of circumcision". by Rebekah, not  
MD. Idea that ח'נָה not safe is bunk. MD's have more  
sense there. What can Rebekah answer to father who calls "will  
you make blessing while MD circumcises"? He thinks it's  
like Priest splashing water 3 times - ח'נָה, ח'נָה, ח'נָה.  
I answer "it's OK, if MD will consent to pray while I  
take out someone's appendix". - Why, if intent of  
circumcisions is hygienic + prophylaxis, do they put Milah  
Room right next to boiler room?
  - b) Weddings - chuppah, even fanciest, go to church 1st.  
Why we must have fancy ball-room site.
  - c) Bar Mitzvahs - esp. י'נ' ח'נָה
- 4- Sin - (י'נ' ח'נָה)
  - a) False piyyut
  - b) Families go to hotels. Now '16 goes away for Easter.  
Wonder what they think of us for doing it in now  
אַמְּבָדָה

Seder is a dull oppy, Father teach son directly.  
Blast advertising of the papers