

# Insights in Liturgy

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## Jesus Kept The Jewish Holy Days

Christians have several compelling reasons to know or learn about the Jewish holy days. Best of all, they were kept by Jesus. Some of His weightiest words were spoken on those days and in the setting of their rituals. Then, two of our Christian holy days, the greatest, Easter and Pentecost, have their matrix in the Jewish Passover and Pentecost.

During October our Jewish friends are observing two of their holy days - Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, the Day of Atonement and the New Year. The other ones are: Passover (March-April), Shabuoth (Pentecost, 50 days after Passover), Sukkoth (the feast of Tabernacles or Booths in September), Purim (the feast of Lots in February-March), and Hanukkah (the feast of Lights in December).

These days are rooted in the Bible. They kept God's People close to God. They prepared for the advent of the Messiah. Our Liturgy is the flower and fruit of them. Their prayer-cries well up from our hearts as from theirs: ALLELUIA, HOSANNA, and the KADOSH (our HOLY, HOLY, HOLY).

We inherited the synagogue pattern of Bible Readings and the Psalm Responses. Their berakah

prayer, giving thanks and praise to God when they take the bread and wine at the Passover meal, is now contained in our Eucharist. The zikkaron prayer, calling to mind the great things God has done for them, is the forerunner of what we now do in the heart of the Mass, as we recall God's great saving work in the death and resurrection of His Son, the bread and wine are consecrated into the sacrificed Body and Blood of the Savior.

In face of all this, can we be indifferent to what our Jewish friends celebrate and enact on their holy days? Will we not be inspired by the fidelity and strictness of their observance, as they close down their businesses and gather themselves to celebrate their ancient festivals? Do we not through them draw closer to Jesus, sensing the very echo and flavor of Him as He took part in them and was wrapped up in the presence of His Father during their prayers and rituals?

No people of the Western world is so aware of, alert to, its history as are the Jews. After 4,000 years of it, well might they be!

Because of this passionate loyalty to their history, their persistent presence even to this day, even after the diabolical obscenity of the Holocaust, is an undeniable sign that, doomed to die, they are not meant to die out; that God

preserves them as a sign, a continuation of that "signal" announced by the prophet Isaiah (11:10), bearing witness that the Messiah, Jesus, the Son of David, is not a legend or fiction of antiquity, but the son of a people still surviving among us, indestructible, faithful to the festivals of four millennia.

To share with you the warmth and music I feel within me when I think of the Jews and their festivals, I might remind you of Fiddler on the Roof. But even better I want to tune you in to a hauntingly beautiful passage from Alfred Kazin's A Walker in the City, (pages 161-162). Jew though he was, it was in the New Testament that he found in Jesus the deepest answer to "the ambiguity and long ache of being a Jew".

"I had known him instantly. Surely I had been waiting for him all my life - our own Yeshua ... the very embodiment of everything I had waited so long to hear from a Jew - a great contempt for the minute daily business of the world; a deep and joyful turning back into our own spirit. It was he, I thought, who would resolve for me at last the ambiguity and the long ache of being a Jew - Yeshua, our own long-lost Jesus, speaking straight to the mind and heart at once ... Yeshua, my Yeshua ... of whose terrible death I could never read without bursting into tears - Yeshua, our Yeshua, the most natural of us all, the most direct, the most enchanted, and as he sprang up from the heart of poor Jews, all the dearer to me ..." (Used with Permission)

# Good Counsel Notes 50 years

The Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel next week begins a celebration of its 50th anniversary, a celebration which includes an 11 a.m. Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey on Sunday; a special Mass for senior citizens and a lunch following on Monday; a special presentation by children of the school on Tuesday evening; an Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Rosary and Altar Society and the Men's Club on Wednesday; a whopping reunion of all alumni of the school, beginning with a Mass at 7:30 p.m., celebrated by Father

Paul G. Wohrab on Thursday; a Youth Night on Friday.

The festivities will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The Mass will be followed by a dinner-dance at the Mapledale Party House.

Organizers of the alumni reunion ask that those who will attend the reunion to call Rosemary Link, 235-8754, or Mary Rouse, 247-2156.

They also ask those reading this notice to inform other classmates of the affair.



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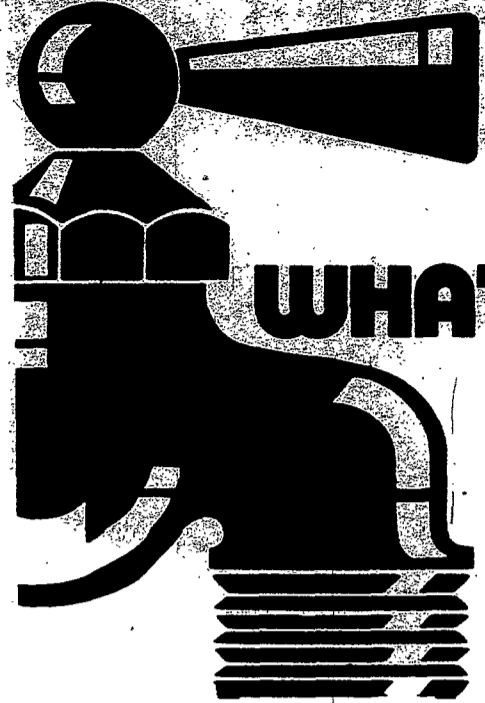
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