

Even though Time Magazine recently put the villain of the TV drama "Dallas" on its front cover, I believe that television has polluted the atmosphere in which we live. It has raised the toxic level of our culture. It feeds us poison by distorting the realities of life and ignoring the nature of the human condition.

Television has lied to us about ourselves, and because it pours so much information upon us in such quantity, so relentlessly, and with such impact, we believe it instead of believing our own perceptions and intuitions.

As a result, we find it harder to understand each other. We find it harder to understand ourselves. We find it harder to understand our values.

ENTERTAINMENT programs, comedy, drama, or action-adventure, convey certain messages: America is inherently anti-intellectual; the virtuous man always wins; love is good, sex is better, but passion doesn't exist; any means are justifiable in a moral cause; passivity is commendable; intensity is a spectator sport; and the most serious concerns of the American people relate to underwear deodorant, loose dentures,

dirty shirt collars and choosing the best beer.

All of the above are lies. But we no longer notice or care about the way in which human dignity is demeaned by these unworthy images of man.

By the purposeful omission of material that is relevant to our contemporary situation, the entertainment purveyors make reality foreign to us. They entice us into a world of illusion which dulls the mind.

By expressing simplistic solutions for all problems, they rob us of the tools of decision and silks of thought.



moral perspectives
Rabbi Irwin Groner

They lead us away from encounter with truth.

TO THESE criticisms (and they have been made before), the networks reply that they spend millions on public service programs; news, analysis, discussion and interviews.

I recognize the value of informational television, especially in contrast to the inane and stultifying drivel that fills prime time.

However, television often distorts and alters the truths it seeks to communicate, as was demonstrated by the coverage of the Republican and Democratic Conventions. The topics and con-

cerns that Walter Cronkite or Frank Reynolds chose to present to the viewers had "entertainment value."

To wit, Gerald Ford's consideration as vice-president; Edward Kennedy's stance on the dais with Jimmy Carter.

Many substantive issues of public policy and political philosophy debated at the convention and hammered into the party plans were virtually ignored by the networks.

IT IS DIFFICULT to affect the pattern of national broadcasting, but our local television stations could raise the level of programming in the Detroit area.

They could provide opportunities for political, religious, academic, business, and labor leaders to engage in dialog and debate on the issues we face in our community.

They could open lines of communication between the diverse religious, racial and ethnic groups of our city. With imagination and innovation, they could turn television into a part of real life so that it could serve the interests of the people as well as the needs of the marketplace.

Jews welcome 5741

During High Holy days, the most solemn in the Jewish calendar, Jews will welcome the year 5741, which dates back to the Biblical creation of the universe.

The 10-day festival begins with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and concludes with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which is the holiest day of the year.

Rosh Hashanah begins this year at sundown Wednesday and ends at sundown Friday. Yom Kippur is observed from sundown Sept. 19 until sundown Sept. 20.

Rosh Hashanah means "Head of the Year" in Hebrew and occurs on the first day of Tishri, the first month on the Hebrew calendar.

According to tradition, the "Book of Life" is opened by God on Rosh Hashanah and closed on Yom Kippur. In this book is inscribed who will live,

who will die, who will be born, who will prosper or who will suffer in the coming year.

The Days of Penitence, which fall between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, signify a period of deep reflection when Jews ponder their deeds and spiritual behavior of the last 12 months.

On The Day of Atonement, Jews ask forgiveness for their sins and make new resolutions for the approaching year.

To preserve the sanctity of Yom Kippur, Jews refrain from any distractions of food, drink, or merriment so that they commit themselves to meditation and prayer while fasting for 24 hours.

At the conclusion of the Yom Kippur service, the Book of Life is closed, and it is said that God's judgments are sealed for the coming year.

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