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The Event Of The Year

Flames Of Franco-Israel Love Affair Still Simmer In France



PRIME MINISTER Menachem Begin at a press conference during President Mitterrand's visit to Israel.

PARIS (JTA) — President Francois Mitterrand's trip to Israel, is France's "event of the year." Some claim it is the most important development that has happened in France since Charles de Gaulle resigned as President in 1969 and the electoral victory of the Socialist Party last May.

No other presidential visit abroad, no royal wedding, no summit conference with an American President or a top-level meeting with France's European partners has stirred such deep interest and aroused such passionate emotions.

For the first time, all French weekly papers devoted their front pages to the visit. The center-right L'Express called it "35 years of passion." The leftwing Le Nouvel Observateur printed its front page in white and blue with the Hebrew and Arabic words "Shalom" and "Salam" and a banner headline "Mitterrand on a Tightrope."

The daily press, radio and television devoted thousands of words and hours of program time to a review of Franco-Israeli relations from Israel's birth in 1948 to the Suez campaign in 1956 and the subsequent souring of relations under de Gaulle and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

On the official level, at the Elysee Palace and at the Quai D'Orsay, rarely has a presidential visit abroad been so carefully prepared. Mitterrand personally wrote the speech he delivered in the Knesset and also prepared his responses to toasts, and to press conference questions.

Dozens of officials, including four Cabinet Ministers and four presidential advisors, have been briefed for hours on Franco-Israeli history, Middle East problems, Mitterrand's own stand on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the chances for peace.

The excitement over the trip, which is basically a state visit, and over what most French people consider as the "big Franco-Israeli reconciliation," shows that the flames of the Franco-Israel "love affair," by now half forgotten in Israel, still simmer in France.

But the passionate interest in Israel, and everything connected with it, does not mean that all of France is ardently pro-Israel. Many French people are, but for others Israel is a strange mixture of love, contrition, bad conscience and even animosity. The young are pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian at the same time.

For the older generation, which lived

through Vichy and often cooperated with this regime during World War II, there is an admiration for Israel's "European and even Aryan" achievements. But this admiration is tinged with a spot of anti-Semitism and bad conscience, a relic of the past.

Even within Mitterrand's ruling Socialist Party, militants and party leaders are torn between pro-Israel sentiments and a sense of "justice for the Palestinian people."

While international relations are generally based on cold, calculated pragmatic grounds, Franco-Israeli relations are the exception, a microcosm of human passions and emotions. Officially, the French stress that Mitterrand's trip is intended to demonstrate his support for Israel and to give France a more evenhanded approach in order to redress the pro-Arab tilt which had existed since the days of de Gaulle.

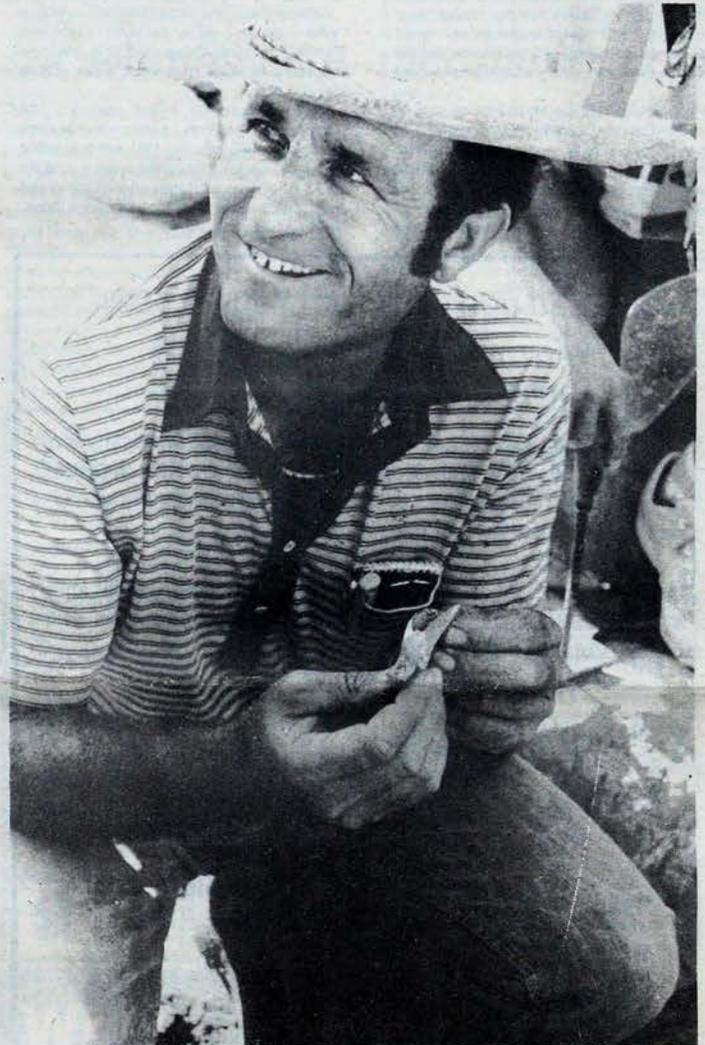
The Aim Of The Trip

Presidential aides stress that the trip aims at convincing Israel that Mitterrand is "a genuine and reliable friend." Once this is ensured, these aides say, France will be able to influence Israel, without provoking any ill-founded suspicions "that Israel's ultimate security lies in negotiating with the PLO and making a deal with it providing for the creation of a Palestinian state."

Mitterrand "for Israel's own sake" plans to promote, in diplomatic terms and veiled references, the idea of negotiations with the Palestinians, or as the French say in vaguer terms, "the recognition of the other side's rights."

Nobody in France believes that Mitterrand will be able to convince Israel of the wisdom of this thesis and yet, most French people, ministers, senior government officials, and even journalists who know Israel will and should know better, conclude their conversations by stressing that "he (Mitterrand) might succeed to

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PROFESSOR YIGAL SHILOH at the City of David Archaeological site in Jerusalem. Prof. Shiloh will speak in Providence at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, March 28 at 8 p.m. Turn to story on page 2.

'Prophet Of Doom' Says New Russian Threat Takes The Form Of Mind-Control

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA — While much of the world is seriously disturbed by the threat of Soviet nuclear fire power, which is said to have the potential to devastate major cities in Europe and America, a man in nearby Zichron Yaakov, just twenty miles south of Haifa, maintains that the Russians have developed and are now perfecting a weapon many times more lethal, because it can bring about total and complete destruction without danger of any kind to those who wield it.

Some scientists in Israel claim that the prophet of doom is a semi-demented fanatic who should under no circumstances be taken seriously. But 58-year-old Avraham Schiffrin waxes indignant. He seethes with frustration as he seeks to warn the world of a new Holocaust, and few are willing to listen.

Schiffrin was born in Moscow in 1923, educated in law and served in official positions until he was arrested on charges of espionage and sentenced to death. The sentence was commuted to hard labor, and finally in 1970 he was able to get out of the country. What he heard and learned during

his years in the Soviet Union made him realize that he must alarm the world at once, but few take him seriously, he says sadly.

The new Russian threat takes the form of mind-control. Because he himself had studied and practiced parapsychology, he was able to establish contact with those who are working to provide the Russian Government with the enormous power which this makes possible.

In the West, he says, parapsychology is a game played by those who seek to establish contact with spirits which have left the earth. Far more practical, and dangerous, is the power it gives to exercise control over the minds of others, whether present or not. In initial experiments, the Russians learned to establish telepathic communication with their satellite navigators in outer space.

Today, says Schiffrin, there are thirty laboratories in the Soviet Union continuing research and training cadres of experts. These men, by the hundreds, are already placed in Soviet diplomatic missions in vital centers. A trained Russian agent, once he has seen or visited a place, can

"visit" it again in disembodied form and take action there. Thus, it would be possible for a Soviet agent to press a vital button in the White House.

Telekinesis is the power to produce physical action without applying material force — like Uri Geller's bending of spoons by his power of concentration. Absolutely possible, says Schiffrin, but the public has come to look upon such matters as mere entertainment, without realizing that a cruel and desperate enemy is preparing to marshal such powers against the whole free world. When NBC was induced to include one of his films about Russian concentration camps on a network show, it was treated as an amusing program, not as the shrill alarm of warning that Schiffrin had intended.

The reaction was much the same in Israel when he went on television. Some spectators were alarmed; most refused to believe. A few weeks ago, the Israel army magazine, *Bamachaneh*, gave him a three-page spread which quoted his views in full, but still left many readers with the feeling that the man is not quite normal.

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Revisit Ancient Jerusalem With Yigal Shiloh At Temple Emanu-El

Since the unification of Jerusalem in 1967, teams of Israeli archaeologists have unearthed treasures which are a key to Jerusalem's biblical past. A major dig, known as the City of David Archaeological Project, is under the leadership and direction of Prof. Yigal Shiloh, of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. This particular project has been the cause of controversy between archaeologists and ultra-Orthodox Jews, who contend that the site being excavated contains historic Jewish graves which are being desecrated. At times, work on the project has been slowed because of demonstrations and attacks by extremist religious groups.

Throughout the harassment and controversy, Prof. Shiloh has maintained that the project will continue and these important archaeological excavations cannot become the focus of a continuing political battle.

Prof. Shiloh will speak in Providence at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, March 28, at 8 p.m. The lecture is sponsored by the Temple's Institute of Jewish Studies. At this lecture, Prof. Shiloh, through the use of slides, will present some of the discoveries of the Ancient City, City of David and the

Second Temple.

The lecture will be presented in the Alperin Meeting House, with refreshments following. There will be a minimal admission charge of \$4.

ADL Urges State Dept. To Reconsider Iraqi Decision

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith last week urged the State Department to reconsider its decision to remove Iraq from the list of nations that support international terrorism.

Calling the State Department's action a "grave error," ADL national chairman Maxwell E. Greenberg said in a letter to Secretary of State Alexander Haig (dated March 11):

"The record of Iraqi support for terrorism remains clear: numerous terrorist actions during 1981 are traceable to Iraq. Included among them were attacks on El Al offices in Rome and Istanbul and on Israeli missions in Vienna and Athens. Nothing has changed."

Sam Shlevin, In Hospital Receives Jefferson Award

Today, Sam Shlevin was given the prestigious Jefferson Award for a lifetime of public service by the American Institute of Public Service in Washington, D.C. His wife, Irene, accepted the award for him at a luncheon this noon at Broadcast House in Providence because Shlevin is recovering from an illness at the Jane Brown Unit of Rhode Island Hospital.

Upon hearing he was being presented the award, Shlevin said he was "stunned and shocked."

From his hospital bed he said, "I knew of one person who recommended me, but I have since learned that there were many people who submitted my name."

According to WJAR-TV, about 500 letters were received nominating people for the Jefferson Award. Of those nominated, twenty-five people were selected to be reviewed by a board of selectors composed of civic leaders. After studying the biographies of each of the twenty-five, the board decided on the five persons to be honored with the award this year. Sam Shlevin was one.

The Jefferson Award symbolizes the spirit of public service on which this country was founded. In selecting recipients, the spirit in which a person carries out his or her civic involvement and the benefits that person brings to a local community are prime considerations.

Sam Shlevin was chosen to receive the award because he has devoted much of his life to helping minority groups, has been on the forefront in the fight against bigotry and was the founder of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry.

Placing all of the publicity about the presentation in perspective, Shlevin mused, "Awards by themselves don't mean anything. I was more concerned that I missed three appointments this week."

Each recipient of the award will be profiled on Channel Ten's "PM Magazine," one each Friday, for five weeks. Shlevin is tentatively scheduled to appear on April 9.



SAMUEL M. SHLEVIN

Undaunted by his illness, Shlevin commented, "I hope to be out soon and will continue to do what I can to help. I will not let up on the scourge of anti-Semitism. It has been on the increase, especially among high school students. We've had trouble with harassment of the students from the Providence Hebrew Day School. The easiest prey is young people."

Shlevin said his stay in the hospital hasn't been entirely unpleasant. "The greatest joy I got was when I received cards from the kids of the kindergarten from the Day School," he explained. "Each student in the class sent a card. It was such a moving thing. Most moving of all were the flowers and plants. 'Dear Sam: Get well soon. We love you.'"

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PLO Wooing American Clergymen By Financing Trips To Lebanon

NEW YORK (JTA) — A concerted effort by the Palestine Liberation Organization to entice Christian clergymen in the United States to visit Lebanon, with all expenses paid for by the PLO, has sparked a bitter controversy between conservative fundamentalist Christian leaders who are opposed to the PLO ploy and liberal ministers who appear to be taking the bait.

At the same time, leaders of major Jewish organizations have assailed liberal ministers who have already visited Lebanon under the auspices of the PLO and have expressed concern that such visits would tend to legitimize the terrorist organization and lend credence to its anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda.

The controversy erupted last month when five Seattle ministers went to Lebanon at the invitation of the PLO and returned with praise for the Palestinian cause. The ministers said they recoiled at the violence in Lebanon, where the PLO has bases, but were touched by what they heard during their meeting with PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

The Rev. Richard Younge, of the Campus Christian Ministry, said upon his return from Lebanon: "The Palestinians are now trying to achieve by political means what they failed to achieve by military means. I think we ought to encourage that."

Rev. Rodney Romney, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Seattle, commented that Arafat impressed him as a "magnetic leader with an electrifying personality." He said, "I can't think of any time I've met anyone so completely dedicated to a cause." He added: "I feel a strong sense of commitment to work any way I can for the cause of justice for the Palestinian people."

Rev. William Cate, head of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, said the trip confirmed his suspicions that the American news media isn't telling the whole story of the Mideast war. "We have seen the other side of the story," he said. "If there is going to be a solution, this story has to be considered." The ministers agreed that the Palestinians need a homeland, and that homeland should be on the West Bank.

Fundamentalists Blast Ministers

These ministers and the others who took the trip were blasted by eight fundamentalist Christian leaders who described the PLO as "the world's most ruthless terrorist band." Douglas Shearer, a painting contractor from Sacramento, Calif., who belongs to TAV Evangelical Ministries, a Sacramento-based pro-

Israeli Christian group, said: "We want the Seattle area to understand that these five Christian ministers (who went to Lebanon) do not represent the views of Seattle area Christians."

The Rev. Dwight Kinman, a Tacoma hospital chaplain, said Christians all over the world should support Israel. Douglas Krieger of TAV Evangelical Ministries, declared: "God's plan is for Israel to exist as a nation." Shearer stated that peace was not possible in the Middle East "until the PLO renounces the use of terrorism and recognizes Israel as an entity."

In support of their stand, TAV Evangelical Ministries last month purchased a large advertisement in the Seattle Times with a long list of endorsers, many of them leading evangelical clergymen from California to British Columbia in Canada. The ad, which noted that the story of the PLO-financed trip was broken in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer by reporter Eric Nalder, stated, in part:

"We Evangelical Christians do NOT condemn the trip itself. Certainly, the clergymen can justifiably lay claim to a right and perhaps even a moral obligation to independently ascertain the veracity of the accusations. However, we find unconscionable the use of PLO funds. We deeply regret the obvious imputation of Christian legitimacy to one of the world's most ruthless and unprincipled terrorist bands. We protest against an almost complete lack of discretion — a crude insensitivity which has joined the name of the Prince of Peace to brutality, cowardice, and implacable cruelty."

The PLO-sponsored trip was also assailed by spokesmen for Seattle area Jewish organizations. Dr. Michael Schuller, chairman of the Federation's Community Relations Committee, said: "This trip by a group of Christian clergymen is immoral. Money for the trip (was) provided by a bunch of murderers."

Dr. Arthur Abramson, director of the Seattle chapter of the American Jewish Committee, stated: "That Christian ministers of the Gospel, committed to peace and reconciliation, could take a trip sponsored and paid for by a group committed to the destruction of innocent civilians, both Christians and Jews, is inconceivable." He noted that the trip "cannot avoid helping legitimize" the PLO and plays "into the hands of both America's and Israel's enemies."

David Stahl, director of the Northwest Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said: "It is difficult for me to comprehend

how individuals who are taken on a PLO financially-sponsored trip and only offered a select diet of interviews and experiences can return with a clear understanding of the multifaceted conflict" in Lebanon. He also said he was disturbed by the "gentle" way the ministers described Arafat on their return.

Background Of The Trip

In his pastoral letter to his congregation, Romney described the trip to Lebanon as a venture "financed by the Institute for Palestinian Studies and the Palestine Research Center in Beirut." He did not mention the PLO connection.

The Palestine Research Center is a PLO-sponsored organization, headed by top PLO leaders, according to Hisham Sharabi, editor of the Journal of Palestine Studies in Washington, D.C. The Institute for Palestinian Studies is an independent organization financed by the Kuwaiti government and some wealthy Lebanese. Nalder reported in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

According to Nalder, the trip was arranged locally "by two U.S. citizens who were born in the Middle East. Fawzi Khoury, a Lebanese-born Christian who runs the Near Eastern library at the University of Washington, got the ball rolling when he suggested to a brother living in France that a tour would be a good idea."

The other organizer, Nalder reported, was Farhat Ziadeh, a Palestinian who was born on the West Bank.

Begin, Shamir Consider W. Bank Settlement Proposal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon are both reported to have "accepted in principle" a proposal from Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to set up one new settlement in Judaea and Samaria for every settlement dismantled in the Yamit area of northern Sinai.

Israel Radio, disclosing Hammer's plan and his lobbying for it among Cabinet colleagues, said there would be a Cabinet debate and decision to this effect within a short time.

Hammer, as leader of the "Young Guard" within the National Religious Party, is under growing and bitter pressure from some of his supporters as the Yamit evacuation proceeds. It was the NRP Young Guard that was the political progenitor of Gush Emunim which itself gave birth to the "Stop the Withdrawal Movement."

Political observers felt the acceptance "in principle" still would enable Begin and other key ministers to reconsider the plan once the Sinai withdrawal is completed — though there does seem to be some commitment for founding new settlements on the West Bank.

The Cabinet decision — if it comes — is bound to have adverse effects on the relationship with Washington, especially as both Begin and Sharon told the U.S. last year that Israel was nearing the end of its scheme to found new settlements on the West Bank and would concentrate instead on expanding existing settlements.

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London's New Hitler Play . . .

Nazi Accusations Against The Jews Go Unanswered

by Martin Gilbert
London Chronicle Syndicate

As a historian, I found this a most unsatisfactory play. Of course its aim was to provoke. But in doing so, it also, in my opinion, distorted. It had a fundamental flaw: Hitler's self-defense, presented in the second half of the play as a series of accusations against the Jews, went unanswered.

The historical aspect was in two parts. In the first, a Jew recites some of the evils and torments of the Holocaust. In the second, "Adolf Hitler" accuses the Jews of racism, and launches into a monologue against the Jew in history. Hitler's defense of himself does not deny the actual events of the Holocaust. These are, indeed, not even at issue. Hitler's defense is to blame the Jews for being the originators of a series of evils, including Marxism, elitism, racism and Zionism.

The first part of the play, the Jewish recital of the Holocaust, contains a number of remarks which show how far current fashion in misrepresenting the Jewish response to the Holocaust has permeated even the theatre. Thus it is a Jew who says, "unless Hitler was a Jew, how else would he know we would walk so calm into the fire?"

Here we have the total ignorance of the Jewish response to the persecutions of the way years: flight and escape, armed resistance in dozens of ghettos, tens of thousands of acts of individual resistance, courage in the face of overwhelming odds, the heroism of the starving and the unarmed against the military might of victorious armies, and armed thugs. All this ignored, becoming "walk so calm into the fire."

After the play, I complained to a friend in the audience that Hitler's accusations went unanswered. He replied that the answer lay in the recital, by a Jew, of holocaust atrocities so graphically described in the first part of the play. These were, in themselves, very moving, at times sickening. But they were totally unconnected with (and certainly no answer to) the detailed philosophical diatribe against Jews, Judaism and Zionism put in Hitler's mouth in the second part.

Even on points of detail, there were historical errors in this first part, such as an offhand remark about Churchill, and his reaction to the Jewish appeals to bomb the railways and crematoria. We are told in his play: "The Old Man didn't want to know anything about that — it was not his

The stage adaption of George Steiner's 'The Portage to San Cristobal of A.H.' opened at London's Mermaid Theatre last month. Martin Gilbert, the noted historian, discusses its historical implications.

sort of war." In fact, Churchill was deeply disturbed by the accounts of Auschwitz, listened to the Jewish request for bombing, and wrote immediately to Anthony Eden: "Get anything out of the Air Force you can, and invoke me if necessary."

As for Churchill's attitude to the war being separate from the persecution aspect, this is not borne out by the evidence. Speaking in the House of Commons in September, 1942, Churchill described the deportation of Jews as "the most bestial, the most squalid" of all the Nazi offenses, which illustrated "as nothing else can the utter degradation of the Nazi nature and theme, and the degradation of all who lend themselves to its unnatural and perverted passions."

But the fundamental flaw in this drama remains the Hitler monologue with which the play ends. This is presented as Hitler's defense. Point after point is raised by Hitler, to which no answer or argument is even attempted. This leaves Hitler not only the last word, but in fact the first and only word on these new and complicated issues. The Jews on the stage sit around listening to him, silent and pathetic. The audience must also listen, but unless you have a strong triple training in theology, political philosophy and recent history, you will have no means of knowing whether what Hitler says is true or false.

At several points, I personally felt quite unable to test what Hitler was saying, when he was quoting the Bible, dashing through passages in which the Jews brandished the sword in ancient times, and themselves committed atrocities. The author made absolutely no effort whatsoever even to suggest the sort of answers that might be given in a theological debate, of which this might have been one side.

"My racism," Hitler tells the Jews on stage, "was a parody of yours, a hungry imitation." He gives his evidence from biblical quotations. I am not a Bible scholar or a theologian. Thus, in common with ninety percent of the audience or more, I could not judge whether quotations were accurate, in or out of context, or misused. No counter-argument was presented. Powerfully selected and powerfully-presented quotations were used to condemn the Jews for racism.

At one point, Hitler quotes from the Bible that the Jewish God is "a God of vengeance

unto the 30th generation." Hitler then declares: "These are the Jews' words, not mine." But on raising this particular quotation with a rabbi, he pointed out the correct quotation, and its context. God does indeed describe himself as a God of vengeance, in fact unto the 3rd or 4th generation (not the 30th), but limits his vengeance "to them that hate me," and

The author may well make the assumption that the audience is intelligent, knowledgeable and critical, but this is a dangerous assumption in the modern age. Much of the success of the real Hitler was due to the fact that his audience was neither knowledgeable nor critical enough to see the distortions in his actual monologues.

goes on to describe himself as "showing mercy unto a thousand generations to them that love me and keep my commandments."

Few in the audience could have known the correct quotation. Even fewer, I suspect, would have had a rabbi to telephone in the morning, or have had cause (as I did) to write the words down as they were spoken in the theatre.

I also doubt whether even a dozen of the hundreds present were aware of the long-standing theological debate and conclusions concerning the phrase, "chosen people," about which Hitler in the play made such devastating use, as proof of Jewish exclusiveness and racism. This phrase has long been known to have been misused.

There is in fact no biblical term for "the chosen people" as such. In the Bible story, every act involving divine "choice" is immediately followed by some specific obligation. One is "chosen" in order to do some definite act, such as keeping the Sabbath or observing the commandments, just as other biblical nations besides the Jews are also "chosen" for a particular act. Thus the Philistines were "chosen" to go out to Caphtor, and Aram was "chosen" to go out of Kir.

The Jew is chosen for obligations, not for privileges, and not for eminence. Yet Hitler, in this play, rubs in that "chosen" means elitism and dominance and self-vaunting, and that the superiority of the Nazi man was only a derivative and a copying of the Jew's own self-aggrandizement. This is a false interpretation, that the author of the monologue may or may not be aware of, but which the majority of the audience had no means of knowing. Why did the author at least not give some clue that the "chosen people" accusation might be a well-worn, and frequently abused, myth?

The devil quoting the scriptures is an old device. Normally, as here, he quotes them selectively. But while reading a book, one can check quotations. No one, as far as I know, had a Bible in the theatre. Only a very few in the audience, with a real knowledge of the Bible and of biblical interpretation, could have caught the distortions in Hitler's (that is the writer's) presentation.

Some of the accusations against the Jews were complimentary. The Jew had "invented science." Through the Jew Jesus, he had invented meekness. Through the Jew Marx he had invented social equality. The Jewish ideals were man's "bad con-

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Human Rights Groups Ask Courts To Deny Tax Exempt Status For Nazis

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Three human rights organizations have asked a federal appeals court here to rule against granting tax exempt status to a white supremacist Nazi group that advocates race extermination.

In an amicus curiae (friends-of-the-court) brief filed 2 weeks ago, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People asserted that the Virginia-based National Alliance is not entitled to tax exemption because it is not an "educational and charitable" organization as it claims.

The basic issue, the three organizations said, is whether advocating racial hatred and the extermination of Jews and blacks constitute a charitable or educational activity.

The National Alliance was denied tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service in 1978 because the IRS found that the Alliance's publications did not meet the agency's definition of "educational" according to the IRS code.

The Nazi group, claiming that its exercise of free speech automatically qualified it as "charitable" and "educational," appealed the IRS ruling in federal district court in Washington, D.C. The court ruled last May that the IRS regulation interpreting the "educational" standard of its rule was too vague and sent the case back to the IRS for further proceedings.

Both the National Alliance and the federal government appealed the ruling in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The National Alliance's appeal was based on its failure to get a declaratory judgment of tax exempt status. The federal government appealed because it did not receive a summary judgment refusing tax-exemption to the National Alliance.

In their brief, the ADL, the AJCongress and the NAACP argued that whatever standard is employed under the IRS rule to define "charitable" and "educational" activities, the National Alliance clearly fails

that test.

The human rights organizations pointed out that the National Alliance's main activity is the publication and distribution of a monthly newspaper called "Attack" and a bulletin titled "Action," and the sale of books and pamphlets.

Among the views and ideology pro-pounded are the following:

"there will be a worldwide pogrom" against Jews; "oceans of blood" are the "only way to solve a biological problem when it comes down to the final implementation;" "far better the loss of a few million lives in a race war than the loss of everything through continued assimilation and miscegenation"; Martin Luther King was "a front man for the Reds;" and "Europe" lost World War II because "the Germans just weren't brutal enough."

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Italian Jews Honor Townspeople Who Saved Hundreds From Holocaust

NEW YORK — Italian Jews gathered in the town of Assisi, Italy on Sunday, March 14 to honor townspeople who sheltered 300 Jews during World War II and saved them from deportation to Nazi death camps.

Silver plaques were presented to approximately 20 persons, many of them Catholic clergy, who helped rescue the Jews brought to Assisi from other parts of Italy, disguising some of them as monks and nuns.

Representing the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith was Daniel Kropf of Trieste, vice chairman of the League's European Foundation. Kropf's parents were among those Jews given protection by the people of Assisi, under the direction of a Catholic priest, from September 1943, to June, 1944, when Assisi was liberated.

Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director of ADL and head of its International Affairs Division, described the rescue operation as a "demonstration of solidarity and compassion between Christian and Jew in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi."

The two-day ceremonies (March 14-15), which coincide with observances of the 800th anniversary of the birth of St. Francis, was attended by representatives of Unione, the umbrella group of Italian Jewish communities, as well as from the Jewish communities of Rome and Trieste. Among those who spoke was Miriam Viterbi, whose family is the only one remaining in Assisi from among the 300 Jews.

The silver plaques presented to the Jews' benefactors bear the inscription: "The Jews of Italy, in gratitude 1943-82."

The Assisi rescue effort, according to Foxman, was an outstanding humanitarian act during a period when approximately 20 percent of the Italian Jewish population was deported to death camps.

In Assisi, where no Jew had ever lived before the Nazi occupation, Jews were gathered and hidden in monasteries or the homes of Catholic parishioners. In addition to the clerical disguises, they were taught Catholic ritual and given false identity cards. Jobs were procured for them and they were able to blend into the community unbeknown to the German occupation forces.

The town's printing press clandestinely produced false documents for the Jews in Assisi, as well as for others throughout Italy.

"As far as is known," Foxman said, "not a single Jew was captured in Assisi nor was the rescue plan ever betrayed by those who participated in it."

When Allied forces approached Assisi in June, 1944, one of the Jews hidden there forged a "letter" from the German High Command declaring Assisi an open city. In response, the Nazi commander in Assisi ordered the evacuation of his forces, thus sparing the town and its inhabitants.

The Assisi ceremonies also included the launching of an exhibition marking Jewish participation in the Italian resistance movement during World War II, with students and teachers from all of Assisi's schools participating.

(Further information on the Assisi observance can be obtained by contacting: Avvocato Mirti, Presidente, Azienda Autonoma Cura Soggiorno Tirusmo, Assisi, Italy; Telephone: (39-78) 812 450.

Habib Says All Parties In Lebanon Want To Preserve The Cease-Fire

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy, told Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir last week his assessment of the situation in Lebanon is that all parties in the area want to preserve the cease-fire on the Israel-Lebanon border which he helped arrange last July. Habib, arrived in Israel Sunday after visiting Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Israeli sources said Habib's assessment seemed to be that there would not be an outbreak of hostilities in Lebanon — or across the border from Lebanon — for the time being. The sources also said that Shamir told Habib that Israel was interested in a solution to the fundamental problems of Lebanon, but that as long as the present cease-fire situation exists, Israel would do nothing to change the situation or try to bring about such a solution.

"If we are not attacked, we will not attack," Shamir told the envoy during their 80-minute meeting, citing the well-established principle of Israeli policy.

However, in Beirut, the Voice of Palestine Radio, which is operated by the Palestine Liberation Organization, warned that the PLO forces and their leftist allies in Lebanon would strike deep inside Israeli-held territory if Israeli leaders persisted in making "provocative statements."

This was in response to Defense Minister Ariel Sharon who said in a television interview in the United States last week that Israel would not move into Lebanon unless there is a "clear provocation" from the PLO terrorist forces there. He said a "clear provocation" would be "when Jews in Israel are killed."

Premier's Office Says Magazine Report Is Wrong
Meanwhile, the Premier's office denied

a report by Newsweek magazine that the Reagan Administration warned Israel not to create a situation that would entail an Israeli attack on south Lebanon. According to the report, the Americans feared that Israel would allow Palestinian terrorists to enter Israel and then act on the basis of declared Israeli policy that it would act in Lebanon only if attacked directly by the terrorists in violation of the cease-fire.

The Premier's office asked the editors of Newsweek to note that Israel does not act "cunningly," as the magazine reported, but honestly and that it expresses its positions clearly and forthrightly. It also denied that Secretary of State Alexander Haig had ever threatened Israel with economic sanctions.

Resolution Warns Against UN Action To Bar Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A resolution warning the United Nations against any action that would bar Israel from the General Assembly, was introduced last week in both houses of Congress by Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) and Rep. Jack Kemp (R. NY).

The resolution announced at a Capitol Hill press conference, would suspend U.S. participation in the General Assembly and withhold U.S. funds if Israel "or any other democratic state" is "expelled, suspended, denied its credentials or in any manner denied its rights and privileges in the General Assembly."

Moynihan stressed that if this happened, the U.S. would still remain in the Security Council since it would want "to maintain our veto."

Lawmaker Urges Reagan To Revoke Appointment Of Study Group Chairman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Calif.) has urged President Reagan to revoke his appointment of J. Peter Grace, a prominent New York industrialist, who has been named chairman of a Presidential study group, because of Grace's close ties to a convicted Nazi war

criminal.

Grace, president and chief executive officer of W.R. Grace & Co., was recently appointed chairman of the Private Sector Survey on Cost Control in Federal Government. Both Grace and his corporation, an international chemical concern, have confirmed ties with Otto Ambros who was a director of the I.G. Farben Chemical Co. in Germany during World War II and is now a consultant to W. R. Grace.

For his role in establishing a Farben works at Auschwitz, Ambros was convicted in Nuremberg of slavery and mass murder. He was sentenced to eight years imprisonment but served less than three years and was reportedly helped by Grace to enter the U.S.

Lantos sent a telegram to Reagan last week in which he stated: "Having shared with you in the White House a most sombre ceremony remembering the nightmare of the Holocaust; having belief in your fundamental decency in your commitment to human rights, it is inconceivable to me that you could have known of Mr. Peter Grace's close ties to the convicted mass murderer, Otto Ambros."

Lantos urged Reagan's "immediate and decisive action" to revoke the appointment of Grace, "coupled with the issuing of an appropriate statement." The White House had no comment on the charges made by Lantos. But a White House spokesman noted that the post to which Grace was named was voluntary and Grace will receive no pay.

Last June, Yeshiva University in New York was about to present Grace with its distinguished service award. It was withdrawn after protests were made over Grace's connections with Ambros.

Shamir Asks For Lebanon's Freedom

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on "France and the West" last week to help Lebanon free itself from the shackles of occupation by Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Shamir, addressing visiting French paratroopers, said the Lebanese wanted to reassert their independence but the presence in their country of 30,000 Syrian troops and 20,000 PLO terrorists effectively prevents this.

Israeli army sources, meanwhile, confirmed a report in Haaretz that Syrian troops have moved into the ruins of the Beaufort Castle, an ancient Crusaders fortress in southern Lebanon, which has long been used as a PLO artillery position.

Shamir, in his speech, noted that France has a wide role to play in the Middle East because of its historic associations with the region. He urged France to bring its influence to bear on the Arab states to enter into real peace with Israel. He also declared that the French people should appreciate the enormous sacrifice Israel is making by returning all of Sinai to Egypt.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Reisman Weds Jeffrey Swartz

Susan Lonni Reisman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ulrich of San Diego, California, was married to Jeffrey Gordon Swartz on Feb. 14 at Congregation Beth Jacob in San Diego. The bride is also the daughter of the late Morris Harold Reisman. Jeffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Swartz of Providence.

Rabbi Eliezer Langer officiated at the ceremony. A reception followed at Congregation Beth Jacob.

Maid of honor was Eileen Reisman, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Carol Swartz, sister of the bridegroom.

Best man was Leo Swartz, the groom's father. Ushers were Lewis Wintman and Howard Bomstein.

The flower girls were Marti and Jody Breier. The ring bearer was Eric Breier.

The bride is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and is currently employed as an advertising consultant in Los Angeles. The groom is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and attended Pace University Graduate School of Business in New York. He is presently em-



MRS. JEFFREY SWARTZ

played as a public relations executive in Newport Beach.

The couple will reside in Santa Ana, California.

JCC To Sponsor Aging Years Talk And Workshop

Concerns, needs and activities of the aging will be among the issues discussed on Thursday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

Titled "The Aging Years: How Can We Make Them Better?" the program will feature Rosalind Kurzer, educational consultant, and Maxine Richman, outreach counselor for the elderly with Jewish Family Service.

The audience will also participate in activities designed to promote an awareness of the issues facing everyone as the aging years begin.

Ada Winsten, chairperson of Career Women's Affiliate Social Action Committee, has planned the program with assistance from Rabbi Cathy Felix, Barbara Forman, Fannie Gross, Fran Parkin and Jeanne Weil. Career Women's Affiliate invites everyone to attend this meeting.

Gail Cedar To Wed Gerald Heymsfield

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cedar of Cranston have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gail Helene, to Dr. Gerald M. Heymsfield, son of Mrs. Lillian Heymsfield and the late Herbert Heymsfield of Jamaica, New York.

The future bride is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport. She is presently employed as an export administration specialist with the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Her fiancé received his Bachelor's degree from the University of New York College at Fredonia; his Master's degree from the University of Chicago; and his Doctorate degree in meteorology from the University of Oklahoma. He is employed as a researcher by NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

A June wedding is planned.

Pythian Sisters To Hold Card Party And Penny Social

The Pythian Sisters of Rhode Island will hold a card party-penny social on Monday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Grange Hall in Warwick. The public is invited.

A meeting for the past grand officers of the organization will take place on Tuesday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Aleida Hall.

Grand chief Mrs. Celia Bochner will be honored at a meeting on Wednesday, March 31 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ethel Troberman.

What Cheer Temple Pythian Sisters are planning to donate Passover food for two needy families.

The next meeting of What Cheer Temple Pythian Sisters will be on Wednesday, April 14 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Celia Bochner.

A party for all Pythian Sisters is also scheduled for Saturday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Celia Bochner.

Cathy Felix To Wed Elliot Schoenberg

Melvin and Teddye Bliwas of Highland Park, Illinois have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rabbi Cathy Louis Felix, to Rabbi Elliot Salo Schoenberg. Rabbi Felix is the daughter of the late Daniel Everett Felix. Rabbi Elliot Salo Schoenberg is the son of Hyman and Nettie Schoenberg of Queens, New York.

The bride to be is a summa cum laude graduate of Yale University. She received a Master of Arts degree and was ordained a Rabbi from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She has served congregations in New York and New Jersey and is currently a chaplain at Brown University.

Her fiancé, a cum laude graduate of Brandeis University, received a Master of Arts degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi Schoenberg was ordained in 1979 at the Jewish Theological Seminary and currently serves as Associate Rabbi at Temple Emanuel of Newton, Massachusetts.

A May wedding is planned in Providence, the week of parshat Naso.

Schwartz Elected Vice President Of Education Council



Elliot S. Schwartz, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, was elected vice president of the National Council for Jewish Education (NCJE) at that organization's recent annual conference in Miami.

Schwartz had served the NCJE for three years as treasurer previously.

"Maintaining and Enhancing the Teaching Profession" was the theme of this year's conference. The NCJE encompasses over 400 educators and academicians from the United States, Canada and Israel, and is the educational umbrella organization for all the Jewish professional agencies.

It is well-known for its publications "Jewish Education" and "Sheviley Hachinuch" and its efforts in raising the standards of the professional Jewish educator and school.

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The Creative Process Of Kate Snitzer

by Linda A. Acciaro

"The paintings are concerned with origins, with what is uncovered, and with the uncovering of process. I work in an opposite way from the archaeologist who removes layers of earth and debris. I don't excavate, I add — layerings of paint and color," says Kate Snitzer, artist, painter, sculptress and current exhibitor at Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center.

Among the pieces in the exhibit, the one that seems to stand apart from the rest is five feet wide, six inches tall and two years in the making. Kate appears minuscule positioned next to her creation which overtakes an entire wall of the gallery.

The double doors (actual doors) are part of the Reclamation series, a redeeming and renewal theme that Kate has worked through varied mediums. The doors are a

combination of wax and layer upon layer of acrylic.

Viewers question Kate about the materials used. Fellow artists look on with amazement and admiration. A deliberate choice of unmatched single doors are the result of a combination of years of painting and sculpture, as are most of the pieces in the exhibit.

Kate began in a traditional vein, producing carvings from stone and wood and flat surface paintings. She progressed into the abstract; the Aleph-Bait series is a contemplative group of paintings about legends of birth and passage. They are constructed of layered acrylic on masonite.

Kate's art form has now evolved into something very unique and takes into account both the sculpture and painting. Her Generations and Exodus/Genesis series are examples of this evolution.

"It involves taking a theme and working it through different mediums," Kate says. All the themes are biblical, but none are literal, she adds.

Moving from one piece in the exhibit to another, Kate says, "That's where I started with the Hebrew alphabet, pointing to Kuf, a painting molded and shaped with all acrylic materials. The double doors, as well as the single five-foot doors are an extension of this Kuf carving."

"I begin with the text and do a lot of research. There's preliminary research and ongoing research."

Although the objects in the exhibit are separate entities they are all connected by either theme or design.

"They are biblical themes, but universal," she says.

In an article written in the October 1979 issue of "Genesis 2" Kate said of her work and themes: "Many people are involved now in very separatist, 'self' oriented movements. I think that this is contrary to what religion does in making you part of a universal — a universality that is unique in whatever form or expression an individual finds."

As one views the pieces, a sense of activity emerges. "That's Genesis," Kate says. "A lot of things were going on." Genesis is a series of black and white and color drawings reflecting the structure of the book.

Kate doesn't label the prints on exhibit, and says in fact, that "it would be terrible if you looked for Exodus," or Genesis.

"The themes that come across depend on how you feel about the alphabet. In a metaphorical sense, the alphabet is in all of it."

Kate doesn't expect her viewers to pick up on the themes, but they do come across clearly.

For example, another piece in the display is transmitting a slower pace, quieter feelings are aroused. The combination of

purple and deep pink colors and the actual flow of Kate's palette knife sends a message of the darker side of life. One can feel the sadness.

"When I started I didn't plan on Lamentations, but sometimes I get surprised." The name of the piece fits the sensation that emanates from it.

What if a viewer commented that the piece had definitely touched a responsive chord of praise? "I would be curious as to how they saw it — very curious," she says.

Another acrylic and pastel on papers sends a more peaceful and softer message. Kate explains later that it's the beginning of the Psalms collection.

"An artist's major task," Kate says, "is to know when it's finished. If I add another color or piece to this one," she says pointing to the Psalms frame, "I have a new beginning."

Acrylic is not like oil. Kate mixes additives to make it thicker and sometimes will reconstruct a painting weeks or months later by applying more and more acrylic and painting over it. She will at times spread it out on a cookie sheet. The acrylic can virtually be peeled right off the metal sheet. She can cut the acrylic into moldable slices, paint over them, add more acrylic and paint over that, using all types of utensils — a palette knife, her hands, a spatula and paintbrush; sometimes she even pours the acrylic right onto the painting itself.

"The process is the same, the medium changes," Kate says.

With each new endeavor, Kate asks herself: "How can ancient events as seen in symbol, artifact and work enter into contemporary works? How can historical linear time meet on the painted or drawn surface with the non-linear time of memory and myth? The antecedents lie in marks etched, carved and painted onto wall stone, seals and scrolls."

"Whatever happens," Kate explains, "is useful today if we make it meaningful for today — transforming it so its useful."

Kate has not come to this point in her career and thoughts on art overnight. "It can take a long time for an artist to find the content of their work. I've taken some courageous steps."

Kate is currently the acting director of the Projects Arts Center in Cambridge, Mass. She also teaches individualized studio art courses and is the director of exhibitions at the Israel Cultural Center in Boston. She conceived and implemented a program for bringing prominent artists to the Boston public, including Aaron Siskind and Andy Warhol.

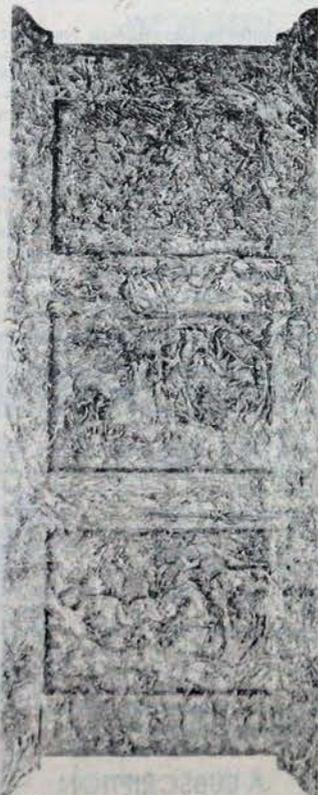
A graduate of Goddard College with a B.A. in Liberal Arts, she has also attended art school and studied various art forms. Her studio at 17 Tudor St., Cambridge, is open to visitors by calling (617) 491-9492.



KATE SNITZER will exhibit her "Biblical Metaphor" at Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center through March 29. Gallery hours are Sunday — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. — 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturday.

The work can be exhilarating or draining, but it is a life work for Kate Snitzer and she believes it's important for all adults to be connected to the art world.

"People should be involved and engaged in the creative process — art, poetry, writing — any creative process," but she adds, "It's risky. It can change lives."



SINGLE DOOR: Part of the Generations series constructed from wax and acrylic which also includes nine bronze plaques, low relief (12" x 12") taken from sections of the door as an extension of the theme.

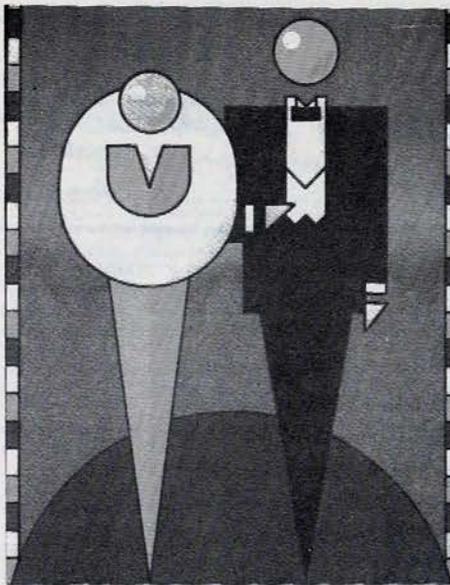


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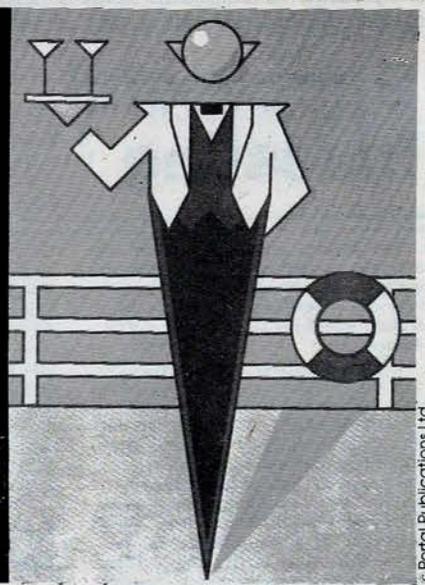


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by Linda Hawker

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My dinner companion and I began with the suggested white bourdeux house wine (\$2.25) which was much to our liking.

An appetizer of New England Chowder (\$1.75 a cup) was excellent, delicately seasoned, creamy with plentiful stock. My companion ordered a crock of Baked Onion Soup (\$2.25) which was rich in flavor, with ample amounts of cheese and piping hot.

For my dinner selection I chose Fettucini and Scallops Provencale (\$10.95). A very rich dish as expected, it was good in flavor, but somewhat scarce in scallops. The scallops were sweet and tender, mixed with artichokes, mushrooms, and Fettucini. I found it a satisfying blend of ingredients prepared Provencale.

The Grilled Choice Sirloin (14 oz., \$13.95) was cooked to medium rare exactly and was tender.

The entrees were served with a crisp green salad with raw vegetables, garnished with sunflower seeds and topped with a tasty herbal house dressing. Also included with the meal was choice of potato, and butternut squash, superbly blended with spices and served in a crock. A fresh slice of pineapple accented each entree. Homemade and cinnamon bread were served good and hot.

With barely enough room for dessert, we chose cheese cake (\$2.00) that was creamy, rich and great.

The service was very good, attentive, and friendly.

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Successful Investing

Tax Gain In Reinvesting Utility Dividends

by David R. Sargent



Q — Please explain the benefits and details pertaining to investing in electric utility shares, and reinvesting dividends to take advantage of the new tax laws. What utilities would you recommend? — C.S., Kansas.

A — Under the Tax Act, beginning this year and extending through 1985, up to \$750 a year of dividend income, per individual (\$1,500 for a joint return), may be deferred from Federal income taxes if the dividends are reinvested in new shares of the utility's common stock through its dividend reinvestment plan (DR). The shares must be held for one year, and then when sold would be treated as a long-term capital gain rather than as ordinary income. Those shares will have a zero cost basis, meaning that upon sale, the ENTIRE proceeds will be taxable. It is important to note that if you sell any shares of the utility within a year of receiving dividend shares, the IRS will assume that those sold were the dividend shares, and the proceeds will be taxed at ordinary income rates.

Investors should also know that if a utility classifies a portion of its dividend as a "return of capital" for tax purposes, this portion of the dividend may not be used toward the \$750 (\$1,500) income exclusion. In other words, you can elect to accrue the tax benefit from the return of capital portion of the dividend and participate in the dividend reinvestment plan for that portion which is not a return of capital. Furthermore, it is extremely difficult to forecast return of capital dividends, which can vary greatly from year to year, and companies generally do not identify them until long after the dividend has been paid.

Holding selected electric utility shares, and participating in the DRP, can be an attractive means to accumulate income on a

tax-free basis. For new buying, I would recommend Florida Power & Light, New England Electric, TECO Energy, Texas Utilities, and Wisconsin Electric Power. All five of these NYSE-listed companies have above-industry-average fundamentals, and all offer reinvestment at a 5 percent discount to market value. Also, none anticipate that any portion of their 1982 dividend will be declared a return of capital. Finally, you should contact each utility for further information on their dividend reinvestment programs.

Library Phonathon Helped by Locals

Glady's Kapstein, Janis S. Rothman, Stanley Grossman, Frances P. Wattman, Harriet S. Samors, Carol L. Barnes, and Joan Ress Reeves, all of Providence, recently participated in the Providence Public Library's phonathon.

The two-day phonathon was part of the library's annual fund-raising drive themed this year "Challenge '82: Check In As Much As You Check Out."

The drive's goal is to raise \$133,000 to offset more than \$100,000 in city budget cuts. So far \$50,000 has been raised.

Joan Ress Reeves, chairwoman of the Providence Public Library Phonathon, requested contributions from people who've never given before because of the library's increased expenses.

"Books cost twice what they did ten years ago and magazines have tripled in price," she noted.

Contributions, which are tax deductible, may still be sent to the Providence Public Library, 150 Empire Street, Providence, R.I. 02903.



Your Money's Worth

How Business Travelers Save On Air Fares And Car Rentals

by Sylvia Porter

By far, the best airline customers are business people. They travel the majority of air miles, are regular, week-after-week customers — and yet they are the targets of almost shameless discrimination by most airlines.

The airlines make it difficult and often impossible for business customers to get the low rates offered to pleasure travelers. The theory is that the business traveler must go at any price; the pleasure traveler, though, can be lured aboard by a discounted fare.

Consider the advance purchase excursion (APEX) fare, a discounted fare aimed at pleasure travelers. The regular coach rate on American Airlines from New York to Phoenix is \$430, round trip. The APEX fare is \$370.

To get an APEX rate, however, you must meet two conditions: Condition No. 1 — you must buy the ticket in advance. Condition No. 2 — you must stay a specified amount of time (either three days or a Saturday night or a week, depending on the airline). The conventional wisdom is that business people want to go in and out quickly.

But this APEX fare can be defeated by "back-to-backing," says Herbert J. Teison, editor of the "Travel Smart for Business" newsletter. This system will work for you, a business person who must fly between the same two points more than once in 60 days. You do not have to hang around at the destination. You can take advantage of the APEX discount through this method, a legal system that travel agents will use only if you, the client, specifically ask for it.

Take the example of New York-Phoenix. Say you were making two trips there: one this past Monday, March 15, the other on Tuesday, April 20, and you only want to stay two days each time. American requires seven-day advance purchase, which means you must buy the tickets a week before you leave. It also requires that there be a Saturday night between the New York-Phoenix ticket and the Phoenix-New York ticket. This assumes that you will be away at least a weekend — but you don't have to be.

So here's what you buy: One APEX fare New York-Phoenix round trip leaving Monday, March 15 and returning April 22. One APEX fare Phoenix-New York, leaving Phoenix Wednesday, March 17 and returning to Phoenix Tuesday, April 20. You now have four coach tickets and reservations at a cost of \$740 instead of \$860.

"Back-to-backing" can be used in a variety of ways, says Teison, and "for many destinations and great numbers of tickets for a savings of thousands of dollars."

Or consider car rental companies,

notorious for names that suggest economy: "Budget," "Thrifty," "Dollar."

At the start of 1982, Thrifty wasn't very thrifty in Los Angeles, where it asked \$32.95 a day for a compact car while Alamo would rent one there for \$25. But Budget lived up to its name and gave you the best price in San Antonio. Avis matched Budget's price.

Each month, this changes. It isn't easy to keep up with the best car-rental deals around the country.

In February, for instance, in Newark (in-town) you could rent a compact from Budget for \$48 or National, or for \$54 from Hertz. But at Newark Airport, your best bet would be a compact from Thrifty for \$37 or from Dollar for \$41. If your company has corporate discounts, it must factor in these costs to come out with the best net deals.

"Travel Smart for Business" also gives the same insider information on hotel accommodations, from deluxe through budget, city by city. It's designed for organizations spending \$25,000 or more on travel and costs \$96 a year. To order, write to "Travel Smart for Business," Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522.

Israel And Egypt Seek Agreement On Sinai Border

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, on a one-day visit to Israel, toured the old international boundary in Sinai with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon last week. Their helicopter survey was intended to help them reach an agreement on details of the border to be established between Israel and Egypt after Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai on April 25.

While no difficulties are anticipated, some knotty problems remain to be solved. One concerns the town of Rafah, part of which is in Sinai and part in the Gaza Strip. The two ministers must decide how to avoid destroying houses which lie athwart the border line. If the old frontier is revived, border checkpoints and customs inspection facilities would have to be erected on the main streets of Rafah.

At the southern end of the line, near Eilat, the Israelis claim that inaccurate measurements were made when the boundary was originally drawn in 1906. The difference amounts to only a few hundred yards but the way it is settled will determine whether the popular Rafi Nelson skin diving resort and hotel complex will be in Egypt or Israel. The Egyptians demand that the border be exactly as it was before Israel captured Sinai in 1967 and refuse to consider a compromise.

Israel insists that the inaccuracies be corrected before it withdraws from Sinai. President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt has reportedly suggested international arbitration of the border issue if the two sides cannot reach agreement by the April 25 deadline.

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Money Sense:

The Changing Role Of The Board Of Directors

By William F. Waters, Director of Marketing Services
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If you are a shareholder or employee of a public corporation, you have a direct stake in the decisions of its board of directors. The board represents the highest authority in the corporation next to the stockholders; as such, it can have a major effect on wages, dividends, hirings and layoffs.

Despite this potential for great influence, most directors traditionally do not directly manage the corporation. At periodic meetings, the board generally confines its business to deciding the level of dividends to be paid to stockholders, approving the selection and compensation of top management (including the president), voting on major policy initiatives submitted by management and evaluating management's progress in meeting objectives.

In many instances a director serves on the board and holds a salaried, full-time position with the company. The chief executive officer, for example, is almost always a member of the board, as are senior managers in key areas such as finance, international operations, or sales.

Many directors hold senior management positions in other corporations or institutions. The choice of a director is made with an eye to tapping valuable expertise. For instance, a major manufacturing company with the need to finance factories and inventories might invite the president of its principal bank to join its board to benefit from his or her financial knowledge.

It was common in the past for directors to serve on more than one board at a time, and some would sit on as many as 10. The amount of time devoted to each was necessarily limited, particularly since most board members also held fulltime positions. Typically, a director who was not an officer or employee of the corporation on whose board he served had been expected to spend no more than 15 days a year on business for the board.

New Pressures

In the 1970s, growing consumerism, environmentalism, shareholder activism and charges of illegal corporate payoffs to foreign entities led to demands for reforms of board structure, responsibility and accountability.

In response, today's board has taken a more activist, participatory role in the corporation's management. Board members, finding themselves criticized and in some cases liable, for the company's behavior, are less likely to give rubber-stamp approval of management recommendations.

Most observers would agree that the changes have generally benefited the corporation as well as society. Some of the major changes:

Fewer Officers as Directors: It is commonly felt that a high percentage of corporate officers weakens the board's ability to pass objective judgment on management initiatives and performance.

Today, three out of four board members are outside directors, compared to slightly more than 50 percent 10 years ago. In addition these directors are reducing the number of boards they serve on at any one time. As the demands for their time increase, directors are finding that they can effectively serve on only two or at most three boards.

To fill the demand for outside directors, companies are reaching into universities, foundations, research institutes and other

non-profit institutions. Directors from such areas can bring a greater breadth of experience to the board than would be available from corporate suites alone.

Increased Use of Committees: Committees assigned to specific areas of concern have become increasingly popular as boards seek more efficiency in their operations.

For example, the board of one major manufacturer has established five subcommittees, each chaired by an outside director and reporting to the full board. These committees are "operations," "science and technology," "public issues," "management development and compensation" and "audit and finance." Almost all major corporations have established financial audit committees to oversee the use of corporate funds and to set accounting practices.

Increased Social Responsibility: Activism, such as consumerism and environmentalism has led boards of directors of most companies to act as the corporate conscience, charged with weighing the external, social implications of management initiatives. Committees have been established to guide corporate policy in such areas as social responsibility, ethics, resource preservation and affirmative action in hiring.

Broader Representation: Critics of the current board system continue to demand representation of specific constituencies on the board of directors. Beyond the common demand for women and minorities, there is a clamor for members of consumer groups, labor unions and, in the case of multi-nationals, citizens of countries in which a company operates, to serve on the board.

Many executives feel too broad a representation would transform the board into a political body and dilute its decision-making ability. They argue that a company that operates in a dozen countries and employs a variety of unions can't possibly represent all factions on the board, and that all would be best served if board members were chosen by merit rather than quotas.

Unending Evolution

The continuing debate on board membership underscores the dynamic quality of the institution. State charters that determine the duties of boards of directors are purposefully broad to allow a board to adapt itself to changes as they arise.

The board of directors has been an effective institution for guiding policy and evaluating management performance because it has remained flexible and open to change. It is that same flexibility and openness that will be needed to meet the significant challenges of the 1980s.

Laurel And Hardy Films To Be In Comedy Series

Laurel and Hardy films will be shown at the Barrington Public Library Monday night, March 22, from 7-8 p.m.

This is the fifth program in the six week classic comedy series "A Comedy Tonight" designed for 7th and 8th graders, but also open to the public.

The Laurel and Hardy films to be shown are: "Brats," "The Chimp" and "The Fixer-upper."

Solomon Schechter Day School To Celebrate 4th Anniversary

The Solomon Schechter Day School (SSDS) of Rhode Island will hold a cocktail reception at the home of Mrs. Benton Odessa, 27 Dryden Avenue, Pawtucket on March 31 at 7:45 p.m. to celebrate its fourth anniversary. This event will provide an opportunity to raise funds for resources and scholarship.

Michael Bohnen will be the keynote speaker for the evening. A native of Providence, Bohnen is currently president of the SSDS of Greater Boston and a partner in the law firm of Nutter, McClelland and Fish of Boston. He is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Bohnen.

Natalie and Abraham Percelay are honorary co-chairmen of the cocktail reception. Active co-chairpersons are Cilia and Brunon Borenstein and Libby and Steven Peiser.

Committee members include Vida and Eliot Barron, Shelia and Paul Alexander, Hope and David Hirsch, Elaine and Sanford Kroll, Dianne and David Isenberg,

Cindy and David Kaplan, Elaine Odessa, Toby and Robert Fain, Carolyn and Joel Roseman, Sandy and Leon Rubin, and Rabbi and Heske Zelemeyer.

The Solomon Schechter Day School is housed in Temple Emanu-El and has more than 50 students from kindergarten through third grade. The school faculty includes fully certified teachers in both general and Jewish studies and specialists in music, art, physical education, and creative movement.

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer is the director and Ada Beth Cutler is the principal.

The school is one of 63 affiliates of the Solomon Schechter movement. It founded the New England Regional Association of Schechter Schools and hosted the first annual regional conference. By Sept. 1986, the school will encompass grades kindergarten through eight.

For further information, contact the school office at 751-2470.

Interfaith Day Of Sisterhood To Focus On Nuclear War

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence, will hold its Interfaith Day, Sunday, March 28. The program will commence at 2:30 and tours at 2:00.

The topic will be "The Medical Aspects Of Nuclear War." This topic is being discussed by the country's leading experts on nuclear war in a series of national symposia entitled "The Medical Consequences of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear War," organized by Physicians for Social Respon-

sibility, Inc. The organization is composed of physicians, scientists, and concerned citizens, who are alarmed by an international climate that increasingly presents nuclear war as a "rational" possibility.

Dr. Ira Helfrand, one of the leading speakers of Physicians for Social Responsibility, will be the guest lecturer who will present the message, based on medical and scientific analysis, of PSR.

The public is invited to participate.



WOMEN FOR A NONNUCLEAR FUTURE of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El: (front row, from left) Caroline Cohen, Melba Meister, Rachel Kaufman, and Millie Eisenstadt. In back (from left) are Zelda Feldman, Lynn Stepak, Ceil Low, Ann Klein, Eileen Gray, and Elizabeth Kaplan.

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Flames Of Franco-Israel Love Affair Still Simmer

(Continued from page 1)
give Israel and (Premier Menachem) Begin food for thought."

Mitterrand needs a political success in Israel for internal reasons. The "paradise" promised by his party before the elections has failed to materialize. Unemployment is on a dramatic rise. The Franc is falling, and the balance of payments in January was worse than ever.

In foreign affairs, Mitterrand must convince the Arab states that his support for Israel is not contrary to their interests.

Youth Aliyah Project Seeks Accreditation For Israeli Studies

NEW YORK — Dr. Chaim Lavy, World Zionist Organization — American Section Youth Aliyah representative greeted a pioneer group of distinguished American secondary school educators from the cities of Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. who will participate in a ten day trail-blazing Youth Aliyah educational project "Accreditation Israel," from Sunday, March 21 to Tuesday, March 30.

Dr. Lavy told the group of superintendents, principals, teachers and guidance counsellors because you are "educational leaders of the first magnitude, who understand what educational excellence is, we know that Jewish youth of both America and Israel will benefit from your most meaningful visit."

Dr. Lavy said the group will observe, in depth, the Israeli school system and curriculum, and will also tour Youth Aliyah educational villages throughout Israel. They will also meet with Yosef Shapira, director general of Youth Aliyah in Israel to discuss the differences between American and Israeli schools, and to exchange ideas for making Youth Aliyah programs suitable to the needs of American students.

"We are confident you will find our educational programs... very similar to your own... and in that event we hope you will convince the Boards of Education in your state and city to give full accreditation to our American students for their studies in Israel," Dr. Lavy said.

Travel Agencies Threaten Boycott

VIENNA (JTA) — Several travel agencies, mainly in Holland, have announced that they would boycott the Tyrolean ski resort of Mayrhofen because its Mayor, Franz Hausberger served in the infamous SS 1st Infantry Brigade in World War II. Legal proceedings against Hausberger were recently dropped by the Innsbruck District Attorney for lack of evidence.

Begin, Mitterrand Express Deep Differences On Autonomy Question

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Neither Premier Menachem Begin nor President Francois Mitterrand of France broke new ground in their joint press conference in Israel, following their appearances in the Knesset. But their replies to questions by Israeli and French correspondents disclosed very deep differences on the issues of a solution to the Palestinian question and autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Replying to questions about Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, Mitterrand said that, like anybody else, he was entitled to visit France but that Mitterrand, as President of France, would not receive him for negotiations.

Asked about his reactions to Begin's views and approach to the question of the Palestinians, Mitterrand said he had known of Begin's approach before, but was interested to hear at close quarters the passion and enthusiasm with which Begin expounded his feeling.

"There are basic differences between us, and as there has been a public discussion I have answered in as frank a manner as possible, within the bounds of diplomacy," Mitterrand said.

Begin intervened to say that he had "not criticized French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson (about his remarks during a re-

France depends more than ever before on the Arab states for imported oil and for Arab industrial and arms contracts to maintain employment and the stability of the Franc.

French diplomats and Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson have said repeatedly during the last few weeks, in all the Arab capitals, that France's pro-Israel policy and Mitterrand's trip can best serve their own interests. The gist of their message has been that only friendly persuasion can convince Israel to negotiate with the Arab states and that Palestinians and no man is better equipped than Mitterrand, who is considered by the Israelis themselves as their best friend abroad.

Few of the Arabs have been convinced. Only President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia and to a lesser degree King Hassan of Morocco have discreetly welcomed Mitterrand's trip. Even a partial Israeli response to Mitterrand's overtures would greatly enhance France's prestige and interests in the Arab world.

But behind the hard political realities, hopes and aspirations there is another reality, equally strong. The French are like the Israelis, emotional people who respond to symbols and words. Mitterrand's trip might, after all, turn out to be an impressive and moving symbol but more of a "Latin fiesta" than a concrete political gesture.

France Denies Arms Sale To Israel

PARIS (JTA) — France last week denied that the sale of French arms to Israel was discussed during President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Israel. An official communique released by the French Foreign Ministry said this subject "was not discussed at any moment" during Mitterrand's trip.

The communique added, "There is no reason for this subject to be raised at the forthcoming session of the Franco-Israeli economic commission" which is to meet April 29 in Paris. French papers quoted Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir as saying the commission will deal with this issue.

The communique added that the sale of a French electro-nuclear reactor will have to be discussed by French and Israeli technicians and will therefore probably not be raised either at the Franco-Israeli commission's session. The commission has not met for over 15 years and its reactivation is seen by French official circles as one of the concrete results of Mitterrand's trip to Israel.

The French Foreign Ministry's communique was issued after French news media quoted Shamir as saying that the joint commission will discuss the two issues.

cent visit to Arab countries) but merely quoted him. Begin said the question of a Palestinian state was not for anybody else to discuss as it was a matter of life and death for Israel.

Mitterrand said that a dialogue with the Prime Minister was "always useful," indicating that he had not been fully convinced by Begin on either his approach to the Palestinian question or to autonomy. Begin remarked: "I tried whole-heartedly to convince him."

Other points covered by Mitterrand included a statement that France would not supply uranium to any country which might use it for military purposes. But details of any sales would be discussed on a technical level.

Mitterrand said he had not rejected the European Economic Community's 1980 Venice Declaration in its entirety but felt that more thought should have been paid originally to some of the points it covered. The declaration included a call for the PLO to be associated with the Mideast peace process.

A three-day visit was not enough to solve all problems, Mitterrand said, and further discussions would be held. But he did not reply directly to a question whether he was inviting Begin to visit Paris.



FRENCH PRESIDENT Francois Mitterrand lays a wreath at Yad Vashem during his visit to Jerusalem.

Nazi Accusations Against The Jews Go Unanswered In New Play

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science," the aspirations he could not maintain, the goodness which he hated to be bound to pursue, the "bacillus of perfection" as Hitler derisively calls it.

These theoretical charges, brilliantly expressed linguistically, are no doubt good subjects for philosophical debate.

Although not a theologian, and therefore as at risk as the rest of the audience, as a historian I was constantly aware of a series of totally unanswered charges, which do not stand up to the scrutiny of historical research. These charges were based on an ignorance of recent history. For example one blatant error: Hitler, talking of Zionism, says, "Would the Jews have come to that barren patch in the Levant" had it not been for the Holocaust?"

The answer to this, not given to the audience, most of whom were surely in complete ignorance of it, is that half a million Jews had already chosen that "barren patch" before 1939, and that after 1945 more than three quarters of a million Jews from Arab Lands were also to choose it: that the coming of the State was part of long diplomatic and political efforts of a powerful Jewish community, inside Palestine itself, the Yishuv, with its own strengths and strategies, quite apart from the Holocaust. Far from creating Israel, the Holocaust led, in its immediate aftermath, to the refusal of the Mandate power to allow even 100,000 of the survivors to enter Palestine.

Hitler also says in this play that it was the Holocaust "that made you drive the Arab out of the field because he was lice-ridden and without resources." Again, this is a current cliché of newspaper summaries and television surveys. But it in no way corresponds to the complex truth, ignoring, for example, the Arab's own massive immigration and increased prosperity throughout Palestine in the 1930s as Jewish cultivation spread, the role of the neighboring Arab States in urging the Palestine Arabs to leave, and Jewish efforts to persuade them to stay: again a long-standing debate, not even hinted at. Many of the audience were, however, unaware of that debate, or of the actual issues involved in so crude a simplification.

As with the "sheep to the slaughter" charge, the audience were given no clue as to the superficiality of the statement. It appeared as a perverse but brilliant and discomfiting truth. Yet had someone on the stage begun to answer it, its superficiality would soon have become clear. "I took my doctrines from you," Hitler declares, having shown in a distorted survey of Jewish history, how Jewish racism permeates both the Bible and Zionism.

But the fact that this was a distorted survey was in no way made clear. Indeed, by following current, fashionable talk and prejudice so closely, the play clothed it in a bogus intellectualism. The writer, Anthony Burgess, is quoted on the program notes as saying: "Even his (Hitler's) condemnation of the Hebraic gift to Western civilization has a speck of reason in it."

One of Hitler's defenses during his monologue was particularly disturbing, because, once more, the audience could only have believed it to be true, and thus

been even influenced by it. "When I turned on the Jews," says Hitler, "No one came to his aid, no one." In fact thousands of non-Jews helped Jews.

At one death camp alone, Belzec, 1,500 Poles were executed for helping Jews. The Bulgarian Parliament refused to allow the deportation of even one of the then 48,000 Jews living in Bulgaria. The Danish King and Parliament warned and then ferried nearly 2,000 Jews across the sea to safety in neutral Sweden. The Finnish Government refused to deport more than a thousand Jews from Helsinki to Germany. The Archbishop of One Greek Island, Zante, saved all the Jews of his island by giving them havens in remote villages, and threatening to share their fate if deported. Tens of thousands of French, Belgian and Italian Jews were saved by villagers and priests who took them in.

But could the audience know all, or even a part of this? So few people are aware of such details. Yet surely in a serious play, in which so much history was bandied about, Hitler ought to have had his statements challenged, at least to hint at their untruth. The author gave us no such hints. Instead, there was the constant, embarrassing feeling that the words put into Hitler's mouth did have some truth in them. Thus the dramatist aimed to shock us.

Most of those who left the theatre, not being historians, will have left with many misconceptions, and many current clichés reinforced, whether it was the wartime Jew who did not resist, or the post-war Jew who drove the Arabs from their lands: all this by default ends up appearing to be a justification for terrible crimes, whether the author intended it or not.

A non-specialist theatre-going audience, presented with only one side of the case, cannot be expected to have at its fingertips the knowledge of the historian or the theologian or the dialectical skills of the philosopher, who here gets a free run for some very perverse and unanswered opinions. The author may well make the assumption that the audience is intelligent, knowledgeable and critical, but this is a dangerous assumption in the modern age. Much of the success of the real Hitler was due to the fact that his audience was neither knowledgeable nor critical enough to see the distortions in his actual monologues.

Hebrew Day School Plans Donor Dinner And Music Program

The Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association (PTF) of the Providence Hebrew Day School will hold its donor luncheon on Sunday, March 21, at 1 p.m. at Korn Auditorium, 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence.

All food for the event will be freshly baked by the women of the PTF.

A musical program, "From the Mouths of Children," will feature the Providence Hebrew Day School Choir under the direction of Cantor Arron Marcus.

For reservations or price information call 751-4059 or 331-5327.

Ruttenberg To Chair Israel Bond Pacesetters Reception

Bruce R. Ruttenberg of Providence has been chosen to serve as chairman of the Israel Bond Pacesetters Reception on Sunday, April 4, at the Providence home of Peter and Jacqueline Bardach.

The announcement of Ruttenberg's ap-



BRUCE R. RUTTENBERG

pointment was made by Mel and Ellie Frank, general chairmen of the Rhode Island Israel Bond campaign, who stated that the reception will mark the inaugural event of the state-wide drive to fortify Israel's economic strength.

In accepting the chairmanship, Ruttenberg declared: "The Israel Bond Pacesetters are community leaders who help set the tone and climate for a successful effort

by virtue of their pace-setting purchases of Israel Bonds. I am certain that their continued steadfast support will serve as an example for the members of our community to follow so that Israel will have the large-scale bond loan dollars to confront the economic challenges in 1982."

Ruttenberg added: "With the evacuation of the Sinai in April, in accordance with the Camp David treaty, Israel faces the awesome task of building a new infrastructure in the Negev. This means that bond investment capital is needed to develop the roads, water, communications, industry and energy to enable the population in the Negev to grow to over 600,000, double its present size."

Ruttenberg has been a member of the Rhode Island Bond Executive Committee since 1979 and is also active in communal endeavors. He is a member of the Executive Committees of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Relations Council and is chairman of JCRC's Rhode Island Domestic Task Force.

He has served for 10 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth El, for five years as the synagogue's secretary and as chairman of its social action committee in 1968-1969.

He is one of the founders and incorporators, as well as a past officer and trustee, of the Trinity Square Theater and one of the founders of the Rhode Island Arts Festival. For three consecutive years he was chairman of the Board of Governors of the Gordon School in East Providence.

An attorney, Ruttenberg is a partner in the Providence law firm of Levy, Goodman, Semonoff & Gorin.

Ruttenberg and his wife, Barbara, and their four children visited Israel in July, 1978.

Crestwood Country Club Opens With Dinner Dance; Renovations

The Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth will hold its opening dinner dance on Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m.

The country club had opened its 1982-83 season for golf and social members on March 6.

At its board of governors meeting in February, Hank Jacober was elected 2nd vice president. Eddie Zaretsky was chosen to replace Jacober on the board of governors.

Also at the meeting, the purchase of 50 new golf carts and the redecorating of the social hall and ladies locker room were announced.

Sisterhood To Hold Annual Torah Superette

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am-Beth David will hold its Annual Torah Superette at the Temple, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick on Monday evening, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Pearl Scherer and Mrs. Bella Mendelovitz are chairpersons of the event.

Reservations may be made by calling Pearl Scherer at 463-8325.

The current officers and committee chairmen of the Crestwood Country Club are: Joseph Gladstone, president; Dr. Archie Hanzel, 1st vice president; Hank Jacober, 2nd vice president; Jerry Tessler, secretary; Hy Zaleznik, treasurer; Nat Lipson, executive chairman; Richard Ruggerio, greens chairman; and Harry Cohen, pools chairman.

Officers also include Dr. Archie Hanzel, house chairman; Charles Cohn, social chairman; Ben Blau, properties chairman; Sam Goldfarb, membership chairman; Jerry Tessler, tennis chairman; Syd Resnick, legal chairman; and Mark Weinberg, publicity chairman.

Hebrew Day School Holds Wine Sale

The Providence Hebrew Day School is holding a "L'Chaim" Passover Wine Sale every Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Passover.

The sale, which is at the school on 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, features a large selection of kosher wines, including 50 different varieties from Israel, Italy, and Spain.

Rabbi Astrachan To Be Guest Of Golden Age Club

George J. Astrachan, Rabbi of Temple Sinai in Cranston will be the Golden Age Club's March "Kumsitz" speaker on Wednesday, March 24 at 11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. He will speak on reformed Judaism.

Rabbi Astrachan is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and has served pulpits at Fort Hamilton, Glenn Falls and Elmont, all in the New York area. Rabbi Astrachan presently serves on the executive boards of the Jewish Family Service, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and the Retired Senior Citizens Volunteer Program of Cranston.

The Golden Age Club, under the direction of President Donald Jaffa, will also sponsor a poetry reading on Sunday, March 28. Center Group Services Worker Rob Goldberg will give the poetry reading called "Musing Aloud" at 1:00 p.m.

For more information on the Golden Age Club, call the Jewish Community Center at 861-8800.

Pioneer Women To Hear Talk On Anti-Semitism

The Pioneer Women Na'Amat of R.I. Club 1 will hold its regular meeting Thursday, March 18, at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence at 12:30 p.m. Coffee will be served.

Mrs. Samuel Solkoff will chair the meeting. Mrs. Diane Silk, cultural and program chairperson of the day will present a guest speaker, courtesy of the Jewish Federation, whose topic will be "Anti-Semitism Today."

The public is invited to attend. The Pioneer Women are also working on plans for the donor luncheon to be held in spring.

Temple Shalom Plans Observance For Music Month

In honor of Jewish Music Month, the Congregation of Temple Shalom of Middletown, will observe a special shabbat eve service tomorrow evening, March 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate and deliver the sermon entitled, "An International Discard — Wagner in Israel."

Also participating in this service of Jewish music will be the Temple Choir under the direction of Susan Woythaler. Members include: Jeannine Sawyer, Janet Schmier, Judy Ruck, Rachel Hovermale-Woythaler, Dr. Howard Benesch, Dr. David Nemtsov, Melvin Schmier and Saul Woythaler. Organ accompaniments will be provided by Edith Beckers, and Beth Mendell will accompany the choir on the flute.

An oneg shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Charneck, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Benesch and Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Josephson.

On Saturday morning, the ritual committee will assist Rabbi Jagolinzer in conducting the service, beginning at 10 a.m. Those participating include, Dale Blumen, chairperson, Susan Mayes, Millie Rosenberg, Saul Woythaler, Susan Benesch, Judy Ruck and Michael Mendell. A kiddush will follow the service under the chairpersonship of Doris Fischer.

The deadline for reservations for the Temple Seder is Thursday, March 25. Please contact Barbara Jagolinzer for details and reservations.

Providence Hadassah To Meet For Discussion

The Providence Chapter Hadassah Study Group will be the guest of Mrs. Rose Weiss of 117 Raleigh Avenue, Pawtucket, on Thursday, March 25 at 10 a.m.

Current events of local, national, and international interest will be discussed. Coffee will be served.

Our Younger Set



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Obituaries

AMELIA BOJAR

PROVIDENCE — Amelia Bojar, 89, of 332 Cole Avenue, a widow of Leo Bojar, died Friday, March 12, at home after a one-week illness.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rachel (Bleiberg) Lifschitz, she lived in Providence for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Bojar was a member of Temple Beth El and its Sisterhood, the Pioneer Women, the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Brandeis University Women's Association.

She leaves three sons, William Bojar of Providence, Dr. Samuel Bojar of Brookline, Mass., and Alvin Bojar of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; a daughter, Mrs. Frieda Rosenthal of Harrison, New York; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 15, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BENJAMIN GRUBER

PROVIDENCE — Benjamin Gruber, 75, of 1004 Hope Street, a former East Providence businessman, died Friday, March 12, at Doctors Hospital, West Palm Beach, Florida. He was the husband of Zeldia (Weinfeld) Gruber.

A co-founder in 1944 of the Arrow Auto Stores, Taunton Avenue, he retired as a partner in 1979. Since then he did volunteer work at Miriam Hospital.

He was a graduate of Bates College. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and the Maynard Lodge of Masons.

Born in Maynard, Massachusetts, a son of the late Eli and Gertrude (Goldenberg) Gruber, he lived in Providence 47 years.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Elinor Goldberg of Bloomfield, Connecticut; a son, Herbert Gruber of Middleburg Heights, Ohio; two sisters, Belle and Celia Gruber, both of Maynard, Massachusetts, and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 14, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street. Burial was in Ohavay Sedech Cemetery, Dedham, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH LURY

CRANSTON — Joseph Lury, 69, of 17 Cloverdale Road, who had owned Joe Lury Auto Sales, Warwick Avenue, for more than 50 years until retiring, died last Thursday, March 11, at the Jane Brown Building of Rhode Island Hospital.

A lifelong Cranston resident, he was a son of the late Abraham and Ida (Raisner) Lury.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He leaves a brother, Frank Lury of Cranston, and a sister, Corinne Lury of Hoboken, N.J.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 14 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

UNVEILING

An unveiling will be held in memory of Reuben Myers on Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

RUSSELL L. CHERNICK

CRANSTON — Russell L. Chernick, 23, of 46 Eldridge Street, a former Rhode Island poster child for muscular dystrophy, died yesterday, March 17, at Rhode Island Hospital.

He served a two-year term as Rhode Island poster child from 1972 to 1974.

A graduate of Rhode Island College, class of 1981, Russell was engaged in graduate studies at RIC. He was a three-time winner of the Rhode Island State Science Fair from 1974-1976, and won the U.S. Army medallion for outstanding exhibits at the science fair.

Russell was instrumental in having an elevator installed at Cranston East High School and dedicated it to the memory of his late brother, Stuart, who died of muscular dystrophy in 1978.

Russell won the award of merit given by the Rhode Island Osteopathic Association and was the national winner of the Muscular Dystrophy Christmas card designing contest. He appeared with Jerry Lewis in 1974 on the telethon and was instrumental in raising \$100,000 with the card he designed, featuring a colonial village.

Russell was a charter member of the Handicapped Awareness Organization; a member of "Who's Who Among American College and University Students" in 1981; a member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Radio Club at RIC. He was the announcer for the girls' varsity basketball team at Rhode Island College for three years.

Born in Providence, he was a son of David and Tina (Korner) Chernick, both of Cranston.

Besides his parents he leaves two sisters, Anita Chernick and Cynthia Gabrilowitz, both of Providence.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow, March 19, at 10 a.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence. In lieu of flowers contributions in his memory may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Stuart and Russell Chernick Memorial Fund at Rhode Island College.

Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Shiva will be observed at his late residence, 46 Eldridge Street, Cranston, through Sunday evening, March 21.

LOUIS H. DRESS

PAWTUCKET — Louis H. Dress, 76, of 85 Dartmouth Street, an automobile dealer associated with Stadium Motors, Providence, for 43 years, died Saturday, March 13, at Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami, Florida. He was the husband of Phyllis (Schaffer) Dress.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Samuel and Libby Dress, he lived in the Providence-Pawtucket area 65 years.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood, Roosevelt Lodge, F&AM, the Trowel Club and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ardean Botvin of Pawtucket; three sisters, Mrs. Frannie Blank and Mrs. Etta Kessler, both of Cranston, and Mrs. Bessie Goldman of Miami Beach, Florida; three brothers, David and Jack Dress, both of Pawtucket, Al Dress of Mimi Beach, and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 16, at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Rabbi Herson's 25th Memorial To Be Commemorated

A 25th memorial for Rabbi Chaim Zvi Herson will be commemorated on 24 Adar, March 19, by the Rabbinic and Talmudic world, and, with particular pride by Canadian Jewry.

Rabbi Chaim Zvi Herson was born in 1891 in Lokova, Lithuania of a long line of scholars and rabbis. He was a protegee of the great Jewish scholar, Chofetz Chaim.

Educated at the yeshivas of Shadava, Telshe and Radin, he was ordained when he was eighteen.

In 1930, Rabbi Herson was called to Winnipeg and proved instrumental in the formation of a Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and in organizing Jewish life under one central body in the city.

A renowned Talmudist, Rabbi Herson contributed articles in the field of Jewish law to many publications and was the author of "Derech Emunah" (The Path of Faith). He was reversed as the Dean of the Jewish Winnipeg Rabbinate.

Rabbi Herson died in 1957 at the age of 66. His daughter, Rebecca Twelsky, lives in Providence.

ELIKAUFMAN

PROVIDENCE — Eli "Koffy" Kaufman, 70, of 97 Lauriston St., died last Thursday, March 11, at Miriam Hospital after an illness of one month. He was the husband of Clara (Perry) Kaufman.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Harry and Ida (Penn) Kaufman.

Mr. Kaufman was associated for many years with Barnett Carter Auctioneers until retiring several years ago.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Carole Tarantino of Saratoga Springs, New York; two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Castleman and Mrs. Sylvia Belllove, both of Providence, and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 14, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

YETTA BERGER

PAWTUCKET — Yetta Berger of 292 Hillside Avenue, Pawtucket, died last Thursday, March 11.

She was a daughter of the late Samuel and Ada (Diller) Singer.

Mrs. Berger was a member of Temple Beth-El, Workmen's Circle, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Ladies Auxiliary of Miriam Hospital, and a life member of Hadassah.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Edith Sinel and Sylvia Snyder of Pawtucket, and Ruth Ross of Honolulu, Hawaii; and five grandchildren, Hillary Salk, Charles Sinel, Jonathan L. and David A. Snyder, and Samuel Sinel.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 14, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SADIE JACOBS

CRANSTON — Sadie Jacobs of 825 Pontiac Avenue died last Thursday, March 11, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Lazar and Freda (Feldman) Jacobs, she lived in that city until moving to Cranston five years ago.

She was a supervisor in the repair department of the Speidel Corporation for 46 years, retiring 11 years ago. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a sister, Miss Pearl Jacobs, with whom she lived.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 14, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.



RABBI HERSON

LEAH BILLINGKOFF

EAST PROVIDENCE — Leah I. Billinghoff, 81, of 33 Church Street died Friday, March 12, at the Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home after a five-month illness. She was the widow of the former prize fighter, Morris "Young Montreal" Billinghoff.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Rabbi David Bachrach and Althea Bachrach. She moved to East Providence eight years ago.

Mrs. Billinghoff was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Friends of the Handicapped and the Brandeis University Women's Association.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Maida Horovitz of Cranston; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Batz of Providence, Mrs. Dorothy Brauer of Hollywood, Florida, and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 14, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Prophet Of Doom

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Perhaps he contributes to this reaction by some of his other statements, which seem far out. Henry Kissinger, he says, has been a Soviet agent for years. The Russians have been seeking to harness the powers of African witch-doctors. A trained operator can, by proper concentration, cause another person to have a heart attack. Objects can be "dematerialized" and transferred to another place where they resume material form.

These are but examples of nonsense, products of a diseased mind, critics say.

Schiffirin assumes the voice, the pose and the spirit of one of the prophets of old as he warns mankind of new terrors which the Soviet Union is planning to unleash upon the world. If 25 years ago anyone had confidently declared it possible for man to walk on the face of the moon, he would have been dismissed as a madman, or a writer of science fiction. Today Schiffirin's fury gives way to frustration as he finds himself unable to command the serious attention of those who are in a position to do something to combat the menace before it is too late.

ROME (JTA) — Italy and Israel have signed a three-year renewal of their cultural, educational and scientific exchange agreement which was established in 1971. The agreement comes up for renewal every three years.

David Rivlin, director general for cultural affairs of the Foreign Ministry of Israel, and Paulo Massino Antici, vice director general for cultural, scientific and technical cooperation of Italy, affixed their signatures to the renewal agreement in ceremonies at the Italian Foreign Ministry.

Neo-Nazi Seriously Wounded

PARIS (JTA) — A French neo-Nazi was seriously wounded last week by an anonymous assailant who shot him in the chest and shoulder.

Marc Gillet, 23, was shot in his apartment in Nice, by a man who, he said, he barely saw. His condition was described as serious by hospital sources.

Gillet was found guilty last May of neo-Nazi activities. A Nice court sentenced him to 18 months imprisonment but most of the sentence was suspended. He was accused of addressing threatening, violently anti-Semitic letters to Jewish leaders in the south of France.

The court also found him guilty of setting up the local branch of the FANE (Federation of European and National Action), the largest neo-Nazi organization in France which was outlawed by Parliament in 1980. Gillet's family says Jewish activists have been threatening him since his trial.

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Today's hand stumped many of the Declarers. Actually it is a type of Crossruff but has to be handled very carefully. One slip and the hand can be doomed provided, of course, the opponents take advantage of it. If given the chance, they would probably come up with the best defense for lack of anything better to do, even if they are unaware of the best reason.

North
 ♠ 8762
 ♥ A K 7 3
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ 9 5

West
 ♠ 103
 ♥ J 9 6 4
 ♦ 10 5 2
 ♣ K Q J 10

East
 ♠ K Q J
 ♥ Q 10 5
 ♦ 9 8 7 3
 ♣ 7 4 2

South
 ♠ A 9 5 4
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ A 8 6 3

No one Vulnerable, East was Dealer with this bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	1C	P	1H
P	1S	P	4S
End			

The bidding did not always go as shown as I followed this hand several times but it should have. As soon as North hears his partner open the bidding he realizes there should be a game somewhere but doesn't know where yet. His change of suit bid is absolutely forcing for one round. But when South makes his rebid in Spades, North has found his home. Any bid other than right to game would be a poor choice for his partner

might just decide to pass it. The jump right to four, by the way, is not a shutout as so many think. Rather it is stronger than a jump to three would be and says, in so many words, "No matter how weak your opening bid is, my hand is strong enough to make a game. You can go on from there if you have enough extra." Obviously South had nothing to spare and just might have passed a jump to three.

Despite his right hand opponent, the Declarer, having bid Clubs, West had no problem leading his King from that solid four card honor sequence. I watched as most Declarers won and led the Ace and a second Trump. East, for lack of anything better to do would cash his other Trump honor before returning a Club. After that, no matter what Declarer tried, he would always wind up one trick short. And not one realized how easy it would have been to make the hand.

The best way to do it would be to duck the first lead, win the second and also start on the Trumps. But not as those shown above did. They should lose one first. Now they have control of everything. Whatever East returns they win and now lead the Trump Ace but that is the last Trump to be led. They need the rest for that Crossruffing.

They can play their cards in any order they wish now and East can score his high Trump whenever he decides to take it but that will be all for the Defense. Declarer can ruff the two low Hearts over in Dummy with the two Trumps in his own hand and do the same with the two low Clubs in his hand with the two Trumps still in Dummy. Certainly looks easy now, doesn't it.

Moral: Maintaining control of a hand is often so vital. Try to see how to do that when it is necessary.

Art Auction At Temple Beth Am-Beth David Scheduled

An auction of the works of major international artists will be held Sunday, March 21, at Temple Beth Am-Beth David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, at 8 p.m.

The auction features all media, including oils, graphics and water colors. It is the fourth consecutive annual auction sponsored by the temple and is open to the public. A Champagne Preview at 7:30 p.m. will precede the auction. A donation per couple is requested.

Alan Horowitz, chairman of the auction, said the collection includes pieces that cover a wide range of prices, starting under \$10. Sakal Galleries, Ltd., of New Rochelle, N.Y., and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., is the coordinating gallery.

"In the past," Mr. Horowitz said, "many of those attending the auction have shopped for pieces of art for their offices as well as

their homes. We and Sakal Galleries have tried to put together a collection of works that would suit all tastes and needs."

Among the artists whose works will be available are Agam, Hibel, Dali, Calder, Sandu, Liberman, and Boulanger. There also will be a unique "Collectors' Corner."

Temple Beth Am-Beth David is on Gardiner St., off Warwick Ave., one-quarter mile north of the junction of Airport Road and Warwick Avenue.

Castleman Elected To 34th Term

Benjamin Castleman was elected to his 34th term as president of Woonsocket Hebrew Free Loan Association at a recent meeting in Congregation B'nai Israel Synagogue.

Also elected at the meeting were Samuel Stein, vice president, and Aaron Block, treasurer, for his 44th term.

Harry Garelick, James Golden, Louis Mack, Marshall Erenkrantz, Louis Rosenthal, and Solomon Stein were chosen to be trustees.

The Woonsocket Hebrew Free Loan Association is in its 67th year and meets every second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

CORRECTION

An article in the March 11 issue of *The Rhode Island Herald* should have read, "Elinor Grumet is a professor of Comparative Literature and Religious Studies at Brown University. She studied at Hebrew University and Hebrew Union College."

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