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Rocky and The Jews

by Dr. Samuel Silver

A jocular term for the University of Chicago is "the house that Jack built," The "Jack" is John D. Rockefeller, who gave a lot of "Jack" to that splendid school.

The name Rockefeller means many things. In New York now it means politics (in Arkansas, too.). Commercially it means oil. Financially it means philanthropy. Religiously it means the Baptist Church. It was Rockefeller money that bolstered that lovely Riverside Chuch in Manhattan, a Baptist stronghold.

Rockefeller money did not mean the imposition of Baptist theology on the University of Chicago. Its famed school of Oriental studies heard pleas for ecumenism a generation ago from its Dr. Harper. It's true that a mild kind of anti-Jewishness oozed from the writings of the late Dr. Breasted, who used to say that it wasn't Moses at all who first conceived of monotheism but an Egyptian kind named Ikhnaton.

Under Dr. Hutchins the University became an outpost of experimentalism. Its education department has always been avant garde. The University is also known as the starting place of Dr. Mortimer Adler, a fugitive from Judaism, who proclaims to the world that the loftiest wisdom is to be found in a series of Great Books. Dr. Adler's list does not include the Talmud, although most of the truths he extolls in the Books are expounded in its pages.

When we read that Chicago U. was to be headed by Dr. Edward Hirsch Levi, it sent a quiver through us, for Dr. Levi is the son, the grandson and the great-grandson of rabbis. His father, Rabbi Gerson B. Levi; his grandfather, Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch; his great-grandfather, Rabbi Samuel Hirsch (whose ministry included a long Philadelphia tenure) all brought to these shores the fruitage of the teachings of the prophets.

It is a sign of the times that a man of such pedigree will now head the school identified with the Rockefellers. May Dr. Levi's Jewish and American legacies continue to blend beautifully as he renders service to the intellectual and moral strenghtening of Chicago and the nation.

Conventions in Israel

The announcement from Israel that as many as forty-five international organizations have their conventions scheduled for Jerusalem this year is very significant.

Fifty years ago, there were scarcely a handful of organizations which might be considered international, but today almost every activity has international ramifications. Every branch of medicine is anxious to know what has been done in the field in other parts of the world and the physicists and chemists have the same international ties. Trade too has become internationalized. New York banks have branches in Tokyo and Tohenashand Tel Aviv.

Jerusalem is an ideal city for conventions. Overshadowing everything of course, are its Biblical associations, but beyond this Israel is at the bridgehead of three continents. The climate of Jerusalem is one to commend itself to one seeking relaxation. It may be a little cold in Jerusalem during winter but thirty minutes away, one may swim in the Dead Sea.

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Nearing End of The Line

Now that Bonnie and Michele have been officially eliminated as prize-winners in the Diaper Derby due to the unfortunate crcumstance of relationship with the judge (although they'll always be No. 1 in our heart), let's proceed rapidly to diminish the asperations of other grandparents.

You recall there were two culprits who offered bribes of one and two Bonds in an attempt to sway the outcome of the contest. These endeavers to bend our integrity (for a mere pittance) have been abandoned after we proudly announced that payola would not be a factor in the outcome. So let's take another look at the entrants to arrive at a fair and just conclusion.

To begin with, the very first baby photo we ran, way back on Aug. 11, was Percy Villa's granddaughter, Jean-Marie. Here's a child with features to be carved in marble. What's more, according to Percy, she is lovable, understanding, brilliant and most considerate of others. What more could be asked of a beautiful doll? So why go any further. The issue was settled.

But was it?

Why is it when you feel the most complacent, inevitably the roof falls in? Here we had arrived at a solution, ready to move on to the next subject, when jealously reared its ugly head. No one seems to give up when the reputation of a grandchild is at stake. Decent, respectable members of our community, reserved and considerate in every other sense, become ogres in defence of an offspring two generations removed.

Percy's grandchild can't win, screamed the "Strangest Creatures on Earth." He writes the Profile column for the Israelite and that makes him ineligible. Look, we're not going to fight a civil war over a measly \$25 Bond for a grandchild, who'd probably prefer a lollypop anyway, so we moved on to the next choice. Sorry Percy.

Thumbing the pages (when we should have been thumbing our nose at the trouble-makers who caused us to remove Bonnie and Michele from the winner's circle), we took a double-take of the two grandchildren submitted by Kay Wallerstein. How did we miss these two on the first go-around, we asked ourself, knowing full well we never even looked at them or any of the others. Here were Lauren and Janet Patrice, who had to be right up there in any competition. Lauren, sparkling, glittering and intellectually outstanding, and Janet Patrice, deep, scholoarly, a real "Balaboseh". Each a picture of charm. So we got a winner. All we had to do was to have the Bond drawn in the names of the two, present it and let the kids fight over how it should be split.

But the road to glory and fame was not an easy one. Lauren and Janet Patrice will have to be content with mental satisfaction of laurels of victory, because the hand of fate stepped in just when the hand started to sign the check for the Bond. How would it appear to present honors to youngsters, whose grandmother had recently been honored as the "Woman of the Year"? Too many honors in one family would make it appear like a rigged set-up. The reputation of the Israelite was at stake. Sorry Kay.

Where do we go from here?

Next week we positively and definitely will name the winner. There will be no more delays and no more stalling. To be certain, we here and now state, if you readers do not see the chosen grandchild here in this space on Nov. 24, then the entire contest will be declared a draw and every one entered will participate in the No. 1 prize. You have our promise.

By the way, since we are reaching the end of the line about grandchildren, it would not be fair if we didn't report latest developments concerning Michele. The little Angel is nearing eight months and already she says "Da Da". This may not be a revelation, but Michele only expresses the words when her Dad comes home in the evening. That's when she claps hands and gushes "Da Da".

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desire to live as Jews. They also demanded that the Soviet authorities "grant the institutions of a free people to Soviet Jewry" and fulfill Premier Aleksy Kosygin's public promise made in Paris in December, 1966, to permit Soviet Jews to be reunited with their families," Another demand was that the amnesty for criminals given by Moscow to Soviet "thieves and swindlers" be extended to the "thousands of Jews imprisoned only because they are Jews."

In a related development, the Soviet Mission to the UN barred all Jewish journalists, including representatives of American and foreign newspapers, from its celebration.

In Washington, about a dozen pickets paraded near the Soviet Embassy during a 50th anniversary celebration

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EVERY DAY IS MY MOTHER'S DAY LOVINGLY HER DAUGHTER

by ESTELLA SILBERKLEIT

There are times when I'm lost for words when I search down deep in my heart;

And I try to express the deepth of my love I know not how to start.

It's not like writing of a person just fair,
It's not like writing of a person you care:
It's like writing the reason for ones existance;
And why her word is law sans resistance.
There really is no special day,
There really is no special way,
To discribe my angel on earth
My blessed beloved mother, who gave me birth.
She's a sample of rightiousness she's so good;
God has clad her in a armor of saintlyhood!

But of course many mothers are kind, But not many go beyond their call as mine. Through her hair runs the streak of time; And from her comes beauty's shine; Her face to me is a radiant flower She is the goddes of my tower!

Ah, it'sto phrase into words, the love that my soul can express

For this most precious of godly gifts bestowed for my happiness.

Forever and ever and after, my soul is humble dear Lord For you've given me the greatest of gifts that Heaven could ever afford.

Thus for that which I may desire, and then to never obtain,

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