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Yom Kippur Services, Washington Hebrew Congregation

Washington D.C.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends:

This is a solemn period in the tradition of our people. I share my thoughts with you this Yom Kippur afternoon fully conscious of the privilege that is mine. To stand on this bimah at any time, as Rabbi or as layman, is an honor and opportunity not to be abused. The sentiments of those who assemble and pray and fast on this Day of Atonement are particularly to be respected. I respectfully suggest that they do not attend services in this House of Worship to be instructed on what to think about current events, even though the prevailing ethic seems to be otherwise. A prayer service should be a unifying experience for those who worship rather

than a divisive one. I approach my task this afternoon in the awareness that the political editorial or its echo is not an adequate substitute for the wisdom to be found in the great scholars of yesterday and today.

[It is not modesty or humility that leads me to these introductory views. It is difficult in the Jewish tradition to be humble. Indeed, it takes a kind of arrogance for us to proclaim humility. The tale of a Yom Kippur service in a small European shtetl of the last century is illustrative of my point. The Rabbi, a pious man, was so overcome by the spirit of the Kol Nidre service that he began to beat his breast and proclaim loudly: "O Lord, I stand humbly before thee. Forgive me, for I am nothing. I am nothing!" The cantor, affected by the rabbi's intense piety, stood up and repeated in a loud and moaning chant: "O Lord, I too, am humble. I am nothing, nothing." This was repeated tearfully by the elders of the synagogue. Caught up in the same fervor, the lowly sexton, the shamus, joined in and began crying: "O Lord, I too, am humble. I am nothing. I am nothing." Whereupon the cantor nudged the rabbi and angrily whispered "Look who thinks he's a nothing!

I will talk about Jewish values and how they have uniquely contributed to the motivations that have been dominant in my life.

The ancient tribes of Israel made a profound contribution to civilization when they proclaimed that there was only one God at a time when the prevailing view of their neighbors was that there were many gods. If there is only one God then we are all of us His children and thus brothers and sisters to one another. The "Sh'ma Yisroel", the holiest and most repeated of Jewish prayers ("Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One"), symbolizes the essence of that message. In recent years, I have on occasion been called upon to serve our Government, much of that required me to be overseas during our important religious holidays. I have, therefore, been at services in London, Geneva, Madrid, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Bucharest, Belgrade, Johannesburg in South Africa, and Salisbury in Zimbabwe. It is inspiring wherever we may be as Jews, and whatever language may be spoken, to hear the familiar ring and message of the Sh'ma, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Thus, the prophet Micah's message: "Have we not all one Father? Hath not God created us?" Thus too, the Talmudic use of Rabbi Ben Azzai's assertion that the most important verse in the whole Bible is the one from the Book of Genesis stating that Man was created in the divine image. The Sages pointed out that among the first questions in the Talmud is "When may morning prayers be recited?" After midnight? Before dawn? After dawn? The answer the Rabbis gave us is that one recites

the morning prayers when there is enough light for a man to recognize his brother. A further rabbinic story refers to the Haggadah tale of the Egyptian armies drowning in the Sea of Reeds. The angels in heaven began to sing the praises of the Lord. And the Lord rebuked them by saying, "My children are drowning and you would sing?"

Here, in this doctrine of human brotherhood, we have the essence of our religious creed, the spiritual basis of our evolving civilization. Here are the moral roots of political democracy, human rights, human dignity, the American dream. It is perhaps no historic accident that we find an extraordinary degree of convergence between Jewish and American values. From the early days of the founding and settlement of our American society, when the Puritans used Hebrew as the language of their prayers, the ties that have bound Judaism to American democracy have been intense.

Jews have had a unique romance with America. The frontier spirit, the open competition, the hostility to monopoly of power -- all these meant the Jew had a chance. In the United States today, more than 40% of all the Jews in the world live comfortably in two compatible cultures. This era in America may well be the golden age of Jewish history and culture. Some of the greatest Jewish libraries in the world are here. The community is strong and affluent, with an intellectual and

spiritual ingredient of significance. History may well judge that the American period for Jewry is at least as grand, if not more so, than any other period in Jewish history. And all of this is protected by America's strength.

Gunnar Myrdal wrote many years ago that he was struck by the strength and depth of American values with their roots in religious ethics. They reflected themselves, he said, in the power of the "ought" as a guiding light for our actions. The "is" of our lives as individuals or as a nation may not always be consistent with the "ought", but the "ought" is the moving force in bringing us steadily closer to the values and ideals we proclaim. We continue to stretch to attain our aspirations. But the evolving movement forward is not an automatic one, and achievement of the "ought" requires effort and dedication. Here too our Jewish experience and teaching is helpful as it provides us the ability to look unpleasant truths in the face and accept the notion that there is evil as well as good in the world.

The concept of Man's divine nature easily led to the 17th, 18th, and 19th Centuries' emphasis on Man as a rational being: the Age of Reason, the brilliant political thinkers and philosophers of the period, the democratic revolutions. Indeed, this period also saw the birth of Reform Judaism and other efforts to inject rationality into religious observance.

The problem, however, was that the perception of Man as rational and God-like could not explain Man's continued capacity for cruelty against Man and Nature.

The philosophic notion of the coexistence of good and evil is found in many ancient civilizations, but it is particularly strong in the writings of the Jewish teachers. Consistent with the notion of human brotherhood, the Jewish scholars taught that there is in each one of us an ingredient in the heart and soul which is good and God-like. But, they continued, there is also in each one of us an ingredient which is destructive and "evil". The sages defined it as "yaitzer hatov" and "yaitzer hara". The Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhr called it "Children of Light and Children of Darkness". Freud and others based their understanding of Man on this insight. And this dichotomy in Man means the good and the evil is also intrinsic to the societies created by Man.

The history of civilization then becomes that of our effort to strengthen the "yaitzer hatov" within us, our children, our families, the societies we create. This is the real meaning of the evolutionary challenge, the climbing of Jacob's ladder to the heavens. One might say also it is the evolution of the species homo sapien to that of the species human being.

A cynic once observed that the devil too evolves. There

have been struggles. There will continue to be struggles against the "yaitzer hara" within us and in the societies that we create. How else can we explain totalitarianism except as an expression of that destructive drive? How else can we understand the Holocaust, or the cruelty of the Soviet system? If there is one thing that history has taught us, it is that we ignore the dark side of Man only at our peril. The Age of Reason expressed the highest aspirations of man's enlightened nature -- but it did not account for his contrary impulses. We have the capacity to reach for the stars, but we do so with our feet deep in the earth.

In this generation, perhaps more than at any other in history, we must face the duality of man's nature. Those of us who have been called upon to carry forward the values of our traditions so that we may have the right to be called "the People of the Book" cannot shirk our special responsibility to recognize the "yaitzer hara" where it exists, and find the ways to overcome it while maintaining fealty to our values and aspirations. This is how we can contribute to the onward evolutionary development of Man as a human being and as the builder of a just society. Indeed, if there is any meaning to the term "chosen people" and if there is any justification for the inexplicable survival of the Jewish people over the ages when they could have just been a footnote in history, it must be in a renewed commitment to remember the lessons of The Book.

Simply stated, our dilemma is to learn how to preserve peace and expand human liberty in a world of conflicting values, competing interests, and the awesome capability which we now have of destroying civilization as we know it. It is perhaps the supreme irony of our age that we have learned to fly through space like birds and move in deep waters like fish. But we have yet to learn how to live and love on this small planet as brothers and sisters. In every age this has been the challenge, but it is today more urgent than ever as we realize that our continued existence as a species depends on a fragile thread.

It is appropriate to ask whether the intellectual acceptance or declaration of a commitment to peace and Brotherhood are enough to ensure their survival under the onslaught of modern totalitarian regimes armed with the tools of repression? I urge that we not permit our dedication to peace to interfere with our perception of reality. We do not seek the peace of the graveyard or of the Gulag. We value freedom, human dignity, and democracy. What we must decide is what we are prepared to risk for the preservation of those values. Somerset Maugham once wrote "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too." Benjamin Franklin said it this way: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Securing a lasting peace with freedom requires that we maintain our strength. All of us understand why Israel needs to have a modern army and arsenal of weapons to defend itself against hostile forces. We must not forget that not only does Israel depend on America's strength, but the United States too faces a serious and strong adversary motivated by an ideological commitment to expand its system by force and violence; an adversary with a vast arsenal of nuclear and conventional weapons, the largest standing army in the world. It is, of course, unpleasant to face harsh realities, but responsibility requires realism. Our desire to see the evolution of mankind move toward a more enlightened and humane society requires us to persist through negotiation, but also through strength, in the search for understanding, agreement and lasting peace with liberty.

There is a difference between good and bad. There is a difference between democracy and tyranny. The systemic repression and lack of respect for human rights in the Soviet Union and other totalitarian regimes today cannot be morally equated with our own society's inadequacies or with the shortcomings of struggling democracies such as El Salvador or the Philippines.

Yes, there is a difference between El Salvador, a democracy

whose government was freely elected in a hotly contested election (which I witnessed), and Nicaragua, governed by a Communist self-selected elite. It is more than significant for Jews to note that democratic El Salvador under President Duarte is one of the few in the world, together with Costa Rica, consistently to join the United States in support of Israel in the United Nations. It announced it was moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a step that produced an immediate boycott by the Arabs. The Sandinista government of Nicaragua, in contrast, strongly reinforced by thousands of Cuban and other Soviet bloc military advisers and intelligence agents, has consistently voted with the Arab and Soviet bloc to condemn Israel in UN fora. Sandinistas have trained in PLO camps, and officially issued a communique affirming its "bonds of solidarity" with the PLO.

Our response to these moral and political challenges will be a test of our will to support our friends, our security, and our values. We must identify with those who espouse our values and share our deep commitment to the dignity of Man, and we must support their struggle for liberty and human dignity. The Nobel Laureate Andrei Sakharov wrote: "the world is facing very difficult times and cruel cataclysms if the West...does not now show the required firmness, unity and consistency in resisting the totalitarian challenge...It is important that the common danger be fully understood -- everything else will then fall into place."

That, my friends, is the message of Judaism for our time and for all time that I share with you on this holy day of introspection, prayer, and rededication to human values.

**WASHINGTON
HEBREW CONGREGATION**



YOM KIPPUR SERVICES
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Let There Be Light

The Washington Hebrew Congregation welcomes you to our newly refurbished Kaufmann Sanctuary. We are justly proud of this project, but it still needs the enthusiastic support of every member of the Congregation. We need your help.

To enhance your understanding of what has been done and the work that still awaits completion I would like to share some information with you.

For almost four decades our families have enjoyed worship in this fine Sanctuary. Gradually we noticed that the years had taken their toll. The ceiling had suffered from numerous leaks, the wall covering was peeling, and the carpeting was badly frayed.

When we begin to formulate the plans for refurbishing, we were advised that this would be the appropriate time for any major changes. For many years, people had inquired about the possibility of introducing natural light into the Sanctuary. After extensive consultation with our architect and interior designer the present "Let There Be Light" project was planned and executed.

The new windows that have been constructed represent almost two thousand square feet of glass. The present clear windows adjacent to the Kreeger Lobby and the extensive wall of windows facing the woods will all receive a second layer of stained glass within the next year. The theme chosen for this work is the first command of Scripture, "In the beginning ... God said, "Let there be light. "

Our New Ritual Objects

As Judaism has always skillfully blended the past and present, so does our Sanctuary reflect the creative heritage of previous ages as well as of our own time. Our newly installed Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) is from an Italian Synagogue of the mid-19th century. The Holy Ark has been significantly enlarged to include many additional Torah scrolls. We have purposely selected a variety of scribal traditions to reflect the diversities of Jewish skills.

Several of the scrolls were written in Poland in the early 20th Century and brought to London for safe keeping during World War II. One scroll comes from Czechoslovakia and another from Russia near Kiev. The latter was written after the War and secretly brought to the United States in 1970. Yet another scroll is written in the Hasidic tradition in beautiful Lubavitz Baal Hatanya script. The work was done in Russia in 1920. Two of the scrolls are brand new, written in Israel in distinctive Sephardi script. Finally we have acquired a most unusual "Haftorah Scroll" containing the weekly portions from the prophetic books of the Bible. This was written in traditional Ashkenazi script.

The Torah silver also represents the diversity of the Jewish artistic spirit. The unusual center crown comes from Vienna, 1859. It consists of eight arches in Chasted Floral Motif; rose flowers and petals on matted ground. The large crown is surmounted by a matched smaller double crown. The Torah finials, or

"Rimonim are over 100 years old and come from Austria. Several of the breast plates also come from Vienna. Two of them are from Germany, one from the famous artisan of Judaica "Posen." The pointers are fine antique Judaica from Germany and Austria. One especially ornate pointer with bells comes from Bohemia.

Eight sets of Torah mantles, one for the High Holy Days and one for Sabbath and festivals are being commissioned through a national competition. Other items of Judaica which include a Chuppah, a Sukkah, a Purim Magillah and case and a Mezzuzah of dedication will be specially selected for The Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Two Sanctuary Menorahs to be placed in the large niches on either side of the choir loft will be the work of the noted sculptor, Albert Paley.

The Rabbis', Cantor's, and torah reading stands, as well as the ten new pulpit chairs, were designed and crafted for us by our interior designer David Wilson.

Other Facilities

The new East Lobby entrance, refurbished Ades Gallery and Kreeger Lobby are part of the entire project.

The Kreeger Lobby, when it is completed, will have several handsome tapestries on the acoustically treated walls. Stained glass windows are being commissioned for the large glass area facing Macomb Street and the especially designed Judaica Cases will display our religious heritage.

Shortly after the High Holy Days, the Ades Gallery will receive a new floor and will once again exhibit the historic archival photos of the Washington Hebrew Congregation and each year's Confirmation class. These will be displayed in newly created exhibit cases.

To Our Members

All of the work throughout our building, including the new lighting provided in the Kaufmann Sanctuary and a new sound system, has been made possible through the kindness and generosity of loyal members of the Congregation.

We believe that the Synagogue belongs to all the people. It is our spiritual home and house of worship and we invite all the members of our Congregation who have not yet done so, to come forward and share in making this magnificent project possible.

In Appreciation

I wish to express the profound appreciation of the Congregation to an extraordinary group of dedicated individuals without whom this demanding project could never have been undertaken: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sigal, Sigal Construction Company, and all the members of their staff, as well as all the craftsmen and artisans who participated in the renovation; Leonard Shapiro, Chairman for the entire project; Susan Rolnick, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Art Acquisition; Mr. David Forman, Chairman of the Fund Raising Campaign and Barbara Landow, Chairman of Major Gifts;

members of the Refurbishing Committee; Linda Freedman, Gary London, Kenneth Marks, Froma Sandler, Jack Gural, Iris Miller, Martha Bindeman and Stuart Bindeman, President; members of the Fund Raising Committee, Richard Young, Nathan Isikoff, Kenneth Seidel, Bernard Shapiro, Robert Lachin, Kenneth Marks, Susan Rolnick, Froma Sandler and Stuart Bindeman; the Chairperson of Public Relations and the brochure, Froma Sandler; our Building Superintendent, Mr. Tim McNamara, and his staff; Barbara Wolk, Interim Administrator, Lois Rosen, Campaign Administrator and the entire office staff of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg

LET THERE BE LIGHT CAMPAIGN

During the High Holy Days we are fortunate to be worshipping in our newly redesigned Kaufmann Sanctuary. The many exciting improvements we are enjoying are the result of the extraordinary generosity and support of advanced gift donors. They committed considerable funds so that with careful planning by the Board of Directors and the Redesign Committee this project could go forward. In addition to the Sanctuary improvements, several other areas of our Temple Building are being renovated, the Kreeger Lobby, Ades Gallery and lounges.

The funds needed for this ambitious and uplifting project depend upon each congregational family's participation in the "Let There Be Light" Campaign. Please join the many families who have already made their commitment. All donors will be appropriately acknowledged in the permanent archives of our Congregation. We are counting on you to complete the form provided. Return it to the Temple at your earliest convenience.

We have enjoyed the foresight and generosity of past generations who have built our historic Congregation. Now it is our responsibility to insure the future.

The Washington Hebrew Congregation Temple Redesign Campaign

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OUR YOM KIPPUR MOOD

As we gather for the Yom Kippur evening service, let us sit quietly while the music of Kol Nidre fills our hearts.

Please terminate all conversation as you enter the Sanctuary. Silence speaks louder than words. It signifies respect.

Plan to arrive in ample time for each service and have your own ticket ready to show at the door.

Please turn off all signal watches and beepers. Physicians may leave the Temple's emergency number (362-7103) with their answering services.

If you must leave the service before its conclusion, please exit only through the rear doors.

Please do not attempt to save groups of seats for latecomers.

At all times cooperate with the ushers who are your fellow congregants. They are serving you and the Congregation at great personal sacrifice.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Congregation is grateful to the following for helping to provide the environment of inspiration and comfort during the High Holy Days:

The family and friends of the late David G. Bress for the High Holy Day music.

Abe and Sylvia Shrinsky Creative Worship Fund for the Afternoon Poetry and Music.

The family and friends of the late Dr. LeRoy Robins for their support of our medical emergency program.

The Sisterhood for the lovely flowers that grace our High Holy Days pulpits.

YOM KIPPUR

**KOL NIDRE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2**

Kaufmann Sanctuary

Early Service: 6:00 P.M.

Late Service: 8:45 P.M.

Rabbi Weinberg will preach at both Services

Ring Hall

Early Service: 6:00 P.M.

Singles' Service: 8:45 P.M.

Rabbi Lustig will preach at 6:00 P.M.

Rabbi Rosove will preach at 8:45 P.M.

**The Sanctuary doors will be closed during
the chanting of the Kol Nidre prayer.**

**YOM KIPPUR DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
ADULT SERVICES**

Kaufmann Sanctuary

Early Service: 9:00 A.M.

Late Service: 11:30 A.M.

Rabbi Rosove will preach at both Services

FAMILY/CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Ring Hall

Early Service: 9:00 A.M.

Mid-Morning Service: 10:30 A.M.

Noon Service: 12:00 Noon

Rabbi Weinberg will preach
at the 10:30 A.M. Service

Rabbi Lustig will preach at the
9:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon Services

YOM KIPPUR STUDY SEMINARS

In response to the request of many early morning Yom Kippur worshippers, those who wish to remain in our Temple will be offered an intellectually and spiritually challenging program following the first morning service, which ends at about 11:00 a.m. There will be four study seminars, each to be conducted by an expert, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Herman Berlinski - "The Mystery of Jewish Musical Notation"

Since his retirement in 1977 as Minister of Music at Washington Hebrew Congregation, Dr. Berlinski has been a concertizing organist and composer. In 1984, he received an award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters for his work in the field of composition. The Jewish Theological Seminary of America has honored Herman Berlinski at his 75th birthday with the establishment of The Berlinski Archives, which will encompass all his compositions and writings.

David C. Forman - "A Yom Kippur Odyssey: The History, Significance, and Traditions of the Holiest Day of the Year"

The First Vice President of our Congregation, Mr. Forman is a dedicated layman in the Reform Jewish movement. He was a board member of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods; Chairman of the Young Men's Division, United Jewish Appeal; Chairman of the Young Adult Leadership Conference, UJA, and has taught religious school and adult education classes for over twenty years. Mr. Forman is a member of the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

Stephanie P. Mondzac - "The Need to Atone in the Literature of Dostoevsky, Kafka ... and in Ourselves"

A member of our Congregation since 1973, Mrs. Mondzac has served on the Board of Directors. She is a graduate of Barnard College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, and was a University Fellow of the University of Vermont, where she received a Master of Arts degree. Mrs. Mondzac has taught at Towson State College, Montgomery College, and has been a member of the Literature Department at The American University for ten years, where she taught courses on the Jewish novel.

David A. Morowitz, M.D. - "Bio-Ethical Decision Making: The Physician and The Family"

Dr. Morowitz practices internal medicine and gastroenterology at the Washington Hospital Center and Georgetown University Hospital, where he is Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine. He serves on the Medical Ethics and Judicial Committee of the District of Columbia Medical Society. A graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Dr. Morowitz is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology.

LAYMAN'S HOUR SPEAKERS

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman - "Judaism and Democracy"

A lawyer, diplomat, and educator, Max Kampelman serves as Ambassador and Head of the United States Delegation to the current negotiations on nuclear and space arms limitations in Geneva and as Counselor of the Department of State. He is a trustee of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He was appointed by President Carter and reappointed by President Reagan to serve as Ambassador and Head of the U.S. Delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe from 1980 to 1983. He previously was a Senior Advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations. Ambassador Kampelman received a Juris Doctor from New York University and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Ada Adler - "Kol Nidre and the Memories It Evokes"

Mrs. Adler has been with the U.S. Government for more than twenty years, serving as a foreign service officer with assignments in Africa, Asia, and the Near East. Prior to this, she worked with the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Mexico and was a Fulbright Professor in Egypt. Involved in developing countries and in humanitarian affairs, she was Director of International Refugee Programs at the Department of State. Mrs. Adler received a Ph.D. from Columbia University, and has done political and economic post doctoral work at Harvard, Catholic, and George Washington Universities.

Barbara Liss Chertok - "I Once Heard the Shofar Blow"

Mrs. Chertok is a member of our Committee on Soviet Jewry and Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class and was a member of the Sisterhood Board. For the past ten years, she has served on Washington Hebrew Congregation's Committee for Special Needs, where she was instrumental in the acquisition of the Infrared Systems and TDD equipment which assists our hearing-impaired congregants. Mrs. Chertok teaches Speechreading (Lipreading) at Montgomery College. She is the Chair of the Subcommittee on the Hearing Impaired at the Jewish Social Service Agency and also serves on other committees and councils for the hearing impaired. She attended Boston and American Universities.

Bernard I. Nordlinger - "One Hundred Twenty-Five Years of Reform Judaism in the District of Columbia"

A third generation member of our Congregation, Mr. Nordlinger is a founder of and now counsel to King & Nordlinger, Attorneys-at-Law and Mediator, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He is a lecturer on real estate, corporation, and bankruptcy law at area law schools and Practicing Law Institutes of the American Bar Association. Mr. Nordlinger was past President of the D.C. Bar Association, Jewish Social Service Agency, and Jewish Historical Society, and Chairman of the Committee on Grievances, U.S. District Court for D.C. He received a A.B. (with distinction) and a LL.B. from George Washington University, as well as a LL.M from Georgetown University.

The Laymen's Hour provides a forum of religious self-expression for thoughtful Jewish men and women in our Congregation.

**CONTEMPORARY HOUR OF POETRY AND MUSIC
2:30 P.M.**

On Yom Kippur afternoon at 2:30 p.m., our special Hour of Poetry and Music is entitled "The Crown of Torah" It features a cantata of unusual depth and beauty for chorus, soloist and orchestra. This work, based upon excerpts from the Talmudic tractate known as Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Fathers), was composed by Ben Steinberg, one of the most notable composers of Jewish music today. Born in Winnipeg and educated at Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music, by the age of 12, Mr. Steinberg was

conducting the choir of the Synagogue where his father was Cantor. Presently he is Director of Music for Toronto's Temple Sinai, and is internationally acclaimed as lecturer, organist, teacher and conductor. A music critic described his work, "Ben Steinberg's music, while intellectually eclectic, demonstrating his expert knowledge of both Jewish and classical-to-contemporary mainstream styles, remains listenable. This is due to the primacy of the Jewish spirit in his works."

The spirit of the cantata is well understood through the words of Rabbi Shimon, "Eternal, our God, make the words of Your Torah sweet to us, and to the House of Israel, Your people, that we and our children may be lovers of Your Name and students of Your Torah. Turn it and turn it again, for it contains everything."

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**AFTERNOON MEMORIAL AND NEILAH SERVICES
3:30 P.M.**

The Afternoon Memorial and Neilah Services will begin at 3:30 P.M. Rabbi Weinberg will speak in the Kaufmann Sanctuary at the start of the Memorial Service about 4:00 P.M. Neilah will conclude about 5:30 P.M. (Doors will remain closed after the start of the Memorial Service until the final shofar blast, about 5:30 P.M.)

A NOTE ABOUT FASTING IN JEWISH TRADITION

Jewish tradition calls on us to fast during Yom Kippur to encourage undistracted concentration, introspection and piety, which is the essence of the Yom Kippur experience. This also helps us identify with the suffering of all people throughout the world. The fast is obligatory for those 13 years of age and above. Younger children might be encouraged to skip one meal. The fast, however, applies only to those whose health would not be impaired.

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD COLLECTION

We are asking each and every member of our Congregation, families, parents and children, to bring a can of food every time they come to the Temple in the next month. We especially ask that you bring food during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Receptacles will be at the entrances of our buildings. In addition, we ask that the children of our Religious School bring canned food during the month of October and place it in the receptacles at the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center and Temple as well.

Dr. Ruth Morgenthau of Brandeis University will be the guest pulpit speaker on Friday, October 9 at 8:30 P.M. She will speak on World Hunger.

The success of our Food Drive depends on each and everyone of you. Let us truly fulfill the words of Isaiah, whose Haftorah we read on Yom Kippur:

"Is not this the fast I look for
to unlock the shackles of injustice,
to undo the fetters of bondage
to let the oppressed go free,
to break every cruel chain, is it not
to share your bread with the hungry?"

ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Worshippers with hearing impairments are now benefitting from an infrared listening system, which is installed in both the Kaufmann Sanctuary and Ring Hall. The wireless headphones are light and simple to use. They are available for the High Holy Days Services.

After the High Holy Days, the headphones may be obtained from the ushers at all services.

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SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The Congregation is profoundly grateful to Brotherhood and Sisterhood for their manifold contributions to the work of our Temple. Their programs of service to our membership and the wider community helps the Washington Hebrew Congregation fulfill its historic mission.

We urge you to support the work of these two essential auxiliaries and hope that you will join them in their opening events listed below and throughout the year.

TEMPLE CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

First Day Sukkot Services: Thursday, October 8, 10:30 a.m. Mr. David Clarke, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, will be our speaker following First Day Sukkot Services when he will speak about his recent trip to Israel that was sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. A Council Member since 1975, Mr. Clarke has been Council Chairman since 1983. A lifelong resident of Washington, he earned his Juris Doctor Degree from the Howard University School of Law and a BA in Religion from George Washington University.

Our Prime Timers will be leading the service with our Rabbis and Cantor in our Festive Sukkah in the Kaufmann Sanctuary. Following the services a buffet luncheon will be served. Our Prime Timers, their guests, and the entire Congregation is invited to attend.

Singles Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Friday, October 23 at 8:30 PM in our Ring Hall Sanctuary. Special guest speaker Senator Rudy Boschwitz, (R. Minn) will speak to the singles of our Congregation and the community on the theme:

"THE SUMMIT, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SOVIET JEWRY"

A member of the Senate Budget and Foreign Relations Committees, Senator Boschwitz is one of Israel's closest friends in the Senate and active in local and national Jewish causes. In addition, Senator Boschwitz is known nationally as the "Shadchan of the Senate" for his Jewish singles parties.

The service will be conducted by Rabbi John Rosove and will include a newly edited liturgy, group singing with guitar accompaniment, followed by an informal Oneg Shabbat. All singles are invited to attend.

Thursday, October 8, 10:30 A.M.

Sukkot Festival Service

Guest Speaker: David Clark, Chairman of the City Council, District of Columbia
Will speak about his recent trip to Israel

Following the service, there will be a buffet luncheon. Prime Timers, guests and all congregants are welcome.

Friday, October 9, 8:30 P.M.

"World Food Day" Sabbath Service

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ruth Schachter Morgenthau
"Fighting Hunger In A World Full of Grain"

Adlai Stevenson Professor of International Politics at Brandeis University
and Research Associate of the Hunger Program at Brown University

Sunday, October 11, 10:30 A.M.

Consecration of New Students

Thursday, October 15, 10:30 A.M.

Shemini Atzeret-Yizkor Service

Thursday Evening, October 15, 7:00 P.M.

Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday, October 16, 8:30 P.M.

Late Service

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Syme
Executive Vice President, UAHC

"The Family and Religious Faith"
Edlavitch-Tyser Family Relations Forum
Opening Program

Friday, October 23, 8:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Malcolm Stern
"How Colonial Jews Observed Their Judaism"
President of the Jewish Historical Society
of New York and Director Emeritus of the
Placement Bureau of the UAHC

Friday, October 23, 8:30 P.M.

Singles Service
Guest Speaker: Senator Rudy Boschwitz
"The Summit, Human Rights, and Soviet Jewry"

Wednesday, October 28, 12:00 Noon

Prime Timers Program
Guest Speaker: Dr. Stanley Jacobson
"Let's Stop Stereotyping the Elderly"
Edlavitch-Tyser Family Relations Forum
Opening Program

SUNDAY SCHOLAR SERIES 1987 - 1988

(All lectures begin at 10:30 A.M.
Kaufmann Sanctuary)

This year's Sunday Scholar Series will feature illustrious Jewish scholars, representing every major branch of contemporary culture.

Sunday, October 25

Professor Stephen J. Gould

"Creation Science Versus Evolution"

Recognized as Scientist of the Year by Discover Magazine and recipient of the Glenn T. Seaborg Award for his contribution to public interest in science, Dr. Gould is professor of Geology and Zoology at Harvard University.

Sunday, November 1

Elie Wiesel

"The Eternal Question of Suffering and Evil (Job)"

Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983, Mr. Wiesel was appointed Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council by the President and is the most articulate spokesman for the survivors of the Holocaust.

This is the Miriam Selker Dodek
Annual Memorial Lecture

Sunday, November 8

Raphael Patai

"The Jewish Alchemists: A Secret Chapter in Jewish History"

The founding Director of the Palestine Institute of Folklore and Ethnology and former Director of the Syria-Lebanon-Jordan Research Project in Human Relations, Dr. Patai is the President of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University.

Sunday, November 15

Emil L. Fackenheim

"God's Presence in History: On Jewish Faith In Our Time"

An outstanding interpreter of Jewish philosophy in the world today, and author of more than a dozen books and 200 articles, Dr. Fackenheim is Professor of Jewish Thought at the School of Overseas Students, Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Sunday, November 22

Ze'ev Chafets

"The Crisis of Religious Pluralism in Israel"

One of Israel's leading authors and political commentators, Mr. Chafets was a member of the Israeli Delegation to the Mena Conference in Cairo in 1977 and played an important role in the peace process.

This lecture is co-sponsored by
The Lebbin Family Fund for Jewish Unity

Sunday, December 6

John Eaton

"Over The Rainbow" (The Music of Harold Arlen)

Performing in concert for more than 25 years, Mr. Eaton's continuing series on popular American song, presented by the Smithsonian Institution has been broadcast internationally on the "Voice of America" for the past seven years.

Sunday, December 13

Reverend Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.

"Ethical Challenges of Our Times: The Catholic and Jewish Perspective"

The 16th President of the University of Notre Dame, Father Malloy is the author of two books and numerous articles in a wide variety of theological and secular journals.

Sunday, February 28

Charles Silberman

"Will Our Grandchildren Be Jewish?" (The Future of the American Jewish Community)

Widely regarded as one of the country's most distinguished journalists/scholars, Mr. Silberman is the author of four of the most influential books of the last quarter century, including A Certain People: American Jews and Their Lives Today.

Sunday, March 6

Professor Samuel H. Dresner

"Hasidic Truth"

Adjunct Professor of Jewish thought at Spertus College, Dr. Dresner served as editor of Conservative Judaism Quarterly and as Chairman of the Massachusetts Human Relations Commission.

**This lecture is co-sponsored by
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Sunday, March 13

Arthur Hertzberg

"How is Jewish History To Be Understood?"

Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanuel of Englewood, New Jersey, Dr. Hertzberg is currently Professor of Religion at Dartmouth College and has written extensively on Jewish life and thought.

Sunday, March 20

David S. Wyman

"The Abandonment of the Jews; America and the Holocaust"

Special Advisor to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Dr. Wyman is a member of the International academic Advisory Board of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Sunday, March 27

Elizabeth Holtzman

"The Nazi War Criminals"

The District Attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, Ms. Holtzman served in the U.S. House of Representatives for eight years and won international acclaim for her work against Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

SPECIAL ART EXHIBIT IN RING HALL

A special exhibit consisting of eleven paintings entitled "The Story of David" by the late Reuven Ruben has been made available to the Congregation through the kindness of Norman J. Cowen, M.D. of Washington, D.C. A descriptive narrative appears below each painting.

CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA

The World Jewry Committee of the Washington Hebrew Congregation announces an exciting family trip to Jewish South America in June 1988. Designed for people of all ages, this two week adventure will include all the sights of Brazil and Argentina plus visits to the magnificent synagogues and opportunities to meet with Jewish leadership.

For further information contact Rabbi Weinberg at 362-7100.

FAMILY SABBATH WORSHIP

Washington Hebrew Congregation offers Family Sabbath services in Ring Hall on one Friday night of every month from October 16, 1987 thru May 13, 1988. Each service will include the participation of our Religious School students, youth choirs, story sermonettes and festive Oneg Shabbat receptions. Jan Lieberman will again direct the music for these monthly Family Services, starting October 16.

PASTORAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE HELPS IN TIMES OF NEED

The Pastoral Support Committee assists the Rabbis in a variety of ways, including visiting those members of our Congregation who are home-bound, ill, or bereaves. Members of the Committee also run errands for those who are unable to do so, and telephone shut-ins to keep in touch.

If you care to have someone visit you or a loved one, or if you would like a volunteer to help on this Committee, please contact Marsha Pinson, Chairperson, at 656-1333.

ABOUT OUR HIGH HOLY DAY MUSIC

Our Guest Cantor

The High Holy Day music has been endowed by the family of the late David G. Bress

We are indeed very fortunate to have as our guest Cantor for the Holy Days Cantor Norman Atkins. During the past twenty six years Cantor Atkins has served the Metropolitan Synagogue of New York. There, he was responsible for the introduction of numerous major Jewish musical presentations and services.

When Norman Atkins made his concert debut at Carnegie Hall he was hailed by the critic of the New York Times as a "singer with a brilliant baritone voice and the musical intelligence and sensitivity to make that voice respond to every emotional need." Since then he has sung with great success in opera (including the New York Opera) as soloist with the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Cleveland Symphony, as well as television and radio appearances and musical comedy.

He had leading roles in "Paint Your Wagon," "Milk and Honey," and title roles as Tony in "The Most Happy Fella" and Tevya in "Fiddler On The Roof."

I feel certain that the warmth of Cantor Atkins voice and spirit will enrich and glorify words of prayer during these Days of Awe.

Cantor Roy Garber

OUR HIGH HOLY DAY MUSIC PERSONNEL

Music was prepared by
Cantor Roy Garber

KAUFMANN SANCTUARY

Organist - Conductor:	William Akers
Sopranos:	Lois Darling Naomi Tronzo Elizabeth Vrenios
Altos:	Patricia Okaya Jeanine Jones Beverly Gural
Tenors:	Terence Kelly John Chatlos Anastasio Vrenios
Basses:	Wayne Jones Charles Koptstein Sterling Scroggins
Shofar:	Roger Lebbin

RING SOCIAL HALL

Cantorial Soloist:	Judith Meyersberg
Organist - Conductor:	Carol Sikkelee
Sopranos:	Rose Marie Sims
Alto:	Leslie Luxemburg
Tenor:	Gerald Chatlos
Bass:	Michael Tronzo

About Our Cantorial Soloist

This year, we are pleased to again welcome Judith Meyersberg, a native of Spokane, Washington, who has been cantorial soloist at frequent worship services during the past years. During Cantor Garber's sabbatical leave Ms. Meyersberg will continue as Cantorial Soloist at all regular services.

KOL RINAH (WHC'S Volunteer Choir)

We are very proud of Kol Rinah, our Temple's volunteer choir, who once again will sing at early Family Services in Ring Hall on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings. Our group was initiated by Cantor Garber in 1977 and is now entering their eleventh year. It is composed of many dedicated people, who find great pleasure and fellowship in singing the songs of our faith. They add a warmth and beauty to services that no one else can bring. Throughout the year, our choir sings bi-monthly at Shabbat evening services and presents numerous programs of special interest. For information on how to join, contact the Cantor's Secretary, Anna Grizzard at 362-7100.

1987 KOL RINAH

Ada Adler	Margo Levine
Harry Alexander	Chickie Loewenstein
Joan Alperin	Dana Jo Mermelstein
Lisa Bordenick	Blanche Nimetz
Tony Brooker	Rose Paul
Joan Bush	William Paul
Joan Dine	Sandra Perkins
Jeannie Downs	Eileen Polinger
Mary Ann Greenberg	Abby Rosenfield
Chickie Grinspoon	Leon B. Ruben
Barbara Grossbaum	Maria Salazar
Allen Hanenbaum	Herbert Schieber
Carol Kellner	Barbara Shoemaker
Gerry Levine	Anita Solomon
	Lyanne Wassermann

SISTERHOOD FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

We are very grateful to the Sisterhood for the lovely flowers that grace the Temple pulpit during the High Holy Days, Festivals, and every Sabbath during the year.

THE JEWISH CONNECTION

If you have a child who is attending college we would like his or her address. Washington Hebrew Congregation has made great efforts to keep in contact with its students, to send them a piece of home - the Temple Journal, packages at Hanukkah and Passover, as well as newsletters on important issues by our Rabbis.

Keep the connection alive - the Jewish connection. Please fill out this form and return it to Rabbi Lustig at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20016.

Student's Name: _____

College: _____

Course of Study: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Home Address: _____

YOM KIPPUR MORNING STUDY SEMINARS
11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

I wish to register for the Study Seminar checked below:

- _____ Dr. Herman Berlinski - "The Mystery of Jewish Musical Notation"
- _____ David C. Forman - "A Yom Kippur Odyssey: The History, Significance, and Traditions of the Holiest Day of the Year"
- _____ Stephanie P. Mondzac - "The Need to Atone in the Literature of Dostoevsky, Kafka ... and in Ourselves"
- _____ David A. Morowitz, M.D. - "Bio-Ethical Decision Making: The Physician and The Family"

NAME(s) _____

(Kindly hand this form to an Usher today, or mail it to the Temple no later than October 1. Please mark the envelope Attention: Yom Kippur Study Seminar.)

THE COUNSELOR
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October 5, 1987

Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg
Washington Hebrew Congregation
3935 McComb Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Rabbi:

Thank you very much for your gracious and warm hospitality on Yom Kippur afternoon. The three talks I heard were extremely impressive, varied, and yet with a common spirituality.

You were aware from my brief introductory comments that I am quite uneasy about some of the sermons during this holiday period. I don't believe that a congregation should be imposed upon with lessons in current events or with analyses that are equally available in the editorial pages. I can assure you from comments made to me outside of the sanctuary that I am not alone in expressing this concern. Most specifically, I am troubled by personal attacks against individuals with whom the Rabbi disagrees, but who have committed no acknowledged offenses against the Jewish community. I am a Democrat, but very much offended by the personal attacks against Elliott Abrams and Judge Bork which I heard from the bimah during a religious service. I can understand partisan criticism against these two immensely dedicated public servants and I can also understand why they are the recipients of partisan attacks, some of which may well be justified. I cannot, however, see any justification for such an attack by a rabbi during a prayer service. In that connection, I am enclosing an editorial from Today's Wall Street Journal on Judge Bork. I am reminded that in the "al chet" prayer there is a reference to the sin of slander. Our guideline here should not be a technical legal one, but one related to the undermining of another human being's character.

I write these words, Rabbi, with continued high personal regard. My wife joins me again in wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and satisfying year ahead.

Sincerely,



Max M. Kampelman

bcc: Dr. Lawrence Goldmuntz

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JOSEPH P. WEINBERG

Senior Rabbi

October 6, 1987

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman
3154 Highland Place, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Max:

On behalf of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, I want to thank you so much for your absolutely splendid presentation as part of our Yom Kippur Lay Person's Hour. So many members of our congregation have spoken to me of their great admiration for your presentation and their esteem of this aspect of our holy day service.

Surely this year's Lay Person's Hour presentations reached a high point of excellence. I would be ever so grateful if you would be so kind as to send me a copy of your remarks so that we might have them as part of a collection which we are assembling for the congregation and ultimately it's archives.

Thank you so much for sharing of your time, energy and insight with us.

My warm personal regards to Marjorie.

Faithfully,



Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg

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Rabbi John L. Rosove
WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION
Macomb Street at Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 362-7100

October 16, 1987

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman
3154 Highland Place, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Kampelman,


I was most inspired and touched by your remarks during the Layman's Hour on Yom Kippur afternoon. Certainly, you eloquently expressed the spirit of Reform Judaism in the modern world as beautifully and succinctly as I have ever heard. I want to compliment you for distilling a very complex and difficult topic to a relatively brief statement.

On a personal level it was a pleasure for me to meet you. Indeed, our bima was graced by your presence and I know all in attendance felt privileged to be able to listen to you.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all success in the coming year in your role as the Chief Delegate for the United States at the Geneva Arms Limitation Talks. Certainly, the prayers of all people of peace are with you as you express our nation's sincere desire to limit the threat of nuclear war from the face of the earth.

Also, let me take this opportunity to wish you and all those dear to you a fulfilling and healthy New Year.

In friendship,


John L. Rosove, Rabbi

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JOSEPH P. WEINBERG

Senior Rabbi

September 14, 1987

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman
3154 Highland Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Max,

I was delighted and pleased to learn of your gracious acceptance of our invitation to be one of the speakers at our Layperson's Hour on Yom Kippur afternoon. With all of the many responsibilities which fall upon your shoulders, we are even more honored and grateful for your generosity in sharing with us at this most holy season of the year.

You may recall the Layperson's Hour takes place on Yom Kippur afternoon, Thursday, October 3 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Four individuals are selected to share with the Congregation a personal message. This may relate to an individual's Jewish faith, or other aspects of their life experience. Many people share a message which emerges from their own professional or business involvement.

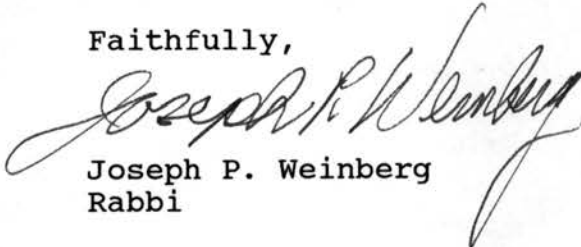
We would not be so presumptuous to select a topic for you. I would suggest that you may wish to consider significant aspects of your own life's experience or public service. Certainly the work of bringing harmony where there is disharmony is a relevant theme for the Day of Atonement.

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman
September 14, 1987
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Each talk is usually approximately 15 minutes. I would be ever so grateful if, at your earliest possible convenience, you might select a title and have your office call my office at the Temple.

Marcia joins me in sending our warm wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you and Maggie. With my deepest personal thanks and respect,

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph P. Weinberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Joseph P. Weinberg
Rabbi

JPW:bg



UNITED STATES DELEGATION
TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR AND SPACE ARMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION
Geneva, Switzerland

January 21, 1987

Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg
Washington Hebrew Congregation
3935 Macomb Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Rabbi Weinberg:

I am sorry that I was not present at your installation last September but you are aware of my overseas schedule. I understand from others that it was an inspirational event and I know it must have been immensely satisfying to you and to your family.

I hesitate to carp or in any way inject a discordant note but I was quite struck and disappointed at one reference in your talk that I consider to be quite jarring. I do not see how you can refer to the "yoke" and in other ways put on the same level countries of South Africa, the Soviet Union, El Salvador and Chile. El Salvador is a democratic country whose people have heroically resisted guerilla activities stimulated by Cuba and Nicaragua so that they could hold free elections after years of repression. Its President and its Congress have been freely elected. None of that can be said about the countries you associated it with. History will demonstrate, I am convinced, that El Salvador is one of our great victories as that country heroically attempts to climb out of the culture of repression and violence which characterized it for so long.

Sincerely,

Max M. Kampelman
Head of Delegation