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"Remembering - Recording or Reliving?"I - דברים לד -

- a) its importance - למנוח וליהודים (according to most authorities)
 b) the story - Achan's treachery.

II. Remember what? - [its more than vengeance - perhaps
~~is~~ not that at all].

- a) The Treachery of godlessness.
 b) The Barbarism of immorality
 c) The goodness & concern of g-d for those who accept Him.
 d) The manifestation of g-d in History

III. How to Remember

Significantly, g-d orders this Remembrance in 2 ways

a) דברים לד - Write in Book. Remembering
 by Recording.

b) דברים לד - Transmit thru human agency.
 Remember by Reliving.

This is the particularly Jewish form.

- Memory not by book, but by heart;
 not by script but by experience;
 not by letters but by acts;
 not by printer's craft, but by human ^{drama} ~~experience~~ ^{existence};

not by recording, but by reliving.

דברים לד -

IV - Other Nations - by Recording

- A- Greeks - we know of them only through their literature, their architecture, their sculpture.
- B- Romans - also them we know through their literature and their plastic art
- C- Egyptians - we recognize ancient Egypt by way of her archaeological ashes - pictures, urns, idols.

= YET:

- a) the modern Greek does not believe in, act like, or remind us of the towering intellects of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle
- b) the modern Italian is not reminiscent of the eloquence of Cicero or the brilliance of Justinian
- c) the contemporary Egyptian does not reflect the glory of the ancient Pharaohs or the genius of the builders of the sphinx.

= BECAUSE:

Memory to them was not a record, a book, a building,

an urn - may last longer than we man.

But the generations of men, a string of

Joshuas, ^{can} achieve eternity while

material remains must sooner or later disappear.

With us Jews - by Reliving - a method we must teach the entire world, if the positive cultural values of the western world are to be preserved from the merciless ravages of Time, and the callous deterioration that comes of Neglect. We must teach the secret of שמירת המצוות.

A - We Jews - esp. Traditional Jews - have always developed דברים alongside of מצוות.
As a matter of fact - מצוות, with all its holiness, is only the written preface to דברים.
The Bible is the Scriptural path to the Universe of Oral Tradition.

B - A sign of the value of מצוות - by heart, not by book - is the שם of מצוות = מצוות / מצוות / מצוות / מצוות.
So much so that - מצוות + מצוות = מצוות / מצוות / מצוות / מצוות.

C - The מצוות as the Jewish archetype in this respect. How a disciple met him one morning, & the מצוות was silent, gleam and in obvious pain. Reason - he had forgotten some matter he had studied the day before.

D - This idea of Yahid Yisrael, Remembering by
 Nehemy, finds expression as a powerful
 Sense of the Past in Judaism. The awareness
 of History is with us a dominant theme. We
 must be constantly aware of our heritage - act like
 sons of Abraham & Moses & Joshua & David &
 R. Akiba & Rabbi's Mainmides.

1) in PRAYER - constant reminder of mitzvot.

2) in LAW - Halakha is a constant reminder of mitzvot.
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3) in PHILOSOPHY - Judaic Halakha - God's answer
 to Pharaoh King about Jewish Faith not begin
 by existence of G-d, G-d as Prime Mover or First
 Cause, or Principle of Good, or even as Creator -
 rather: God's answer - History.

4) in FESTIVALS - all Festivals, in addition to
 highlighting natural seasonal phenomena, also
 have historical motifs
Exodus
Desert
Revelation

5) CURRENT - State of Israel, after 2000 years,
 not ~~because of~~ by documentary memory, but
 by dynamic recollection, constant awareness.

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VI.

WHEN REMEMBERING IS ONLY RECORDING

Unfortunately, in our day much that is of value & worth reliving & re-experiencing is committed only to the memory of Recording. And that is of little value indeed - like student who writes down most things wants to recall, but never writes the really important ones - because if he has no notes to rely on, he will certainly remember them.

A - How our Western world has failed in its Remembering.

1. Remember those horrible days of Hithers & that name which yet today strikes terror in men's hearts - if they still have them - "Dachau".
2. What happened after the war?
 - was any attempt made to impress upon these barbarians the extent of their crime?
 - was any attempt made to teach them a sense of guilt?
 - " " " " to keep the facts of their infamy constantly before them?

~~2. No, my friend~~

3. Yes, friends, attempts were made. But they were half-hearted, weak-willed & downright insincere. There were attempts only to Remember by Recording, not Remember by Reliving.
4. A Herald Tribune report this week - sign at Dachau reads: "Laundry & Dry cleaning, chapel, crematory & Motor Pool". And further down, near that crematory sandwiched between Laundry, chapel & Motor Pool, stands a small stone slab marked "Think of how we died here".

- 5- This, friends, is the sum total of our efforts, it remembering the annals of our day, & the martyrs who perished in the millions.

There are News- Papers- Books. But there is no reliving, no repentance . . .

- 6- Read from Trib article, undelined parts

- 7- This is what happens when we remember annals only by reading! Ultimately the records themselves are destroyed & all memory vanishes! all memory "closed till further notice". ^{I am worried if that "further notice" has to be another 30 million human beings killed!}

- 8- What have we done to prevent this obliteration of memory?

- The West & East both flit with this hail of Nations.
- like frustrated lovers they bid to be bloody charms.
- Independence, Unification, Military arms - what else will we offer this sadistic, brutal, unrepentant people, in the name of political expediency? -

- 9 - Good Taste! good Taste! The good, correct German manners! When they shot my 95-yr. old great-grandmother in the Krakow Forest it was some good taste. When they burned alive my 14-yr. old cousin in Lwow, it was good taste.

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and not by records & books & pictures & monuments - by video & film & put it into the ears &

-7. Remember

hearts + minds of Tozmas to generation, teach
them that Amalek exists in every generation, that
those who will not repent deserve no consideration,
that those despicable murderers who bar their
conscience with the sign "Closed Until Further Notice"
have the gates of Heaven being closed to them.
~~The~~ Teach them that they must be ever
vigilant, that in relieving these breaches of
"good taste" + ~~the~~ "improved international relations"
+ "propaganda", they are not alone -
that not only they + we - raise our voices in
objection; that not only they + we shall we
remember, but that a chorus of 6 million voices
shatters the good taste + improve relations
+ cry out
remembering that
VPIA 1512 712, remember by
2132 712 1512 1112 1112 !

VII - Conclusion -

In conclusion, Memory, as indicated in Jewish Liturgy, Law, Philosophy, Festivals & ~~History~~ Thinking is not a matter of books & words & monuments, not Rem. by Rec., but Rem. by Rel. That, ... the sense of History is of terrible importances.

And thus in Remembering the Anceals of every generation, we relive not only their deceit, treachery & infamy, but the moral truth that G-d protects the innocent, saves the persecuted, redeems the good, and favorably directs the historical destiny of all honest men.