

American Middle Class

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 advantage at this level of our culture, by the mere weight of his numbers. First, he belongs to the "Elm Street Church." When he enters the "upper echelon" he always has an opportunity to run away from the garage mechanics and truck drivers and join the "Fair Haven Church," or preferably a congrega-

tion with the word "Park" in its title. The Jews, nebech, cannot very well do this, and so the "upper echelon" and the "lower echelon" are stuck with each other; all in the same boat.

In every congregation of course there are a few "odd fish;" a "non-conformist" here and there; perhaps an organizer for the CIO, (it

shouldn't happen); or maybe even a fellow who works for wages somewhere. These people go in and out of the Temple unmolested. No one bothers them. Then out of a clear sky you see the Rabbi with one or two of these "odd fish" in a booth in a cafe, or he suddenly finds himself visiting a few strange homes and then you can be sure something big is going on; and soon, very soon, you'll have a new Rabbi again.

We had the "Marshall Plan" down there fifty years before World War II. In every house was a "pushka," a collection box for "overseas relief," and every Friday an elderly woman would come along and empty the coins in a handkerchief and drink a glass of tea. It would be interesting to know how many glasses of tea these women drank on their collection days. These blue and white collection boxes were always used to collect charity at various functions, especially at funerals. There was an elderly gent on our block, a baker by trade, who was an "independent" charity "collector." He always carried one of those boxes in his pocket. The minute he saw a funeral procession he whipped out the box and began to shake it repeating the traditional, "Zedakah Tatzel Me-Moves" (Charity Saves From Death). This is repeated in a sorrowful chant, which George Gershwin put into

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the "Summertime" solo of "Porgy finished the benediction over the and Bess." We had a relative, an elderly woman, who went looking out a terrible scream, followed by funerals every day. The moment she saw a black hearse in front of her she went into the flat and began to scream. "What will happen to the poor orphans?" before she even found who had died. Eventually she begged the clothing of the deceased and spent the rest of the day distributing it to the needy. Maryam — that was her name — was also in great demand at weddings. The moment the rabbi

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Tragic Downfall
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 lack of tact. And because, for the Israeli defense is not an abstract theory, but a matter of life or death, the minister of defence (B. G.) has since 1948 received the faithful support of the masses in all he did.

Today this faith has been withdrawn, like a run on a bank gone bankrupt. Moshe Sharet, the former PRIME MINISTER during Ben-Gurion's retirement to SDE-BOKER last week spoke in the Knesset for the first time since he resigned as foreign minister. During the preparations for the Sinai campaign, Sharet, who is the second most influential leader in Mapai and a known advocate of peaceful solution to political problems was quietly sent out of the country for an Asian goodwill tour of six countries.

He arrived in India, at the outbreak of hostilities, obviously surprised and unprepared, and despite his heroic efforts, Israel was roundly condemned by the Asian Socialist Conference in Bombay which, in the past on Burmese initiative has adopted an understanding attitude towards Israel's problems. Sharet, who is also a master diplomat, was told point blank, by his many friends at the conference.



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Despite our understanding of your country's difficult position we must condemn this attack because you may be the spark that will cause World War III. Informed circles are quietly predicting Sharret's return to the helm, as soon as a face-saving formula for the RETIREMENT of old (71) and aging BG, can be found.

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