We need a new set of systems

A tourist in a dungeon displaying in-struments of torture feels the stupidity of it all. Then the mind begins to spin with questions about what was gained by painful punishments.

We have recently become aware of systems. Most everything we do can be described as part of some sort of sys-tem. The free enterprise system has been an emotional phrase indicating our feelings. Now techniques of analysis challenge us to look at meaning as well as feelings.

Consider a system which included many fine mansions and many beggars. Or think of a society which considered it right that there should be elaborate castles and debtors prisons. Or wonder about assuming it was natural to give eastle sand debtors prisons. Or wonder about assuming it was natural to give mearly equal space to hunting estates and poor farms.

Our social systems were created by physical force and shaped by the spoils with filmsy rationalizations about the pain and misery. We assume the vic-tims of the system are to blame for their own plight. And, to top it off, we call this distorted view a moral system.

ASKING QUESTIONS about systems is a little like trying to eat one peanut. Once we denounce stupid practices we throw light on all sorts of customs which seem taken for granted. The result is a worldwide revolution of wither convectations.

But much more important is what a

Kol Ami starts fall activities

Sr. Margaret Basso, who has initiat-

Sr. Margaret Basso, who has initiated futures programming at Schooleraft College, will discuss "Plan Your Span" with the Temple Kol Ami congregation during Shabbat services at 8:30 pm. Friday, Sept. 14 in West Bloomfield.
Sr. Margaret has also been involved in a widow-lo-widow project and is overparing special assistance for children who have suffered the loss of a parent. She has served as advisor to the Detroit Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women.

of Jewish Women.

The dedication of a specially commissioned memorial sculpture by internationally known artist Hanna Stiebel

rising expectations.

It would be easy to credit humane

It would be easy to credit humane leaders or compassionate organizations with change. But the fact is that debrios prisons, beggars in the streets, and one farms are gone because they didn't solve the problems. The victims are not the basic cause of their own trouble and we need to wipe out rationalizations based on that fitchion. Any social system must enable a society to meet basic needs. Resources must be amassed and capital collected to ensure a future. Production and distribution must meet demands. But much more important is what a

But much more important is what a system does to reward merit and care for misfits. The moral measure of a society is in what it does with people at the ends of the spectrum. The "average" in a wide middle will gain only as the people at the ends move ahead.

America has been a nation of the

will occur Saturday evening prior to relgious services introducing the High Holy Day season.

Ms. Stiebel will talk about her work with members of the congregation fol-lowing a polluck dinner at 7 p.m. The services (Slochot) which start at 8:30 p.m. will include traditional melodies sung by the temple choir.

A fashion show using as models temple members and their children will be sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood on Monday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Cooperating stores are Rainbow Lollipop and Lingerique.

CHARLES ERICKSON



middle class and we often deny belonging to any group other than the center. The general populace has gained dramatically in our short 200 years. The next steps in our evolving system must more honestly face the gifted and the deprived.

AT ONE END is the need to provide incentive and challenge for those who take risks, experiment and invent, try something creative, and go out on limbs to lead. We need special people in all areas, from government to industry to the arts.

At the other extreme are people who cannot meet "standard" expectations. Some of them need special tasks for

neaningful life and some of them must he regarded as custodial cases. A sys-tem which assumes there are no prob-lems invites destruction from some un-noticed cogs which don't mesh.

We can well be calm about caring for people who can't care for them-selves. We do it with infants and the ill. We can do it for people of inadequate

capacity.

An economic or judicial system which focuses on punishment invites chaos. We use far too many financial, human, and time resources in policing, courts, and a clumsy welfare system.

A NEW MORALITY is being born

A NEW MORALITY is being born out of our questioning. The old morality worried about blame. The new morality focuses on human potential. The new systems we are creating seek freedom and dignity for everyone, including people at the extremes.

Builders of the new society must shed the skin of old moralisms. The new systems must assess ability and strength realistically and maximize the dignity and freedom which define the human as human. Then we will be human eand civilized.

Home marks 50 years

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