Micah's words a fitting Carter scripture

We experienced the power of the American idea, achieved by great sac-rifice, preserved by the determination of many generations, and enduring as a hope that yet inspires millions who live in darkness and fear.

The inauguration exercises remind us of the message of America, whose truth must be reaffirmed and restated in every generation; a message linked

As the ecremonies of the induguretion were conducted on Jan. 20. Americans responded with pride and grattrade to this dramatization of the continuity of our democracy.

Bands played. flags waved, and
crowds applauded as our highest poiltcal leaders were inducted into office.

MUSED about which passages

We experienced the newer of the

would be most appropriate for that moment when Mr. Cater would as-sume his presidential authority.

Perhaps the opening chapter of Jeremiah: "Be not afraid of them, for I am with thee to deliver thee. I have set thee this dig voer the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and pull down, to build and to plant."

In view of the escalating arms race.

the text might be: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall men learn war anymore." Democracy emphasizes equality before the law, whose emphatic Biblical statement is in the book of Deuteronomy: "One law shall there be for the inhabitants of the land and also for the stranger who lives among you." In view of the temptations that face the most powerful leader of this country, the admonition to the King of Israel is distinctly relevant: "When he sits upon the throne, he shall write a

try, the admonition to the King of Israel is distinctly relevant: "When he sits upon the throne, he shall write a copy of the law in a book, and it shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren..."

HOWEVER, MR. CARTER, who is a student of the Bible, picked the most fitting of all texts, from the book of Micah.

The passage offers a definition of the good life and the good society that is both succirct and comprehensive: "It hath been told thee. O man, what is good, and what the Lord doth require of thee: only to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

What is the principle the prophet emphasizes? It is that unless you achieve goodness, you will never achieve anyubing else. For the basic order of existence is an ethical order. Ethical standards of life are rooted in the universe. Their origin is from the same creator who gave us heaven and earth.

These rules are not the devices of the weak to protect themselves against the strong, as Nietzsche believ-

Variety, according to the old pro-verb, is the spice of life. In fact, a case could be made that human beings have a basic need for adven-ture and novelty. Our daydreams and hopes are often spent on flights into challenging, excit-ing circumstances. And we are suscen-

spent on tignts into chauenging, exclining circumstances. And we are susceptible to boredom when our life is too predictable, no matter how secure that may make us feel.

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lenge in our news to mannain our men-tal stamina.

Without a regular diet of stress, the human mind becomes flabby. Think-ing and emotions actually slow down as though suffering from a depres-sion. And we are less able to handle challenges when we are faced by them.

Getting it together

THE FIRST REQUIREMENT is the doing of justice—to hear the cry of the oppressed, to overcome the cruelty of the oppressor, to work for a society where the shackles of poverty, ignorance, want, and degradation will be removed.

But the prophet states that justice is not enough. for to justice, love must be deded. One must go beyond the requirements of the law, bevond the roducements of the law, bevond the obligations that society imposes you out.

We could not live if people were only just to us and no more it is because there are those who love us and aid us when we do not deere that love and aid, that we are gibt to live and to rejoin.

The prophet concludes by demanding that men walk humbly with God. The prophet is speaking to us as a name of proportion, an awareness that we, too, are under the udginess of the human condition. We are reminded by Micah to reconcern the prophet is speaking to us as a name of proportion, an awareness that we, too, are under the udginess of God, and that we dare not worship ourselves.

We all need adventure



By RABBI IRWIN GRONER

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Building, 22001 Northwestern, South-field. The evening will begin at 7 p.m.

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BOB TRENZ.

world of careers and the challenges of job demands to become a bored housswife. The longer she stays at home, the harder it seems to think of a partitime or full-time career. How can she compromise her housekeeping responsibilities? she asks herself. How can she take herself away from her children, especially since they've received so much aftention from her in the past? real reason for her reluctive to the past of the pas world of careers and the challenges of

without Enoligh mental and emolianal exercise we become increasingly siy about exposing ourselves to stressful situations. We become more fearful, more seleptrotective, and more confort-oriented.
We become bored and boring.
It's a self-perpetualing cycle that is
so common that it is the foundation
for some of our modern citches.
It's the educated, talented young
woman who withdraws from the

anyway for fear of losing his seniority. Spending most of his time in fantasies of owning his own business, he tries to find ways of diverting his attention from the boredom of his life.

tention from the boredom of his life. For fear of the financial insecurity of starting his own business, he decides to stay with a sure, boring job. The security of pretend harmony and getting along with each other is chosen by spouses who are bored with loveless marriage.

The security of returning to the same vacation spot every year is chosen over the unpredictability of unfamiliar territory.

And so it goes, with the same old comfortable friends, the same old comfortable foods, the same old comfortable routines.

fortable routines.

WHERE DID THIS all get started?

Probably from well-meaning, but protective parents who cautioned their children to avoid stressful situations like busy streets, being out on a cold day without your scarf, and being in an automobile accident with dirty underwear. Even parents who are spendthrifts teach their children to be careful with their money. It's as though we feel that it's part of our parental responsibility to instill a respect for safety and security in our children. But how many parents stress the importance of adventure?

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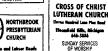
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