

# JEERY HERE TO JOIN IN WORLD-WIDE OBSERVANCE OF ROSH HASHANAH

## Ancient 10-Day Rites to Mark Year's Advent

Prayer, Fasting, Atonement Required in Ceremony, Rabbi Explains.

Beginning Wednesday at sundown and continuing for 10 days, Jews the world over are to celebrate with a festival unique in the world's religions—the Jewish New Year.

The first two days of the period are known as Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, and the last day as Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Rabbi Elias Chary, congregation Beth-El-Zedeck, explaining the meaning and significance of the holiday said the "uniqueness" obviously does not consist in the fact that Jews alone celebrate the advent.

Rabbi Chary of the new year, but lies in the manner in which the event is carried out.

Christians Joyful

Drawing a comparison between the Christian New Year and the same event celebrated by the Jews, Rabbi Chary said the former was a "joyous festive occasion, attended with feasts and good cheer. It fairly bubbles over with hilarity, happiness and a good fellowship, and properly so, as the very origin of the festival calls for such a celebration, coming as it does eight days after the birthday of Jesus.

"Far different is the observance of the Jewish New Year," he continued. "It is the most solemn period in the Jewish calendar. It is the time of casting up of accounts. Man's spiritual balance sheet is computed, his spiritual assets and liabilities are carefully listed.

"In the words of the liturgy, every man appears before his Maker, as sheep before a loving shepherd who scrutinizes his flock minutely looking for blemishes to be corrected and for virtues to be rewarded.

"It is the time when man, civilized, responsible, created in the image of God, appears before his Creator to account for his life of the past year, and on a new sheet with but the balance carried forward, the Jew begins again his perpetual striving for perfection.

Rabbi Chary said that the Biblical basis for the High Holy Days could be found in the book of Numbers, chapter 29.

"There we read," Rabbi Chary said, "And in the seventh month (the lunar) on the first day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is the day of the blowing the horn for you. And on the tenth day of this seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation, and ye shall afflict your souls; ye shall do no manner of work."

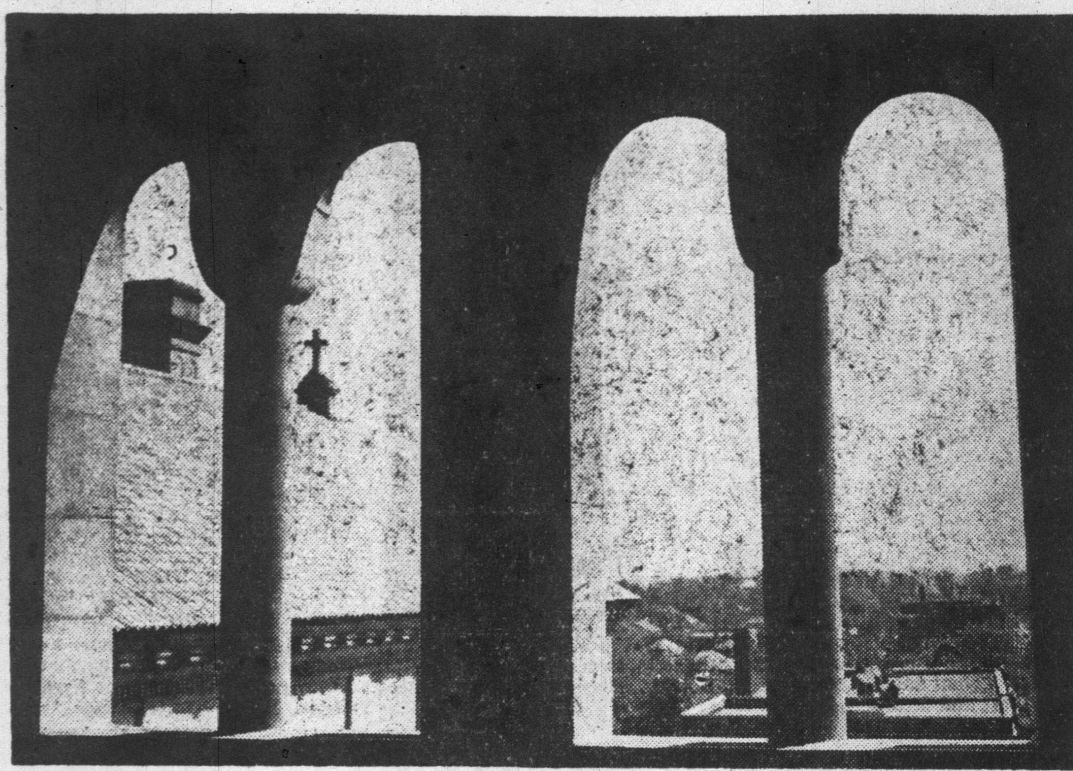
Use Lunar Calendar

"Jews still use the lunar calendar in dating religious events. It is curious indeed that not the first, but the seventh month should begin the new year. It further confirms the spiritual aspect of the observance.

"Any day might mark the beginning of a new spiritual year. The month was probably chosen for its convenience, probably also because it recalled some great historic event like the redemption of the Jewish people to the service of God after their return from exile in Babylon. This event took place under the leadership of the seventh month of the year, as it is recorded in the Biblical book named for that great leader."

The holiday later became

## CAMPANILE MAY HOUSE AMPLIFIERS



This picture showing the cross on top of the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Central-av and 42d-st, was photographed from within the church's campanile.

The campanile, constructed when the church was erected in 1928 to house a set of chimes, may never contain chimes but may be equipped with an amplifying system to broadcast chimes behind the church altar, according to the Rev. Maurice O'Connor, pastor.

## The Council in Jerusalem

Text: Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2

BY WM. E. GILROY, D. D.  
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Lesson for Sept. 13

THE coming into the early church of Gentile converts brought problems that might have seemed easy of solution, but were difficult because the Jewish converts brought with them into their new faith in Jesus the faith and forms of Judaism.

Paul did not think himself as less Jew because he was a follower of Jesus. On the contrary, he believed that, in accepting Jesus as the Messiah, he was following out the teachings and prophecies of the religion in which he had been trained. He said that he worshiped the God of his Fathers, though it was in the way that his former associates called heresy.

The most acute problem that "weighed with tradition," Rabbi Chary said. "The world was created, then, Isaac, Joseph and Samuel were born in that month. Such is the practice of ancient peoples. By attributing the New Year date to any event, they added spiritual stature to it.

"Solomon prayer, the sounding of the Shofar (ram's horn) and fasting characterize this holy day period. Prayers are woven around the major theme, 'the advent of the Kingdom of God on earth.' That is the central motif, elaborated and embodied with a mass of strikingly beautiful liturgic creations.

"These were written over the course of centuries and added from prayer service to the body of the prayer service. Repentance calls for an inner transformation; a restatement of goals and a redefinition of self to their attainment. Prayer provides the motivating and directing energies necessary for their attainment.

The Shofar is blown as a call to arms, a spiritual rallying to the colors. Yom Kippur further carries out this theme. Then we also observe a 24-hour fast. It is still the custom, infrequently followed however, to remain awake and at prayer all through the night. The end of the day is proclaimed with the blowing of one blast on the Shofar."

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## Pastor Begins Eighth Year

Morning Worship to Resume at Sutherland.

The Sutherland Presbyterian Church is to resume morning worship tomorrow at 11 a. m. The Rev. Florizal A. Pfeiderer is to mark the beginning of his eighth year in the Sutherland pastorate by preaching on the "Chart and Compass of Life—What Is Right?"

Mr. Pfeiderer recently returned from a vacation at his summer cottage on Grand Traverse Bay near Charlevoix, Mich.

A booklet called the "Year Ahead" containing the winter program was distributed at a meeting of church officials Sept. 4 at the Sutherland Round-Up. One of the new features of this year's activities is to be the use of the graded worship and study program inaugurated a year ago.

Organized in Three Groups

This program, according to Mr. Pfeiderer, has some of the features of the United Services which are being used in many churches but is on an educational and graded basis.

The Sutherland Church is to be organized into three groups: Junior, Youth and Adult Church. Each church is to have its own session, deacons, trustees and choir.

The Junior Chorus, the Youth Chorus and the Sutherland Church of Music under Mr. Pfeiderer is to preach at all three services each Sunday morning.

Worship Service Graded

The worship service is graded to the age group, and study is to be conducted in the departmental classes. The Junior Church last year had an average attendance of 85 per cent of membership. The Youth Church is to be organized by Oct. 1 when the new program becomes effective.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Green are now in New York City. Mr. Pfeiderer said, completing arrangements with publishers for the plays to be offered by the Sutherland Players during the coming season.

The Sutherland School of Drama and Speech is to open its seventh year Oct. 5 under the direction of Mr. Green. The school is to have a sale of season tickets under the direction of E. Edward Green is to start Monday.

Lawyer Is to Speak

J. E. Martin, Indianapolis attorney, is to address the Christian Men Builders Bible Class of the Third Christian Church tomorrow morning on "Young Men and Religion."

Mr. Martin is substituting for Merle Sidener, class leader, who is on vacation. Robert and William Broderson will be present to read Delmar Huppert is to lead group singing.

WFBM is to broadcast the program at 9:30.

Services Set at Temple for Rosh Hashanah

Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation today announced Jewish New Year services for the Indianapolis Hebrew Temple, Delaware and 10th-sts.

Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday night, Sept. 16, 7:30; sermon by Rabbi Feuerlicht. The Desire for Life: Thursday, Sept. 17, sermon by Rabbi Jacobson. "Faces to the Future."

Sabbath Shuvah: Friday, Sept. 18, 8 p. m.; sermon by Rabbi Jacobson. "Return to Normality." Saturday morning, Sept. 19, sermon by Rabbi Feuerlicht. "Returning to Religion."

Yom Kippur: Friday, Sept. 25, 7 p. m., sermon by Rabbi Feuerlicht. "Resisting Evil"; Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a. m., sermon by Rabbi Feuerlicht. "The World Status of the Jew"; children's service at noon, sermon by Rabbi Jacobson. "The King Who Got No Wives."

Succoth: Wednesday, Sept. 30 through Oct. 3, sermons to be announced. Shmini Atzereth and Simchat Torah: Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p. m.; Thursday, Oct. 8, 10 a. m.; congregation service, sermon to be announced.

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## Church Giving Youth Service, Educators Say

Purdue Faculty Members Cite Helps Offered to Students.

(The following articles on "What Has the Church to Offer Young People Today?" were written especially for The Indianapolis Times by members of the Purdue University faculty.)

BY DR. H. L. CREEK  
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What has the church to offer young people today?

In a sense it has never offered so much. To the church the young man or young woman is a kind of prodigal, a wild and restless son or daughter, to be held by all sorts of inducements—a pleasant social life, a museum, games, opportunities for "activities," training for success in life.

The church also has more solid advantages to offer. It gives instruction in government and politics; it tells young people how a follower of Jesus must solve the problems of war, alcohol, social injustice, and personal conduct. In fact, the church in its gifts has in some ways become a replica of the "world." This extension of the appeals of the church has been inevitable and valuable.

A changing world demands a church that adapts itself to changing conditions and can contribute something to the solving of current problems. Yet it may be a consequence of this pseudo-worldliness that the church has become sensitive and most intelligent young people are rejecting the church, some refusing its gifts as positively hurtful and destructive of individuality, others rejecting them as worthless or as benefits to be obtained with less cost in other ways.

Is there any gift, then, that is peculiar to the church and is of great importance to young persons? I believe there is. At least I think there is a gift which other organizations do not offer, although it may occasionally come from a book or from an individual. It is not very tangible. Perhaps one might say it is merely the atmosphere in which one may be developed whatever is at the heart of religion—a faith in one's deepest self, a reliance upon a balance of the mind, a seeking out of moments of peace and quiet to hear "the still, small voice."

The effect of this atmosphere, when the young person is subjected to its influence, is in him as an individual's spirit, rather than as a member of society, but in the end if the individual finds peace with himself the problems of society will be nearer wise solution.

Young people—the sensitive and intelligent most of all perhaps—need a social center to support their individuality, their sense of personal integrity. The church may be needed more than ever before in this respect. It is not a new thing, but it is a thing which other organizations do not offer, although it may occasionally come from a book or from an individual. It is not very tangible. Perhaps one might say it is merely the atmosphere in which one may be developed whatever is at the heart of religion—a faith in one's deepest self, a reliance upon a balance of the mind, a seeking out of moments of peace and quiet to hear "the still, small voice."

BY M. L. FISHER  
Dean of Men, Purdue University  
The church is offering young people more today than ever before in its history. Until recent years the church gave little attention to young people beyond the catechism and enrolling them.

Today young people have the privilege of seeing the church in action and have the opportunity of participating in the action.

Vacation schools, young people's societies, scouting, recreation, and athletics under the auspices of the M. L. Fisher church, student pastor service and other services are directly or indirectly the outgrowth of the desire of the church to surround its young people with good influences and have them know that Christianity is a service as well as a philosophy.

Perhaps the church has gone too far in practical application and has neglected the spiritual side of religion. However, the older generation need only think back to when the annual Sunday school picnic in the grove was the only social diversion of the young people, and their sponsorship and to when there was no Sunday school or young people's orchestra or choir, no lesson quateries, no graded lessons, no Sunday school papers, and no modern ideas of religious education to realize that the church of today is doing a great deal to engage the interest of young people. Is it succeeding? Yes.

Resigns Pastorate

The Rev. Herbert F. Wachmueller, pastor of the Immanuel Reformed Church, has resigned his pastorate, effective Nov. 1, due to ill health.

Mr. Wachmueller has been pastor of the church for five years. The Consistory expressed regret over losing his services.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

625 South Elm St.

Rev. Ambrose Sullivan, Pastor

Time of Masses, 5:30-7:30

High Mass, 9:30-10:30

Noon Day Mass Sundays and Holy Days 12:15

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D. A. R. Chapter House

824 North Pennsylvania St.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Rural and North Sts. Phone CH-1545

Rev. Albert Bassal, Pastor

Time of Masses:

5:15-6-7-8-9-10-11 a. m.

CHURCH OF GOD

South Side—Pine and Elm Sts.

Rev. H. A. Sherwood, Pastor.

Sunday School.....9:30 A. M.

Sermon.....10:30 A. M.

Time of Masses.....11:30 P. M.

Sermon.....7:30 P. M.

Prayer and Praise Service.....7:30 P. M.

"The Old Book—The Old Faith"

Wheeler City Rescue Mission

245 N. Delaware

GOSPEL SERVICES

Every Night 7:45

Sunday School 7:30

WFBM—Wednesday—5:30

## JEWISH NEW YEAR SEEN TIME TO NOTE CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

Persecution by Nazis Hits All Faiths, Church Council Aid Says.

BY DR. SAMUEL M'CREA  
CAVERT  
General Secretary, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

The Jewish New Year which will be observed next week offers an occasion, which Christians increasingly welcome, of expressing their friendship, respect and good-will for their Jewish fellow-citizens.

In 1936 there is special reason for an active manifestation of sympathy because of the persecution and suffering which so many Jews, particularly in Germany, are being compelled to undergo.

The injustice which is meted out to Jews is not really due to anything that the Jews do or fail to do. That injustice is rather the result of their being a helpless minority living among a majority which has not yet learned to be fair and just toward a minority differing from themselves.

The Jews are not the only group that has to suffer because mankind has not yet become civilized enough to accord decent and brotherly treatment to a distinctive minority, but for nearly 19 centuries they have furnished the most continuous and widespread illustration of the fact.

Since in our country Christians constitute the great majority of the population, upon them rests the responsibility of taking the initiative in establishing the kind of fraternal relationships which are enjoined not merely by our democratic principles but also by the religion we profess.

A clearer recognition of our own spiritual ancestry as Christians would go far toward developing a deeper appreciation of the Jewish people. We need to remember that our Bible is a Jewish book. The teaching that God is the Creator and Ruler of the whole earth, that all men are children of God, and that one moral law applies to the entire human race is a heritage from the Jews. The more we prize these profound spiritual insights, the more we ought to esteem the Jewish group through which these insights have come to us.

Christianity Attacked

What has been happening in Germany during the last two years should be a vivid lesson to us. At the outset the Nazi attack was directed against the Jews, but it was not long before the logic which was implicit in the Nazi position became evident. Then Christianity as well as Judaism came under criticism. A new religious—or, more accurately, a pseudo-religious—trend has appeared, known as the "Germanic Faith Movement," which under the leadership of anti-Semites like Rosenberg and Ludendorff, attacks Christianity also, and would substitute a primitive nature-worship for it.

In the place of universal brother-

hood this new Germanic "religion" asserts a doctrine of narrow racialism which despises Christianity as being of Jewish origin and exalts Teutonic blood as the basis of civilization. Whereas the Jews were once criticized as the enemies of Christianity, they are now condemned for having brought it into the world. Thus the Nazi ideology discloses the fact that an attempt to de-Judaize a nation leads to de-Christianizing it also.

An unexpected and unintended result of Nazi thought has been to help us to see more clearly how indebted we are historically to the Jewish people. For this, even if for nothing else, we can be grateful to the Nazi extremists! We now have a better reason to appreciate what the Jews have contributed to the world through their ancient prophets and also through distinguished leaders in the world of today.

Refugee Care

The Jewish New Year in 1936 affords the further opportunity of sharing with Jewish fellow-citizens the burden of caring for refugees from Germany. Not all of these refugees are Jews; a considerable percentage of them are Christians, forced to leave because they could not conscientiously adopt the Nazi conceptions.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, whose recent death is lamented by all men of religious faith, was a conspicuous example of one who gave himself devotedly to making such restitution as he could for the wrong done to Jews in the past by helping to make their lot happier today. He had the discernment to see that the danger of anti-Semitism is not limited to Germany.

Instead of spending his energy in denouncing the Nazis, he directed it constructively to overcoming the tendencies toward anti-Semitism in our own country. His example calls for emulation. The Jewish New Year is an appropriate time for concerted action by all Christians toward the same end.

Deaths Among Indiana Residents

ALEXANDRIA—Mrs. Ida Rachel Thompson, 61, died Sept. 10, 1936, at her home, 1015 N. 10th-st., Alexandria, Mo.

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