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~~I - This is not going to be a <sup>moralizing</sup> sermon. It is a memorial sermon. It is a memorial sermon. It is a memorial sermon for two young men, aged 26 and 28, who no one in this congregation has ever met, but who have some more for us than we will ever know.~~

~~I~~ It is almost eerie to find the pattern of events that occurred to our ancestors some 3 1/2 thousand years ago being repeated this very day.

a) In both cases - Israel vs. Egypt.

b) Then as now, Egypt was the major power in Middle East - Pharo and Col. Nasser

c) Then as now - vacillation of Pharo regarding Israel's survival. Then - Pharo's heart hardens, then releases them, then hardens. Today, too, Egypt has been rumored to be in secret negotiations w. Israel, then withdrawn.

d) Then as now - what ultimately to Egypt remained an enemy.

e) Then as now - the other nations - the Amalekites of the world - didn't lift a finger for us.

f) Then - even as some say now - some Jews thought it freedom wasn't worth the sacrifice. (11:12-14, 15, 16, 17)

12:1-14, 15, 16, 17

II - And: Then, וְכַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל  
 וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל we shall win - Now, too, we must  
 win.

→ And we must win, because History is being repeated again in other ways. For just as then, when Israel faced sea on one side & Pharo's legions on other, וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל jumped into Sea, offering to be a martyr, so do we have today young men & women willing to be martyrs for Israel by remaining <sup>behind</sup> in the violent, blood-stained <sup>valley of the</sup> Nile. Two young men - one a 26-yr-old leader & the other a 28-yr-old MD - proved that this past week. They proved it when they were hung by ~~Egypt~~ <sup>Egypt</sup> on charges of spying for Israel.

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III - These 2 young men are assured of a prominent place in the history of Jewish martyrdom. Our tribule this morning can neither add nor detract from their glory, But we should use this occasion as a reminder to our fellow American Jews that despite non-segregation or integration or whatever name you give to assimilation, וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל we are a people who ultimately dwell alone. Ultimately we must find strength from within our own ranks, not from without, not from other nations, diplomats or politicians.

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→ Just a week or 2 before this dastardly case of international crime & hoodlumism, <sup>it was announced that</sup> a number of American fliers had been imprisoned in Red China. They, too, were accused of spying. You and I know the reactions of the free world. It was just ~~sting~~ <sup>sting</sup> & ~~properly~~ <sup>properly</sup> so. Our State Dept. shook the heavens with protest. Our Senators talked of war. Britain's Parliament was all a rage. Canada experienced diplomatic tremors. The UN Security Council was ordered into emergency session, & Dag Hammarskjöld traveled all around the world - from NYC to Peking, in order to try to get their release, both directly & thru India's Nehru. The entire world was shocked & ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> in arms because of these young American fliers.

→ & rightly so. Our view was the decent, humanitarian one, & all the world should have taken this attitude. But remember - all this indignation & protest over mere imprisonment, & - from 1<sup>st</sup> hand reports - not inhuman jailing.

→ Now compare that to the Israelis in Egypt - one tortured to death. One committed suicide. Two sentenced to life imprisonment. Two to many years of hard labor. One - a woman - to 15 yrs. imprisonment - And 2 gallant young Jews were hung.

→ & what was the world's reaction? a telegram.  
 Yes, friends, a telegram - one from Secy. Dulles  
 & one from the French Embassy. That is all, friends,  
**THAT IS ALL!!**

→ How beautifully the Torah relates the lesson from  
 such <sup>passive</sup> treachery. When I have come chasing Israel  
 in ancient days, Torah says not עָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ - Ph. came  
near, but עָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ - he brought near, in the  
 causative, & Rabbis explain that he brought  
 Israel near & closer to G-d & themselves.

לֹא-עָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ לְעָרָבָה, וְעָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ לְעָרָבָה  
 ... מִלִּי וְעַד מִיָּמֶיךָ ... ~~וְעָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ לְעָרָבָה~~ וְעָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ לְעָרָבָה  
 ... וְעָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ לְעָרָבָה

→ yes - the more we see of Egypt's, the more we see of  
 'international diplomacy & intrigue dressed up in  
 the garb of self-righteousness. The more do we come  
 close - not to East or West - but to G-d & Israel.

→ עָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ לְעָרָבָה - Assur will not help us, Russia  
 will not help us ... Gr. Britain ... France ...  
 & even the State Dept, <sup>certainly</sup> will not help us - <sup>if anything it</sup> will help <sup>the</sup> <sup>abstract</sup> <sup>idea</sup>  
 עָרַבְתָּ אֶת-עַמְּךָ לְעָרָבָה - only G-d will. And He will do so  
 by the courage & conviction & loyalty He gave to  
 Israel. WITHIN, & not WITHOUT shall

we find the sources of redemption.

→ I say that when the two nooses closed around the necks of that young doctor & young teacher, were there two gallant & brilliant young Jews who were choked to death. I say that two other ghosts were choked once again - the ghost of righteousness & respectability in which both east & west are choked by their propaganda machines; & the ghost that we can rely on others, the ghost that has haunted us for 35 centuries, has been choked again - & let us hope for the last time.

IV - No, we can & should not rely on others. G-d is our trust. How did Moses put it to Israel in this morning's portion? - *אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִלָּחֶם עִמָּנוּ* - G-d will fight for you, while you are silent. G-d can outmaneuver even the designs of cynical diplomats who can aim Arabs to "ensure the peace of the Middle East" & offer a telegram when they kill Jews.

V. But that verse, friends, can be read otherwise - as a question *אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִלָּחֶם עִמָּנוּ*? Do you expect G-d to do all while you sit by with folded arms? Fellow Jews, cried Moses, can you now relax into narrowness & passivity, & fail to lift a finger? *אֲנִי יָדָעְתִּי*? Silent? Not even a protest? No, Israel, not so!

→ at least establish a bond between yourselves & your persecuted brothers! Buy bonds, send protests to Washington; complain, object - and buy more Bonds. Don't be silent! Don't relax your vigilance - yes, G-d will fight - but WITH you, not FOR you.

→ G-d has raised the battle-cry for Justice, for Redemption, for the rescue of Israel. Let Israel not be silent. Let American Jews not close its mouths, always open to give others advice. No silence - not now!

VI. Let the martyrdom of these 2 young Jews inspire us now ——— BOND talk ———.

→ ~~for addition~~, let us

VII - NCA → memorial prayer. Let us rise:

A) Read complete Eng. translation (Berman) of PINKAS 46

B) Then - O Lord of mercy & compassion, do Thou especially grant perfect rest beneath the shadow of Thy wings to Dr. Moussa Idto Marzook and to Samuel Azar who have offered their lives for the sanctification of Thy Name. Avenge their murder, and be not silent, O Lord. May the glory of their courage be an inspiration to Israel. And may all the nations of the world know that war is evil and that injustice is repaid. Do Thou, O Lord establish Justice, & spread the Tabernacle of Your mercy, ~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> Israel & over all world. Amen

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