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At least one modern authority has suggested that we have at least four days during which *selihot* are recited, equal to the four days needed to examine a sacrificial offering in the Temple for defects or blemishes that would disqualify it from being sacrificed. After all, if we are offering ourselves to God, shouldn't we, too, undergo some extensive form of self-examination?

In fact, this makes good sense. As we approach the High Holiday season, let us reflect on -- and appreciate -- the unique beliefs and traditions that have furthered our moral development.

Just imagine -- a world where all men and women are required to search their souls and to resolve that they will not repeat their sins. "Then nation will not threaten nation, and mankind will not again know war." Certainly, a worthy New Year's wish.

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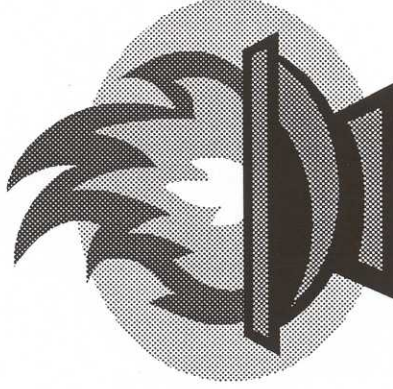
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- ✧ Programming and guidance on public policy issues, including child welfare and the environment
- ✧ Synagogue-based training of congregational leaders; IMUN and SULAM leadership programs

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