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IDEA FOR PURIM:

THEME: Problem of emotional thinness of "modern Orthodoxy" Too much celebration of history, too little personal experience. Many of those who assert Messianism of the State of Israel do so not because of objective reasons, but because of a desire to tap the wellsprings of passion -- which are so lacking in our lives. Wrong headed but right intention. Charles Lieberman on Orthodoxy had the only source of religious source of religious passion.

The "letter" of the Megillah is said twice. First, by Mordecai (Esther 9:20-28). It is obviously one that is full of great emotion and joy. But then Esther sends a second letter (Esther 9:29-32). The key seems to be a very ~~and~~ sturdy one -- כאשר ק"מ עליהם אשר היה ביום הוא -- the intention of Esther was that the celebration of Purim in the future should not be merely a commemorations of Mordecai's and Esther's victory, but גאון, it should retain the whole intimacy of a personal experience, a Purim not remembered but relived, not recalled but reenacted.

Similarly, R. Meyer Shapiro on: מה ראוי ומה ראוי כי יקראו אתה

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