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a difference that each of us can help make this a better world
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~~off mankind~~ that man can not only bring redemption he can also
bring total destruction ~~to the world.~~ ^{to the world.} ~~He~~ ^{the Holocaust} was instructed all of
us that without the moral teachings of our faith, man can sink lower
than any animal. Harry knew & we all know that ~~the Holocaust~~ ^{the Holocaust} Memory
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