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#### Israel Comes of Age

On April 23, Israel reaches its twenty-first birthday. In our culture, twenty-one represents the beginning of maturity. At that age, a man or woman can vote. He or she can help decide not only the fate of his country, but his or her own. Israel had to do that when still in her swaddling clothes. Even in a middle puberty, she had to do it again. At the same time, the country has grown in both development and population, its national plant can not only supply its own people with necessities, but more, and there is even some to export. Against almost unsuperable odds, Israel has managed not only to survive, but to

It has gone so far forward, that it is at an impasse. Under other circumstances a country which overcame both history and handicap would have the world on its side. Unfortunately, this is not the case. It is almost as if the world prefers a loser. But nice guys, to quote an American sage, finish last. And having come full cycle, Israel is again faced with Ein Brera. This time it is not a secret weapon, but a matter of choice.

There is no doubt that the citizens of Israel, on its twenty-first birthday, will cast a vote to stand fast against unequal pressure and go forward towards its own

## Oddest Rebbetzin

The oldest rebbetzin in America must be Mrs. J. LEONARD Levy, of Pittsburg, who turned 100 last December. Her late brilliant husband was born in 1865. Hardly a man is now alive who remembers her husband.

But those who remember Rabbi Levy pulsate all over again with excitement when they think back to his oratorical prowess.

Rabbi Levy is one of a galaxy of rabbinical orators of a precious generation in the U.S. In the Orthodox ranks there was the fiery Rabbi Zvi Hirsh Masliansky, a mighty maggid who thrilled thousands with his fiery sermons, Great pulpiteers of Yesterday included the redoubtable Rabbi Emis Hirsch, of Chicago; Rabbi Louis Wolsey, Philadelphia; Rabbi Louis Mendoza, Norfolk; and, of course, the champion of them all, Stephen Wise.

Levy was not only a stentorian rhetorician; he was a bridge between this country and his native England. After serving pulpits in Sacramento and Philadelphia, he went to Rodef Shalom Congregation, in Pittsburgh, and pioneered in th kind of interfaith work which is now regarded as commonplace among Jewish clergymen.

Erudite as well as eloquent, J. Leonard Levy wrote a number of books. But he was not confined to his desk. When th Spanish American War broke out back in 1898, he served as a chaplain in that conflict. Ehen he died in 1917, he was succeeded by the noble Rabbi Sanuel Goldenson, who served later in New York's Temple Emanuel until his death.

The present emeritus holder of the pulpit of the late Rabbi Levy is also one of the great orator-scholars of

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YOUR RENEWAL IS APPRECIATED -



our day, Rabbi Solomon Freehof, who was also born in London. Few men of our generation have done more for our faith and our nation then Dr. Freehof.

That the widow of J. Leonard Levy, born in 1865, was still with us in 1969 gives us a poignant view of the brevity of American-Jewish history. Happy centenary,

### New Business Idea

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Want to make a million?

I have an idea for a new business that may net some enterprising person lots of money.

My idea is a Napitorium. By that I mean a place where people can catch a snooze,

In the downtown sections of all cities and at shopping centers there ought to be provision for those on their lunch hour or doing their marketing to get a catnap.

If someone would provide any kind of place and stock with some lounge chairs, lunchers and shoppers would gladly pay a small sum to be able to loosen a necktie and just grab a little slumber. So would tourists.

As a matter of fact, doctors tell us we will live longer if we nap during the day. In southern countries they have siesta time when they board up their businesses and go off home for a two-hour period of food and rest,

But in our country no one has yet furnished this kind of service. You wouldn't even have to build your own establishment. The lobby of a theater, or part of a furniture store could be rented. Put into such an area, some cubicles and some reclining chairs, . , and presto, you're in a new business which will bring wellbeing to weary people and money to your pocket.

Now don't say you weren't told. I imagine that this kind of enterprise could make someone a Million Dollars.

How I wish I had a reclining chair this minute! I'd lie down on it and try to daydream myself another good idea.

#### .AS VEGAS AZA

By Gary Schnitzer

Service presented in a uni-

There were poems, songs and original ideas, gotten at our last regional success.

Las Vegas AZA asks the community to help in our next fundraising project. We

Las Vegas AZA did their will hold a car wash on the own thing at last Friday Night 20th of April at the Dannu Services at Temple Beth Kolod Youth House, in the Sholom, it was a modern rear of Temple Beth Sholom, Tickets are \$1.00 and may be obtained from any AZA member, or call 737-6219.

For meeting about future meetings or events, prospective members may call Bob Katz at 735-8065, or Ira the next Premier of Israel. Spector at 735-1428.

NEW YORK - The American Jewish Congress protested a Civil Aeronautics Board decision granting permission to South African Airways to inaugurate direct flights between South Africa and the United States, A telegram to Representative Charles Diggs (Dem., Mich.), chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged that the ruling be reconsidered and that legislation be introduced "prohibiting the award of any future permits to carriers of any country which discriminates on racial or religious grounds."

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Altho we know we are considered unclean, who are the Jewish people really discriminating against?

This is a subject I could go into in many pages as I have much nonsense directed against me. But still my husband is first and I won't ever leave him, Jew or no.

I do believe, even tho I risk offending the Jewish people, they are doing the same thing they claim the world is doing to them. Maybe my sincere letter, poorly written, will open a few eyes, I hope so. Things are not always easy, as our backgrounds are so very different, but, we cannot hate, except to hate hate. There is much one can say of the convert, as I am. There are many like myself. I am sure none" of us are sorry. To us, our husbands are people before Jews. I personally do not feel that I gave up anything. Iam only sorry that the majority of Jewish people cannot accept a convert seriously.

Perhaps you could find other converts from all sections of Jewish life and find out how long they had to prove themselves. It is an interesting subject. One that Jews think little of, except to scoff at. Perhaps they do not trust us because we were not born Jewish. Maybe they fear we will not retain our sincerity. What is the reason? Are there any real answers? Can a convert remain so, when so treated with suspicion? Why do Jews fail to realize that we converted because we wanted to, not because our husbands insisted?

(ED NOTE -- here are some words we cannot decypher ----) Perhaps we will never be as a born Jews, but we are trying to be that which we think is right for our husbands. Most of us could go back but few ever will. We accepted willingly, our husbands' life, but find that we are

I do wish this small issue will be brought forward for all Jews to see. (-----) It is in the Jewish faith that a wife, who was a Christian, can never be a good wife

to a Jewish husband.

I personally will stay with my Jew as long as he and God allows me. I will never go back to my former faith, altho I have been told I am unclean and cannot be buried with my husband. I feel as clean as anyone. I am sure if God hears anyone, he hears me too.

-----(Here is talk of how little Jews know of Christianity)

I hope with all my heart some few will see how us converts need help to remain and continue to be worthy of our husbands, and out husbands worthy of themselves. I wish to offend no one. I do wish to bring light upon those of us who wish to understand -- as our husbands do. We can never be perfect Jews, but we can try.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely, Joy Mizrahi (Hollywood, Calif.)

LOS ANGELES: - The National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will meet in Cleveland, April 18-20, 1969.

SAN FRANCISCO: - The Biennial Convention of the Western Region of the National Jewish Welfare Board will be held at the Palm Springs Spa, May 1 to May 4.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Yeshiva University will dedicate its \$5 million, six-story Mendel Gottesman Central University Library April 20 at convocation-dedication ceremonies during which honorary degrees will be presented to Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president of Harvard University, Ambassador Sol M. Linowitz, United States representative to the Organization of American States, and Ludwig Jesselson, New York industrialist-philanthropist.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- International Commerce, a publication of the United States Department of Commerce, reported that Israel to offer political advice to supporters of Defense Minister Moshe dayan on a campaign to make him

NEW YORK: - Ralph L Goldman, Israel Education Fund executive and a former aide in the Israel Government, has been named Associate Director-General of the Joint Distribution Committee in Israel.

NEW YORK -- Sidney Zilber, Cleveland investment counselor and civic leader, has been named chairman of the American Jewish Committee's national membership campaign cabinet.

Jerusalem (WSN) -- The Government has reported that construction of the old Jewish quarters in East Jerusalem would cost \$3.5 million.