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- I A- angry prophet from $\pm$ ancient Judea has some strange & yet uniquely appropriate words to say to us in today's Hattorah.
- B- Reaches bottom of pit of desparation - wants to die.
 עוֹלָם בְּיָדָם? וְלָמָד? why? - Because of cruelty of great desert, but by day & cold by night? No. Because of inhuman persecution by Israel? No! why then? -
 'וְלָמָד' 'וְלָמָד'!! what a strange reason!

- II A. and yet is true contemporary scene. Was a time in American Jewish life when bold up parents as ~~ideals~~ models of ideal Jewish behavior. No longer.
- B. Remember my first Yiddish sermon exhorted evry. emulate parents. afterwards, a wise old man enlightened me - if these people emulate their parents, they'd be out at the theatre Fri. night and in the park ^{out} driving Sat. morning....

- C. our present young generation feels a strong kinship w. Elijah's plaint. If ^{'וְלָמָד'} ~~'וְלָמָד'~~, then we are pretty desparate. For to be as good as better than they, is not quite good enough. we can love them & respect them - & still recognize the tragedy of being no better than them.

- III A. Is a vexing problem in Jewish education. Parents want children have all "good things in life" more than they had - even Jewish learning - but not Jewish observance... to HAVE more, but not to BE more... visit their sins & impose their own limitations on their children... Program of "conflict"...

B. They force their children to be no better than their parents
 - & that ^{can} mean spiritual extinction - esp. if 3 or 4 or 5
 the loss of esp. of the soul...

(IV - didn't include in sermon): psychologists, esp. of psychoanalytic
 persuasion, say a stage in everyone's life when not
 satisfied w. emulating father, wants to outdo him....]

V - A - Frank and, shows signs of change.
 B - article of faith that Jews will return en masse to Israel.
 New first glimmers realization
 C - "Riverston Report" - AJCom. - children Cms, Nat -
 want more observances - esp. if 3 or 4 or 5
 is a complaint - ...

D - Hugo Bergman (Chairman Philo. Dept. Hebrew U.) in
 Haaretz: thirst for religion in Israel...

E - & I'm sure this a thirst, hunger & groping
 for genuine relig - not Socialized Religion,
 not Theatricalisms of Reform & semi-Reform...
 F - when ~~the~~ begin to do something about YHWH...
 then there's advance...

you deserve to survive. If 216/11 - then 20/11.
 This is the tragic consequence of becoming a 'Gid' /
 Or - Rise higher than they, channel your zeal
 into service of G-d & loyalty Torah - and become
 not 'Gid' but (116/11)

It . Set us before 116/12 - & may our reward
 be like that of our
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Benediction - from 116/11.

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